

To receive a report from Section 106 Panel.

The Section 106 Panel met on Thursday 2nd May 2024 to consider an application for grant funding to the value of £9565 by Salt Arts CIC, who have negotiated a lease on the old Barclays Bank in Fore Street, Saltash. Attendance on behalf of Saltash Town Council was by Cllrs Julia Peggs, Richard Bickford and Pete Samuels.

Salt Arts CIC envisage:

- Launching a new work space for individuals and small enterprises to the centre of Saltash which will attract additional footfall to Fore St during the day, Mon- Fri.
- Launching a new community space and programme of events in the centre of Saltash which will attract additional footfall in the evenings and weekends.
- Improving the environment of Fore Street through bringing a building that has been empty for 5 years back into use.
- Improving the frontage of 24 Fore St to make it a welcoming and inspiring place to visit and improving to the appearance of the street. ii) Generation of Employment Space ✓ This project is an imaginative investment in creating new employment space in the town centre, including launching:
 - Flexible co-workspace for 50+ members – with a particular focus on supporting creative and social enterprise sectors.
 - 5 office/studio spaces with total capacity for up to 15 individuals.
 - A social and meeting space for networking and training.
 - A programme of enterprise support activities including visiting speakers and mentoring.

The application further states:

Salt Arts CIC is applying for funding to support the marketing and delivery of an 18 month launch season at the Studios. The aims of the project are to: • Give the whole community opportunity to contribute ideas on the setting up of the Studios, to ensure that the Studios is furnished, equipped, and run in a way that makes it accessible to all. • Support local residents who face personal, economic or physical challenges to access the co-workspaces and trial facilities. • Enable access to the cultural programme for residents who may not currently take part in arts/cultural activities due to personal, economic or physical barriers.

The launch programme will include: June 2024: - 2x Public engagement events to enable the community to give feedback on the project and ensure that the building is accessible to the whole community. - 4x Hard-hat tours for specific groups including local business people, further and higher education groups and community organisations.

Sept-Jan 2024: Welcome sessions and trials of the co-work facilities aimed at young people and people in the creative industries, looking to change careers, carers or getting back into work. Including: - Free trial use of desk space and induction sessions for 75 people. - 4x Open days/evenings.

Oct-Jan 2024: - 2x Free enterprise events and activities including talks and skills training, run in partnership with users of the co-work facilities and other local agencies such as Plymouth Culture, Feast and Creative Kernow.

Nov-Sept 25: Arts and cultural events programme including: - 2x free exhibitions of work by local artists. - 10x pay-what-you-feel film screenings for specific groups such as carers & babies, older people, families and special needs groups. - 4x pay-what-you-feel creative workshops. - 4x free talks by local creatives or cultural/heritage groups.

The application was considered by the S106 panel and approved, subject to:

- 1) An assurance that any refreshments provided at the venue will not compete with other businesses in Fore Street or surrounding area.
- 2) That the funding requested from the Community Levelling Up Fund, totalling £17,449 is successful, enabling the project to get underway.

End of Report
Cllr Pete Samuels
S106 Panel Member