CEPL12 – REPORT

Our Chairperson is still off but recovering so once again you have a report from me.

Continuing with the theme of how CEPL12 has helped in the community, which I mentioned in my last report, we now have 4 bookings in the Community Kitchen for other community organisations/charities to provide a thank you Christmas meal for their volunteers. These are not bookings that have been taken away from the commercial sector as they probably would not have happened due to the cost involved. We are fortunate that we have food donated and have volunteers to staff the events.

With respect to food donation, we now have Greggs as one of our suppliers and are getting support from the Original Factory Shop.

I mentioned in my last report that we have also helped with finding employment for some of our volunteers and one such employee now has full time employment at Bandits.

We are also the venue for Script-in-hand to put on plays and have recently put on a play with a full attendance.

We would welcome the chance for the Town Councillors and Town Clerk to join us, at a time to be arranged, and learn more of the activities of CEPL12 and partake of a bit of light refreshment. Perhaps we can organise something for early in the New Year.

Some good news is that, after waiting for almost 3 years I now have received the draft lease from Cornwall Council for our long-term use of 18 Belle Vue Road. We originally took on the building 8 years ago with a 2 year agreement. This was renewed for a further two years and we have been holding over since then, with agreement of terms for the long lease being in early 2021. Once the lease is completed, we will have occupancy for 30 years and will be able to agree terms with our subtenants so that they will also have security of tenure and will be looking at improving the building so we can be sure that capital costs can be spread out over the term of the lease.

Our shop at No. 4 has continued to perform well, despite the inclement weather as has our transport enterprise.

On behalf of CEPL12 we would wish STC a Merry Christmas and, the Board, look forward to meeting with you in early 2024.

Peter Ryland Acting Chairman