

“The park hasn’t got anything in it to play with”

“I am not in favour of the proposed ‘no left turn’ at The Cross”

“More police cover to oversee traffic problems in the villages”

“A village hall for the village, used by the village”

“Frequent street cleaning, removing weeds from gutters etc”

“We need better and more bus facilities”

“Parking restrictions are needed on the main road through Mitchell”

“The village needs an elected selection of villagers to put forward ideas”

“Permit parking in the area of The Cross to be introduced”

“There should be more pride in the village, but how?”

“Garden composting area to sell compost back to villagers” “The public loos should not be closed before survey of usage is carried out”

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“There’s nowhere really in the centre of the village for a car park unless on the recreation field, which is not a good idea”

“A meeting place is a top priority, such as a village hall”

“Congratulations on the presentation and layout of this public response / suggestion exercise”

“Traffic currently travels through the 30 limit of Fiddlers Green at 60 mph. Very dangerous”

“More dog bins needed in the middle of the village”

“A surgery is essential to all who live in the Parish”

“The youths just want somewhere to hang out”

“Unanimous- an annual festival would be a great idea” “Make those footpaths that could be, wheelchair and pushchair accessible”

“Accommodation for the elderly would be an asset”

“Housing must be affordable houses / starter homes for youngsters and families”

“One-way through St Newlyn East would be a good idea”

“for locals and young families”

“Affordable houses / starter homes for youngsters and families”

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Why we need a Community Plan

Welcome to the St Newlyn East Community Plan. This document represents a big step forward for us, as we set out our plans for the next 5-10 years. The Plan is about all of us, not just the Parish Council, and it will need input from members of the community in order to realise the ideas and ambitions laid out in these pages. But why do we need a Community Plan?

Longer-term planning is essential

For any responsible Parish Council, it is only right that we let you, the community, know what it is that we intend to do on your behalf, and to make clear what we can expect other agencies and organisations to do on our collective behalf. We all have a view about the place in which we live: the good points that need to be preserved and nurtured, and the less-than-satisfactory points that we need to address. Hopefully, through the consultations we have held in the recent past, we have a clear idea about the things that are of concern to you; this plan sets out to express those concerns in positive terms, as a set of objectives for us all to work to achieve.

Engaging with our community

Like many Parish Councils, we are only too aware of the limited interest shown in our affairs by the community in general, unless we happen to be discussing issues of immediate concern- generally planning applications cause the most interest! This is perhaps understandable, given the nature of Parish Council meetings; but it needs to be addressed. The Parish Council will be increasingly key to shaping the area where we live. The way to address this is to make sure

that we tackle *your* issues, help realise *your* ambitions, and work with you to identify, prioritise, and deliver sustainable solutions. The consultations we held, and this Community Plan, are a key part of that process.

The value of this Community Plan

Many parishes have or are considering developing Parish or Community Plans. These Plans are designed to help rural communities have a greater say in their own affairs. They articulate the vision which local people have for the future of their village or town and can cover anything that is relevant to the people who live and work there, from social housing to places for children to play. They include an action plan with details of how to realise the objectives within the plan, and are designed to address the needs of the entire community, including local businesses where appropriate. Everyone in the community will have had an opportunity to contribute to the Plan.

This Plan will guide the work of the Parish Council; it will inform the Community Networks (please refer to page 3), and our Cornwall Council members; and it will provide a focus for community-led projects that fall outside of the remit of the Parish or

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St Newlyn East will be in the St Agnes and Perranporth Community Network alongside St Agnes, Cubert, Crantock, St Allen, and Perranzabuloe Parish Councils*. It is essential that we bring to the table a clear agenda on behalf of our parishioners.

**Correct at the time of publication*

County authorities. However it is important to stress that it is not a document fixed in time: as we progress, circumstances and events will mean that we regularly need to re-appraise the Plan, add new ideas, and evaluate the success or viability of the initiatives described in these pages.

