

## **Community Enterprises PL12**

### **Chair's Report April 2022**

The plans for the Community Kitchen are continuing well, with volunteers being trained. Some activities have now started, including a Wellbeing Café organised by the Social Prescriber from the Saltash health centres; Man Down (male peer support group); Your Voice Cornwall (ladies' peer support group) & a weekly teatime meal starting this week (3 – 5pm on Fridays) made using rescued food. We have a schedule of events during May & June for Tresorys Kernow, including Cornish themed food nights, crafting events & cooking events. These will culminate in a Feast Night on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Details on all these events can be found on our website & facebook page; or have a look at the posters in the Community Kitchen window.

The Kitchen Manager position has been filled, pending formalities.

A storage container has been ordered for the back of no 8, we are awaiting delivery. Community Trips for April have been widely publicised & Transport has a good choice of trips for May, with good take-up. Plans are in place to extend the Wednesday Link to include pick-ups from the Landulph area, & bring in to Saltash.

The Community Hub has had a refresh, with new shelving & new local crafters. The Community Fridge and Mobile Larder both continue to be popular and well-received, and we are regularly publicising the ethos behind it; saving perfectly good food from being wasted, the food is available to anyone who can use it. The Community Fridge in Fore St receives an average of 60 visitors a day. Dementia Voice Café has moved into the Community Kitchen, & the attendees seem to be very happy with the space & homemade cakes! This is seeing attendance figures of around 15 people per session, with carer's then having the opportunity to spend a couple of hours in Saltash.

Smart new signage has been installed at no 4, thanks to Weatherhead and SW Signs. Our CIO application has currently stalled, pending queries.

We were delighted to receive the award for Community Group of the Year in the Citizen of the Year Awards; thanks go to all volunteers who have helped us achieve great things in the community. Congratulations also go to Carol Emmett who was awarded Citizen of the Year for her sterling work with Dementia Voice.

Directors are exploring other funding opportunities, as our income post-Covid is very depleted. This funding would cover the cost of additional employees for vital roles which require unique skill sets we do not have amongst our volunteers.

In my last report I mentioned that we have been delaying discussions on our Strategic Priorities. Now that the Kitchen is open, Directors are meeting to identify key roles & responsibilities within the organisation.

We are continuing to process & train new volunteers, & now have over 80 volunteers. We're looking forward to a busy & interesting May.

Jo Baskott, Chair

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