

Saltash Team For Youth Report for Policy & Finance Committee meeting on 8 November 2022

The Saltash Team For Youth working group last met on Friday 7 October at Livewire. Attended by Matt and Rachel from STC, Julie from Livewire and Charlotte from The Core.

Below are the notes of the meeting.

1. Saltash Crime Figures in September 2022

Matt and Rachel raised the increase in crime figures in September compared to the same period last year. These were reported at last night's Saltash Town Council meeting. The group discussed the importance of reporting all incidents of crime to the police as the numbers inform what resources the police put in place in the town.

Charlotte also raised that the lighting outside The Core is often not switched on in the evening when young people are leaving the centre. She will raise this with Margaret Butfield, the Business Manager at Fountain Head House School.

The group continue to be concerned about the lack of police presence in the town.

2. Updates from The Core and Livewire

Charlotte and Julie reported that many of their weekly activities are now significantly oversubscribed particularly the junior, open access sessions (years 6 to 8). Charlotte mentioned that they have had to introduce a booking in advance system at the Core to limit the numbers to make sure the sessions aren't overcrowded. Both The Core and Livewire are experiencing a significant increase in demand and it was recognised that this is partly due to the closure of other youth activities in the town e.g. at Wesley Church.

The group discussed Cornwall's Shared Prosperity Fund (www.ciosgoodgrowth.com) and whether there was the potential to incorporate youth activity in any bids Saltash Town Council is submitting. The first investment priority in the fund - 'Community and Place' - would be relevant. In terms of needs, Charlotte raised the need to install a permanently set up boxing ring at a suitable location for Saltash Boxing Club and Julie mentioned the need to increase activities to support young people's mental health and wellbeing.

The group also recognised that the rising demand for suitable youth activities in the town exceeds what youth organisations can currently supply. Matt and Rachel said they would feedback to Saltash Town Council.

3. Tendering process for 2023 / 24

Matt raised that the tendering process is likely to follow the same process as for 2022 / 23. The group agreed that it had been really helpful to bring the process and timeline forward. Saltash Town Council is starting the 2023 / 24 budget setting process and our aim is to maintain the budget for youth service delivery at the current level. Matt and Rachel will update further at the next meeting.

4. Date of next meeting

Saltash Team For Youth next meets on Friday 13 January 2023, 1pm at The Core.

Cllr Matt Griffiths
24/10/22