

Community Enterprises PL12

Chairs Report

February 2022

This report marks the end of my second 12-months as Chair. Thank you to Directors and volunteers for their support & dedication to CEPL12, in what has been a very difficult and sometimes chaotic year. We have coped well,, and most enterprises are operating in profit, with others striving towards break-even. I am confident that we will weather the storm well over the coming months. As a not-for-profit organisation, any funds we make help support our enterprises.

Election of Chair & Vice Chair. I have put my name forward for re-election by the Board. David Bremner has put his name forward as Vice Chair. No other nominations have been received.

Town Team; the committee has met to discuss ongoing projects. The speaker system is fully operational & will be used for the Jubilee celebrations. Members have formed a Jubilee Committee with members of Saltash Town Council, to deliver community events to mark the Jubilee.

Jubilee celebrations; The Hub will be used as a pick up point for community to collect jubilee seeds, straw hats & bean bags for the celebrations. 300 packets of Jubilee wildflower seeds, in red white & blue, are available for people to collect FREE from the Hub.

Publicity; A new volunteer, Matthew, is helping to co-ordinate publicity & write copy with a personal touch about our volunteers. Students from Saltash Community School will be making a promotional film for us.

Funding applications; We have made several funding applications which are pending, these will enable our enterprises to become fully operational, post-covid.

CIO application; The Charities Commission requested some clarification on 2 items on our website, these were rectified at the end of January & we are awaiting a response to our application.

Hub; Cathy Roberts has now taken on all responsibilities for running the Community Shop.

No 8; We anticipate a soft opening at the beginning of March, being able to use the café area for our planned activities from 3rd March. A full list of activities will be available on our website cepl12.co.uk
Volunteers are currently being inducted & trained,

An official opening will be arranged once all “finishing” jobs are complete.

Volunteer meeting; We are holding a Volunteer meeting Sunday 6th March, 2pm, at Saltash Social Club, to give all potential volunteers & existing volunteers an opportunity to explore the volunteering roles available within CEPL12. It will be a great opportunity for anyone interested in volunteering with us, learning about opportunities available and chatting to Directors and volunteers.

Gardening Group; Seed Swap & Share are distributing around 400 packets of donated seeds, with a caveat of donating some of the produce grown to the Community Fridge. They are growing veg & flower plants at the school plot, & these will be available at a Plant Share at May Fair and on Friday 20th May.

Community Fridge & Larder; This continues to re-distribute around 500kg of rescued food every week. It will be based at the Community Kitchen once refurbishment work has been completed.

Mobile Larder; This operates every Monday, following alternate routes around Saltash. We will revise the routes at the end of March.

Community Transport; We are going through a transition period with Community Transport. Our day trips for January and February have not been well supported & we have a team of volunteers organising trips which will appeal to a wider demographic. Our small bus is used regularly to collect rescue food, as it has a large boot space.

Tresorys Kernow; we are hopeful that our enterprises can apply for a share of the funding for activities, which will need to take place in April May & June. A working party is working on the proposals.

Saltash Town Council are inviting nominations for Citizen of the Year Awards. I would like to make a recommendation that we nominate our Volunteers as a group for the Community Award for their hard work & dedication to their community.

Jo Baskott
Chair