

Saltash Team For Youth

Notes of meeting on Friday 29 September 2023 at Livewire

1. Welcome and apologies

Attended by Matt, Rachel, Julia and Sarah from Saltash Town Council, Charlotte from The Core and Julie from Livewire. Thank-you to Julie for hosting us. No apologies.

2. Updates from The Core, Livewire and Saltash Town Council

2.1 The Core

Summer Programme went well, 45 trips organised for young people. Community Enterprise and Saltash Food Bank continue to be supportive providing food. The new term has started well although it continues to be a challenge responding to the growing demand from young people wanting to attend activities. Staff finding they are having to provide increased pastoral and 1to1 support for young people, particularly regarding their mental health and wellbeing.

2.2 Livewire

Also has a productive summer, providing a range of activities for young people. The new term has started well although Livewire has had to suspend membership of the Junior Club on Wednesday nights due to high demand. A waiting list is now in operation. Staff are also finding they are having to provide increased pastoral and 1o1 support for young people. Recently received a £10k donation from a 90-year old towards the costs of installing a new PA system in the main space. Further donations being sought to achieve the total figure required. Planning to stage a Fashion Show again, date to be announced in due course. External painting of the building will be taking place soon.

2.3 Saltash Town Council

Matt outlined the strategic priorities for the April 2024 to March 2027 business plan, which is currently being developed. This is an important process to establish an overarching and unified business plan for Saltash Town Council, increase engagement with residents and provide a solid foundation to secure investment to achieve our strategic priorities.

3. Patient Participation Groups – Saltash Health Centre and Port View Health Centre

Julia and Rachel attend meetings of the two Patient Participation Groups in Saltash. The groups are keen to consult with young people regarding their health and wellbeing priorities. It was agreed that rather than invite young people to attend the meetings themselves, it would be more effective for Charlotte and Julie to consult with young people at The Core and Livewire and feedback to Julia and Rachel.

4. Engagement with Saltash Community School

Despite several attempts, it is proving difficult to engage with staff at Saltash Community School regarding strengthening the links between youth service provision and the school.

Tim Parkman is now Chair of Governors and it was agreed that Matt will contact him to see what can be done to improve the situation.

5. Saltash Youth Network (formerly known as Saltash Youth Council)

Charlotte confirmed the name change to Saltash Youth Network and reminded everyone that youth organisations can apply to them to help support young people e.g. costs to attend events, equipment etc. This is a useful source of support and there is some funding available, which Saltash Youth Network wants to see utilised.

6. Measuring and reporting impact

Individual case studies describing a young person's progress as a result of attending Livewire and The Core was discussed. It was agreed that as long as written permission is obtained from the individual and / or parent carer, it is fine for these to be included in reports to STC and other externally facing reports as it brings to life the impact of the support provided. The important thing is securing their permission and that they know what the case study will be used for.

7. Date of next meeting

Friday 19 January, 1pm at Livewire.