

Chair's Report to Saltash Town Council for Community Enterprises PL12

May 2021

The LiveWest housing association have awarded us £842 grant funding for essential items to keep the Community fridge operational.

We were unsuccessful with our bid to SWW Neighbourhood Fund, other applications are still in the pipeline. These will be needed to carry out refurbishment work & pay for operational costs for no 24.

Funding has now ended for the Community Transport enterprise, this was used for various things including promoting the buses, upgrading signage on the Hopper, hiring a co-ordinator on a 6 month contract, and publicity.

Slow steady progress is being made with the Town Team on phase 1 of Fore St regeneration. I am currently liaising with Head of Services for STC re planter tops being replaced with recycled plastic.

We are seeking a volunteer Gleaning co-ordinator for SE Cornwall, to join a network within Gleaning Cornwall.

Lease negotiations for no 24 Fore St (ex-Barclays building) are in the final stages, and we hope to take possession in June with a view to opening a new, larger Community Hub in July. This will be a multi-use community space and we are all very eager to see the project come to fruition. Donations of furniture & equipment for the new Hub at no 24 continue to come in, including an under-counter fridge, upright fridge/freezer and an electric cooker. Once the lease has been secured, we will be releasing a "Wish List" for items needed; please watch this space!

The Hub & shop has re-opened, several new volunteers have had their inductions and are being trained in readiness for our move to no 24.

The Plant Sale & Swap was a success, with lots of community participation and we made £101 towards Community Fridge overheads. We were donated so many plants that we are going to hold a second plant sale this Saturday, 29th May.

Quotes are being sought for new Membership cards, it is likely they will be made from 100% biodegradable plastic. The SaltashCard scheme will be transferred to Chamber of Commerce control from 1st June 2021.

Good progress has been made on the new website, we have tweaked the logos slightly & will have new logos for each enterprise. We hope the new website will go live June/ July. A local award-winning photographer is taking a portfolio of photos for website & publicity purposes.

GA have now been instructed to act for us in our planned conversion to CIO.

Jo Baskott, Chair, Community Enterprises PL12.