



SOUTH KERRIER AREA PANEL MEETING

HELD AT HENS HORN COURT

ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2011

Present

Kelvin Lightfoot Chair)
Pam Maude (Secretary)
Alan Healey
Peter Eddy
Joe Ferguson
Chris Towner

Lynn Curnow (Vice Chair)
Phil McDonnell (Treasurer)
Danny Keay
Pam Stinton
Jeanette Smith

Coastline Staff

Claire Reeves
Neighbourhood
Involvement
Manager

Kevin Brown
Head of Housing

Charlotte Chadwick
Community Network
Manager
Cornwall County Council

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Sue Roberts, Mike Thorne, Gerry Lee and David Waters.

Non- Attendance

Anthony Douglas-Brown.

2. **Minutes of the last Meeting held on 17th August 2011**

- 2.1 Kelvin told the Panel that Pam M had sent an email to Robert Nettleton concerning the unpaid work carried out by Jonathan Warner. Claire said that Jonathan's name had been in the Chronicles, which is an internal magazine, congratulating him. Lynn suggested it could also be put into the next Coastline magazine and Claire agreed.
- 2.2 Lynn said she had been contacted by Simon regarding 45 Wheal Rose and he has agreed to visit the property. Lynn had been having trouble contacting the customer but had met him and will arrange a time and date as soon as possible. She will update the Panel at the next meeting.
- 2.3 Kelvin reported that the safety strips in the play area had now been installed.
- 2.4 Peter raised the matter of the key to Trengrouse Way office and expressed an opinion that he and other members considered it a breach of trust that they were not allowed a key to the main meeting room, particularly as the CAB has a key. Kelvin said he had spoken to Alice and the reason given was that paperwork could be left on a desk if the member of staff was suddenly called out. Kelvin suggested that Peter invite Alice Blenes to a RA meeting. Peter replied that they had on two occasions but Alice had not attended. Kelvin said an email from Joe to Alice inviting her would be a good idea. Joe agreed to send an email.
- 2.5 Lynn asked Claire if she could have clarification as to who to contact on a Sounding Board and suggested this information be put in the Coastline magazine. Claire said she would speak to Lynn concerning this during the break.
- 2.6 The minutes were proposed by Alan Healey and seconded by Peter Eddy.

ACTION REQUIRED

- 2.a) Lynn to update regarding 45 Wheal Rose.
- 2.b) Joe to invite Alice Blenes to next Helston RA meeting.
- 2.c) Claire to speak to Lynn re who to contact on a particular Sounding Board.

3. Charlotte Chadwick – Community Network Manager, Cornwall C.C

- 3.1 Charlotte told the panel she was responsible for Helston and the Lizard and had now been asked to take on Penryn and Falmouth areas. Charlotte explained her main role was to support the elected councillors on any given project and also to work with town and parish councils and she has also been involved with the Youth Café in Helston and asked if anyone knew of someone who would be willing to do a few hours to help it would be greatly appreciated.
- 3.2 Charlotte informed the Panel that she had been involved with Citizenship for Life. This involved 10 young people who are mentored one day per month and taken

to visit various forms of business such as The Big Issue in Manchester. The School for Social Entrepreneurs in Bethnal Green and the Guardian Newspaper offices. Charlotte said this scheme was going to be repeated next year with 12 young people and 12 mentors.

- 3.3 Charlotte told the Panel that if anyone needed help with projects to contact her either with help writing the bids or funding required.
- 3.4 Kelvin asked Charlotte about the Youth Clubs in rural areas. She said Cornwall Council are running a youth bus in Porthleven and hope to increase this to include Constantine, Praa Sands and Nancegollan. Charlotte told the Panel she is in the process of putting in a bid for £200,000 for transport to carry young people from really rural areas into Helston Youth Café.

4. **Kevin Brown – Head of Housing**

- 4.1 Kevin produced a presentation and the first item was that he told the Panel that under the new government legislation a tenancy would not be for life, this only affected new tenancies it did not mutual exchanges but could affect transfers if either party had a new tenancy. A short hold tenancy would be for five years but would be reviewed after four years
- 4.2 Kevin told the members that the Housing Benefit would be 80% of the market value and the housing benefit would be paid direct to the customer not the Landlord. Also all benefits would be amalgamated into one payment and that would be capped at £500 per week. The housing benefit would be reduced according to how many people and how many bedrooms were occupied for example if one room was not being used a reduction of £13 and if two bedrooms were vacant then £25 would be deducted.

Kelvin said he thought customers should be made aware that all these changes were not the fault of the landlord but due to government legislation. Kevin agreed and said Coastline would do all they could to help customers through these changes.

5. **Helston Cattle Market – Meeting venue**

- 5.1 Lynn asked the Panel if they were agreeable to looking into hiring a meeting Room when the new community centre is completed. Pam M said Charlotte had given her a name and telephone number of the person to contact and Pam M said she would contact Vicky Matthews for further information.

ACTION REQUIRED

- 5.a) Pam M to contact Vicky Matthews re future venue hire.

6. **Resident Association Roundup**

- 6.1 Kelvin told the members that Cury RA had now ceased to operate.
- 6.2 Lynn said about 35 people turned up for the Porthleven RA Big Breakfast and Out of the feedback forms 8 people gave it ten out of ten. Coffee mornings and BBQ`s were among the suggestions for future events and Lynn hoped word would spread and result in an increase in the number of people attending.
- 6.3 Peter said Helston RA were hoping to publish a bigger flyer next month. Joe said the blocked footpath in Fitzsimmons Close had still not been resolved and Kelvin suggested someone from Helston RA contact Marcus Preedy regarding this matter, however Jackie Thompson is looking it.

7. **Any Other Business**

- 7.1 Peter suggested inviting Judith Haycock to the next meeting as she is the Local councillor for Helston. Pam M agreed to invite her.
- 7.2 Claire asked if she could be informed of SKAP`s 2012 meeting dates and Pam M agreed to email these to her.
- 7.3 Claire told the meeting the matter of Hens Horn Court lighting is still ongoing and SKAP would be updated as soon as possible.
- 7.4 Claire said Nicki had been in contact with Debbie regarding staff updating their on line diaries and hopefully this problem would not arise again.

ACTION REQUIRED

- 7.a) Pam M to invite Judith Haycock to the next meeting.
- 7.b) Pam M to email Claire the SKAP 2012 meeting dates.
- 7. c) Claire to update the members re the lighting in Hens Horn Court.

8. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- 8.1 The next meeting will be held at Hens Horn Court on 9th November 2011.

..... K. Lightfoot (Chair)

