

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE COASTAL COMMUNITIES TEAM AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

Saltash Waterside Coastal Communities Team update – June 2025

Background

The Saltash Waterside CCT operates as a Working Group of STC, and was successful in applying for funding through the Coastal Revival Fund. The monies have been held and distributed by STC throughout. Membership of the Saltash Waterside CCT includes a range of businesses and residents across the Waterside alongside STC and CC members. The main work has been driven by a small lead group comprising of Cllr Richard Bickford (STC), Cllr Hillary Frank (CC), Ian Taylor (Saltash based architect), and Bill Holman (Saltash resident and member of the Saltash Neighbourhood Plan team).

Previous work

In 2023 the Coastal Communities Team carried out a consultation on potential plans for flood prevention and public realm improvements to Saltash Waterside. The consultation took place in the Guildhall, alongside the town council's Connectivity Consultation, and was therefore seen by similar numbers and demographic.

The consultation boards can still be viewed here.

<https://sites.google.com/view/saltashwatersidecct/home>

A summary of the results of the accompanying survey are attached.

Next steps

The Saltash Waterside CCT have assessed the results and would like to appoint the John Grimes Partnership to undertake a further piece of work to update the proposals and visual images to reflect the general consensus. A fee proposal and description of the outputs is attached. The cost for this work is £2,300 + VAT which can be covered by the existing ring fenced budget.

The future

Most of the land and river frontage covered by this work is owned and maintained by Cornwall Council. It is therefore imperative that CC are kept engaged throughout, something that the CCT have striven to achieve and ultimately it will be for Cornwall Council to deliver any scheme.

The Town Council have a clear part to play however, and continuing to value and invest in the area through schemes such as the CIL project to deliver a new play park and public realm improvements around Jubilee Green and the continued operation and maintenance of the Jubilee Pontoon demonstrate this.

The project to upgrade the Waterside toilets and surrounding 'sheds' would also demonstrate investment to the area and whilst most of this land is owned by Network Rail, Cornwall Council land surrounds the site and will be a key partner in delivering a successful outcome.

The CCT team therefore see a point, not too far away when the proposals are handed over to Cornwall Council for inclusion in a masterplan for the area and it will be for STC to hold them to account on delivery.

End Of Report

Report by Councillor Richard Bickford

Chair – Saltash Waterside CCT