Solutions will need a partnership approach

We cannot operate in isolation. The work of many other agencies and organisations impact on our lives, and we need to work in partnership with them, looking ahead, to give us all the community we want in the future. We need to be pro-active rather than reactive, and we can best achieve that by being very clear about where the Parish Council and the community want to be in the next 5-10 years, through the publication of this Community Plan. Our partners, both now and in the future, will benefit from that clarity of purpose, and see us as a key partner in their work.

Cornwall Council and Community Networks

Post-April 2009, the new Cornwall Council takes over the work of our current County and District Councils. Cornwall Council makes reference to 'the localism agenda'. The purpose of the localism agenda is 'to encourage the development of dynamic communities in which residents take a responsibility for, and have the skills to participate in, the determination of their own future.' One of the key initiatives that will affect us all will be the introduction of *Community Networks*.

We will be in the *St Agnes and Perranporth Community Network* alongside St Agnes, Cubert, Crantock, Perranzabuloe and St Allen Councils*, with 4 Cornwall Councillors and 6-7* Town and Parish Council representatives forming the Panel of Members. **Correct at the time of publication.*

A Community Forum in each Network

The Community Forum will be composed of organisations that deliver services into the community: police and other emergency services, primary care trust, local councils, and others such as Age Concern. Community groups, town and parish councils, service delivery partners, parish and community plans, all feed community issues into the Community Forum. Decisions are informed by this group, but only the Community Network Panel members will be able to vote.

The key activities for Community Networks

- Empower local members: the new One Cornwall County Councillors
- Involve local people
- Engage all parts of the community
- Enhance role for Town and Parish Councils
- Identify local priorities

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- Influence local service delivery
- Provide a focus for local partnership working
- Provide a quality monitoring function for local service delivery

The role of the Community Network Panel

The Community Network will be run by a Panel of Members, where Parish Councillors will have voting rights alongside the Cornwall Council members. They will make strategic decisions about our community, and develop a *Community Network Action Plan*, supported by a *Local Delivery Plan*.

The Panel will also be responsible for overseeing the management and disbursement of funding to be spent on community projects and activities where these funds have either come via Cornwall Council, or where the Panel has gained funding from other public bodies or charities for local projects.

We will need to be able to take to the Community Network a clear set of statements about our plans and aspirations for the future, represented by this Community Plan, and by our Parish Council nominee/s.

What does all this mean to St Newlyn East?

St Newlyn East Parish Council will continue to carry out our statutory duties on behalf of the community, raising money through the precept, and retaining control over our own funding. Increasingly, however, we will have the option to take on new services on behalf of the community, should we wish to do so, and given that we make a successful business case to Cornwall Council in each case. For each devolved responsibility, funding will come to the Parish Council to deliver the service concerned.

Therefore we need to be very clear, in the context particularly of the role and influence of Community Networks but also as part of our responsibility to our parishioners, what we plan to achieve over the next five or so years. This Community Plan sets out our ambitions and intentions, so that we bring to the table a clear agenda on behalf of our parishioners.

Community Networks should be seen as an enabling facility, but they will not limit our capacity as a community to take charge of our own future. We describe on page 37 our plans to work towards achieving Quality Parish Council status, and the text describes what that will mean to our residents. It means we commit to actively engaging

with all our residents, and to understanding and representing their views, providing vision and leadership.

This Community Plan is the start of a long-term process.

To succeed, it must be seen by the community, and by elected representatives, as our collective agenda.

The work of the Parish Council

The Parish of St Newlyn East, (Cornish: *Eglosniwlin*), is about five miles south of Newquay. It is situated in the Deanery and Hundred of Pydar. It is bounded on the north by St Columb Minor and Colan, on the east by St Enoder, on the south by Ladock, St Erme and St Allen, and on the west by Perranzabuloe, Cubert and Crantock. The Parish includes Fiddler's Green, Mitchell, St Newlyn East, Rejerrah, Kestle Mill, and Trevilson. The ancient Borough of Mitchell (*St Michael*) lies partly in this Parish and partly in St Enoder.

