

## **Saltash Team For Youth**

### **Report for Policy & Finance Committee meeting on 12 November 2024**

The Saltash Team For Youth working group last met on Friday 18 October at Livewire. Below are the notes from the meeting.

#### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Attended by Matt, Rachel, Julia, Lisa from Saltash Town Council, Charlotte from The Core and Julie from Livewire. Thanks to Julie for hosting us.

#### **2. Updates from The Core, Livewire and Saltash Town Council**

##### **2.1 The Core**

The partnership project with Groundwork continues to go well and the matched funding for the 2024/25 grant from STC has been secured from them. Charlotte is keen that the project with Groundwork continues in 2025/26 and hopefully beyond, subject to funding.

Charlotte was pleased to report that the lease negotiations with Cornwall Council have been resolved to The Core's satisfaction. Rent will now be £250 per month, increased by 5% in 3 years' time. This is good news.

The summer programme was a great success and the autumn term activities have started well. Interestingly, junior and senior membership numbers are now at a similar level. The youth committee at The Core have asked if a youth led Wellbeing Group could be set up, which Charlotte is in the process of setting up and will facilitate.

The Shed is near completion. The steps need to be completed and the benches, funded by STC, are in place. An after school club utilising the new space will be set up in due course.

Charlotte is about to embark on a Counselling Diploma, run by the Institute for Arts and Therapy in Education, focused on trauma informed practice supporting teenagers. The group wished her well for what sounds like a really interesting course.

##### **2.2 Livewire**

The summer programmes at Livewire also went really well. There is a continued need for 1to1 mental health support for young people, which the team are responding to as much as they can.

Livewire has been selected by Co-op as one of their charities. This is for one year and means that the public can donate online to Livewire via the Co-op website or at local stores. Generous donations have also recently been received from Samworth Brothers and also from the ladies golf team at China Fleet. Rocking By The River takes place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October and Ed Fest took place on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Both events help to raise much needed funds.

Livewire has been recommended for a Kings Award, they will hear the outcome in November. The group offered their congratulations for getting to this stage for what is a prestigious award.

### **2.3 Saltash Town Council**

Julia updated the group on the increased police staffing in Saltash. In addition to the two Neighbourhood Officers, a PCSO is due to be in place in January. The team are being communicative and building positive relationships across the town.

The number of derelict boats dumped at the waterside continues to be a concern. The costs of removing them are really high. STC continues to be vigilant working alongside Cornwall Council.

Julia visited Citizens Advice recently who are experiencing an ever increasing caseload particularly due to the current financial, housing and social challenges faced by many residents. Citizens Advice are therefore in urgent need of more volunteers, who will receive full training.

Both Charlotte and Julie mentioned that Freya Pretty, the new Development & Engagement Officer at STC, has already visited The Core and Livewire. This was great to see and all agreed that Freya has been really proactive since starting at the end of September.

### **3. Date of next meeting**

Friday 24 January 2025, 10am at Livewire

Cllr Matt Griffiths  
24/10/24