

To receive a report from CEPL12 on its future plans and consider any actions and associated expenditure

Saltash Gateway CIC (now called Community Enterprises PL12) was established 20 years ago to provide services to the community that STC thought beneficial but were either not within its remit or could not be funded directly.

As a Community Interest Company we are responsible to our members and collaborations between ourselves and STC have been a key feature with initially a council member attending our board meetings and more recently by way of a monthly report of our activities to STC.

We believe we have achieved significant success for the town including:-

1. Occupying two shop units in the town that had previously been vacant and facilitating the occupation of 3 others.
2. Establishing Lovingly Local and Scrapstore (now separate businesses).
3. When STC was unable to take on 18 Belle Vue Road, to keep Citizen's Advice in town, we were able to do so and it now houses 3 charities namely Citizen's Advice, Foodbank and Story Book Dads.
4. Taking on the former toilet building in Belle Vue West car park, at the suggestion of STC, has provided useful storage for ourselves and Foodbank.
5. At 8 Fore Street we have been able to provide hot meals and fresh food to those in need in the town and, when necessary, in the winters of the early 2020's, a warm space.
6. At 4 Fore Street we provide an outlet for local crafters to display and sell their wares.
7. We established the local Veterans Association (now a separate entity) and Dementia Voice (now Memory Box).

It is difficult to enumerate the number of members of the community we assist in one way or another but it will be significant and cover a wide range of age/background/abilities e.g.

1. Those with Dementia and other cognitive impairment – Memory Box
2. Those with limited financial resource – Community Kitchen and Larder
3. PL12 crafters – shop at No. 4
4. Duke of Edinburgh students – volunteering in the kitchen
5. Base for other charities – offices and store room at Belle Vue Road

6. Those in need of social interaction – meeting in the kitchen and volunteering

And many, many more

We are now at a pivotal stage as the lease of the No. 8 Fore Street (The Community Kitchen) is about to expire and this brings about a whole review of our operations.

The kitchen has been heavily subsidised by our other activities, grants and donations but grants are becoming harder to find and our reserves would not cover our running costs for a further 3 years and as directors we need to ensure that we have sufficient reserves to operate the organisation and remain solvent. We are not looking for a grant now but would like to know that STC would be prepared to give financial support if necessary whilst we review the business and produce/implement a business plan that supports the organisation. We would also welcome support from STC with our realignment plans to ensure that once again we can become self-sustaining. There is no quick turnaround but various changes can help and bring about a long-term future for CEPL12.

We are not a company that produces profits for its owners – we are all volunteers with the exception of an operations manager who ensures that we comply with all regulations re. Health and Safety, Food Hygiene, GDPR and other laws, rules and regulations that affect what we do.

We are not there to compete with private businesses in the town but accept any customer across the threshold as their contribution helps us to support those in need.

We do stop food going to landfill by recycling it including providing healthy meals for the community.

To summarise; will STC be willing to:

1. Provide CEPL12 with financial support in principle, as required, to enable the organisation to progress the next stages of its development and continue its important contribution to the PL12 community.
2. Nominate 2 STC Members to attend CEPL12 Board meetings to provide input, guidance, and support in shaping and delivering the organisation's future vision.

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