The first tier of local government

Town and Parish Councils are the first tier of local government, and have a vital role to play in deciding the future of their community. This Plan represents a significant step forward for us, in describing our plans and aspirations, and seeking to engage our community in our work. So what do we do? Let us look at the powers that we are able to exercise.

The powers of a Parish Council

Town and Parish Councils have a range of powers vested in them, some of which would not be appropriate to or within the capacity of a rural Parish Council. You will see from the list below that a number of the powers we have as a Parish Council may need to be exercised in the context of delivering this Plan; hopefully by providing this information it will also interest members of our community in coming forward and working with us, perhaps as a member of one of our committees or in delivering specific Initiatives described in this Plan. We can...

- Provide allotments, and have a duty to do so if demand is unsatisfied
- Acquire and maintain burial grounds, cemeteries, crematoria

- Agree to maintain war memorials
- Provide and maintain bus shelters
- Make bye-laws in relation to pleasure grounds, cycle paths, open spaces, and burial grounds
- Provide public clocks
- Maintain closed churchyards
- Provide common pasture, and regulate and manage commons and common pastures
- Provide conference facilities
- Provide and equip buildings for clubs having social, athletic or educational objectives
- Spend money on various crime prevention measures
- Deal with ponds and ditches
- Appoint school governors if asked to do so
- Provide entertainment and support of the arts
- Accept gifts
- Repair and maintain public footpaths and bridleways
- Light roads and public places
- Provide litter bins
- Provide parking places for vehicles, motor-cycles and bicycles
- Provide roadside seats and shelters
- Give consent for stopping up or diversion of highways, or ending maintenance of a

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- highway at public expense
- Provide traffic signs and other notices
- Plant trees, maintain roadside verges
- Participate in investment schemes
- Acquire land by agreement, to appropriate land, dispose of land, and accept gifts of land
- Promote lotteries
- Provide public buildings for offices, public meetings and assemblies
- Acquire land for or to provide recreation grounds, pleasure grounds, open spaces
- Provide gymnasiums, playing fields, holiday camps, and boating pools
- Contribute to organisations that encourage tourism
- Utilise wells, springs or streams to provide water
- Provide small grants to local organisations and charities
- We have a right to be notified of planning applications, and we comment on all the applications that come before us, providing local knowledge to the appropriate Cornwall Council Planning officers and Committee
- In addition, the Parish Council responds to a large number of consultations on behalf of the community

Most Parish Councils do not elect to take on *all* these responsibilities: Parish Councillors are volunteers, often in full-time employment and with other commitments, and of course many of the services listed above are currently provided by other agencies, such as Carrick District Council. As we discussed earlier, however, that situation will change in April 2009 with the advent of the new unitary authority and the introduction of Community Networks. At that time Parish Councils will be able to opt to take on new services if they wish, so the consultations we have held leading to this Plan, will help inform the decisions we make post- April.

How we manage our affairs

The way in which we work is very strictly governed, and many of our procedures are determined by standing orders, codes of conduct, and legislation. Within that framework, we enjoy good levels of debate in order to reach our conclusions.

Public participation in Council meetings

We meet monthly, and we publish in advance the business we plan to discuss, in the form of an agenda posted on the Parish Council notice-boards. At the start of every meeting is

a period set aside for public participation, whereby members of the public can raise matters with the Council. If the issue is on the agenda, we can discuss it there and then; if not, we take the matter forward to the next meeting as an agenda item.

Our meetings are open to the public, although generally speaking the public can only speak during the period of public participation described above. There are exceptions to this, when the Council agrees to invite members of the public to speak on a specific item, but not when Councillors are making a decision: a resolution. We may also decide to exclude the public and the press in special circumstances on very rare occasions.

We welcome members of the public to our meetings, and rely on them to help inform our decisions.

