

**DEVELOPMENT & LOCALISM COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY 4 MAY 2023****LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB REPORT**

**Income and expenditure.** Please access the income and expenditure document for April 2023.

**Footfall.** During the period 1-25 April 2023, the average footfall was 191 per day open.

**Donation of plants.** Keen gardeners Roger and Gloria, recently donated and planted homegrown plants in front the living ivy wall at the front of the building. They have previously donated plants to be sold for income generation.

**Oakwood College.** A student from Oakwood College bakes cakes which are later sold in the café every Tuesday morning. Prior to this he plans his recipes with his tutor using one of the public network computers, and hands over a list of ingredients to be purchased. Feedback from the Work Experience Administrator has been very positive. His visits are having a huge impact on him, and are helping to provide a step towards his independence.

**NHS Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board funding.** The Town Clerk & RFO, CH&LDM, local social prescriber and CHAT Community Development Manager, jointly met for a Teams call with a representative from Volunteer Cornwall to discuss the application process for funding of £20K. A completed draft of the required Community Hub Development Plan, detailing how it is proposed to use the funding to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community, will be available for discussion at the meeting. It is hoped to finalise and submit the plan the following day.

**Gibsons of Looe Cornish Ice Cream.** From Sunday 30 April (Street Market), Drecklys Café will be selling strawberry and cream, honeycomb, chocolate, and vanilla spoon in lid tubs of ice cream.

**Forthcoming activities and events.** The following activities and events are currently planned for April and May 2023:

- **Sunday 30 April, 1000-1400:** Sustainable Sunday in the library with the Torpoint Environmental Action Repair Café and Café Abundance.
- **Friday 5 May, 1000-1200:** 'Time for a Cuppa' annual Dementia UK fundraising event. Coffees, teas, cakes, raffle, and a Coronation theme.