The consultation results

Our first Consultation Day

Our consultation process started in 2002, when we held a Consultation Day on June 29th at St Newlyn East School Hall. It was decided in consultation with Cornwall Rural Community Council (CRCC) that a planning-type exercise was the best way forward, and to this end, we enlisted the help of children from the School who produced a scale model of the Parish. The planning event was arranged around the schools' annual summer fete, publicised using posters, adverts, fliers, and word of mouth. CRCC facilitated the event for us, along with members of the Parish Council and local volunteers.

The model gave all participants a birds-eye view of their community; using pictorial colour-coded suggestion cards, and blank cards for individual's ideas, residents were asked to browse through these cards, select those that covered issues that were important to them, and place them on the model in the most relevant location. At the end of the event we had a very clear visual representation, because of the colour, volume and positioning of the cards, what were the most important issues for the community. All the suggestions were recorded: the suggestion, location and

issue, grouped under logical themes. We also collected data about where people lived in the Parish, their age and gender, and a graffiti board was used to collect comments.

Attendance

265 people attended our first Consultation Day, with a good spread across the age ranges. The majority came from St Newlyn East, with input from residents in Kestle Mill, Rejerrah, Fiddlers Green, Shepherds, and other locations. The only age-group not properly represented was the 17-21 year-olds, with only 1 in attendance.

A total of 910 cards were placed on the model, which represented 245 different suggestions.



The consultation results



The findings

All the findings were then published in the 'St Newlyn East Consultation Day Report', produced by CRCC, in July 2002. The findings were grouped under 9 headings:

Traffic

235 suggestions. The biggest issue here was one of speeding traffic, particularly in The Cross and Station Road, closely followed by concerns about car parking. Other suggestions concerned the need for pavements, and a one-way system. Residents also wanted a more visible police presence on the streets.

Health

115 suggestions. By far the most important issue was the need to retain a GP surgery in the village, possibly as a mobile or part-time facility, supported by other general health facilities.

Environment

111 suggestions. Nearly all the suggestions raised here were about the tackling the problem of dog mess. The problem of litter, and the need for a clear-up initiative, were also raised.

Leisure

110 suggestions. Most popular here were suggestions for some sort of skateboarding/rollerblading/adventure facility. The need for an under-fives playground was also highlighted.

Play facilities

95 suggestions. The most popular play equipment required by the children was a multi-play unit, followed by a cableway, then swings; favoured location was the Play Area, followed by the Recreation Field.

Community facilities

89 suggestions. A youth club / youth centre was the most popular, with the need to keep the toilets open, community notice-boards, café, minibus, and community centre all being suggested.

Housing

71 suggestions. The need for starter homes, and for off-street parking, led the agenda here, with a limited number of requests for flats for young people, and flats or bungalows for older people. Residents also wanted to see 'wheelie-bins' introduced.

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Crime

53 suggestions. The need to slow traffic down led here, as it did in the first category, above. The rest of the issues were all about the need for a police foot patrol and other security measures.

Work and training

31 suggestions. The idea of a locally-run home improvement service led this agenda, alongside requests for evening classes for all ages. Locally run schemes for growing and selling food, a gardening service, a volunteer scheme, and community transport also featured.

Subsequent consultations

We felt it important to give the community a chance to update the issues of concern to them. Consequently three more consultation events have been held: on Friday 27th June at the St Newlyn East School Fete; in St Newlyn East on 27th September; and in Mitchell on October 4th, all in 2008.

These additional events enabled us to confirm that the results of the 2002 survey were still valid, to add a number of new ideas, and to

consolidate the initiatives proposed within the Plan. The results from these latter consultations can be summarised as follows:

Housing

- Housing provision should enable young people to stay in the village
- Flats, rentable property and starter-homes needed
- Prioritise brownfield sites for developments of limited numbers of 2-3 rather than 10-20 houses
- Opposition to proposed development on Halt Road
- The balance of available housing types needs to be addressed
- Local traditional materials should be used in keeping with existing buildings
- Accommodation for the elderly wanted in Mitchell, but opposition to further development there

Traffic

- General consensus that if nothing is done to address traffic issues, the situation will become chaotic
- Car-parking on the road in St Newlyn East is a big problem

- A one-way system in St Newlyn East should be considered
- Speeding traffic persists as a problem
- Areas of Mitchell would benefit from a 20mph speed limit
- Families should be encouraged to walk to school if they live nearby
- The Cross is a hazardous area: pavements are needed here, but this could only be achieved if made one-way
- A traffic scheme urgently needed
- Community transport and car share schemes could alleviate the problems
- A roundabout is needed at Cubert crossroads
- Public transport not available on Sundays or Bank holidays

The environment

- Allotments are needed in St Newlyn East
- Location of dog bins should be reviewed

“There should be more pride in the village, but how do we achieve this?”

The consultation results

“The village news should have less minutes and more about what’s going on in the Council”

Health

- Consider a part-time or mobile surgery if a permanent surgery cannot be established in St Newlyn East
- Alternatively, public transport access to a nearby practice

Leisure and recreation

- Circular walks leaflet
- Footpath accessibility: signs to indicate at the start of each footpath if it is wheelchair and pushchair friendly
- Preferably, upgrade footpaths and stiles to address above
- An annual festival / event unanimously welcomed
- Lack of facilities for young people a priority
- BMX / mountain bike trails on the downs suggested
- Improve facilities in St Newlyn East park, with a 6-12 year-olds’ adventure playground
- Clubs such as Drama Club for children
- Lighting to the sports field in Mitchell

Community facilities

- A meeting place in Mitchell for the community
- Community mini-bus
- A community shop
- Farmers Market unanimously supported
- Develop The Pit, possibly by roofing. Encourage wider spectrum of use
- Parish office needed, with public information point, space for healthcare professionals, internet access
- Drop-in Councillor surgeries
- Disabled toilets in St Newlyn East
- Picnic area, possibly in the playground
- Parish web-site

“Congratulations on the presentation and layout of this public response / suggestion exercise”

How the Plan is structured

Our intention is to make the Community Plan easy to understand and to use, and to be genuinely deliverable in the next 5-10 years. We hope that as a framework for our collective future, the Plan will capture the interest and commitment of the community to help in delivering the Initiatives it describes.

Working with Themes

We have simplified the number of thematic headings used in the consultations, and grouped the issues into the following seven Themes:

Theme 1: Community services and facilities

Theme 2: Community safety

Theme 3: Our built environment

Theme 4: Leisure and recreation

Theme 5: Our natural environment

Theme 6: Our local economy

Theme 7: Parish Council Initiatives

Theme 7, *Parish Council Initiatives*, is specifically for the Parish Council to address, in terms of processes and procedures.

The Initiatives

Each Theme contains a number of *Initiatives*. They describe what we want to achieve, by setting out our *objective* in each case; the *Actions and considerations* we need to take, and our potential *partners*: the organisation or

organisations we believe could work with us in the achievement of our objective.

Some Initiatives will require us to take direct action, such as seeking grant funding or undertaking a community consultation on a specific issue. Other Initiatives will require us to seek to inform and influence the work of others, such as Cornwall Council, in order to realise our objectives.

Potential partners in each Initiative

We make reference throughout the Initiatives to those organisations, agencies, groups or others who we feel can help us achieve our objectives, and who may actually be responsible for delivery in some cases.

Implementing the Plan

This section, found on page 38, describes how we believe the Plan can best be delivered. In virtually every case, you will see that we believe the Parish Council should not only work in partnership with other agencies and organisations, but should involve members of the community in helping to deliver those aspects of the Plan which are of interest or concern to them.

The seven Themes and their Initiatives

Community services and facilities

- 1: A community hall for Mitchell
- 2: Providing allotments
- 3: A farmer's market in the Parish
- 4: Improved transport services for the community



- 5: Car-share scheme
- 6: Improved access to health services

Community safety

- 1: Establishing policing priorities in the Parish
- 2: Traffic management and road safety

Our built environment

- 1: Identifying locations suitable for development
- 2: Housing: an 'acceptable development' policy

Leisure and recreation

- 1: Improved facilities for young people
- 2: Developing clubs and activities for community groups
- 3: An annual Parish Festival
- 4: Develop *The Pit* as a cultural venue



Our natural environment

- 1: Ensuring a cleaner environment
- 2: A community composting scheme
- 3: Improving footpath accessibility
- 4: A circular walks leaflet for the Parish

Our local economy

- 1: Exploring the potential for economic growth
- 2: Supporting local businesses and services

Parish Council Initiatives

- 1: A dedicated Parish Council office
- 2: Delivering services and forming partnerships
- 3: Parish Councillor surgeries and community information-sharing
- 4: A local grants scheme
- 5: Working towards Quality Parish Council status

Exploring the potential for economic growth

Our objective

To determine how the Parish Council and the community can most effectively support economic growth within the Parish

Actions and considerations

- Consider setting up a working group of volunteers, local business representatives/employers, and professional advisors to drive the Initiative forward.
- Undertake a more detailed survey than that afforded by the original consultation, in order to properly understand the current employment profile of residents, and to determine if there is a wish to develop employment opportunities within the Parish.
- If there is sufficient interest, then we need to determine the most appropriate way in which economic growth can be supported and encouraged, appropriate to a rural community.
- An analysis of local businesses, micro-businesses and services locally would enable any gaps in the provision to be identified.
- Opportunities presented by new technologies and the rise in home-based

working should be considered; to this end, a dialogue with larger employers in the region about home-based working opportunities and flexi-working schemes would inform any plans.

- Plans for the development of *workhubs* in Cornwall should be explored as a concept that assists micro-businesses to benefit from proximity to one another, collaborate over buying power and cost-sharing.
- A range of ideas should be developed and presented to a working group of volunteers and advisors.
- As an example, during the consultations leading to this Plan, requests were made for a limited development of live/work units, and also for lock-up garage/workshops. We would need to properly establish the demand for such a development, and explore matters such as who best to undertake such a project: the Parish Council; a Community Interest Company; a commercial developer, or by other means.
- Another proposal was for a shop in Mitchell, which could be part of a community-led social enterprise initiative.
- Other considerations would concern availability of suitable sites or existing

premises for conversion, and possible links to demand for new homes in the Parish.

- We may also need to explore partnership links with adjacent parishes in order to make any economic development project viable.

Potential partners in the Initiative

- St Newlyn East Parish Council
- Cornwall Rural Community Council Community Enterprise
- Volunteers from the local business community
- Neighbouring Parish Councils
- *Workhubs*: via Carrick District Council Regeneration Team; or Live/Work Network

Notes / contact details

Working towards Quality Parish Council status

Our objectives

In the short term, to establish a Working Group to guide the Parish Council through the requirements of this scheme, and to review existing practices and procedures in the light of the evidence required by Quality Parish Council status.

In the mid to long term, to achieve recognition as a Quality Parish Council.

Introduction

A Quality Parish Council:

- is representative of, and actively engages, all parts of its community, providing vision, identity and a sense of belonging;
- is effectively and properly managed;
- articulates the needs and wishes of its community;
- upholds high standards of conduct;
- is committed to work in partnership with principal local authorities and other public service agencies;
- in proportion to its size and skills, delivers local services on behalf of principal local authorities when this represents the best deal for the local community;
- works closely with voluntary groups in its community;

- provides leadership to the community through its work on parish plans; and
- working with its partners, acts as an information point for local services.
- A Quality Parish Council will provide leadership in promoting an inclusive community through, for example, supporting community transport schemes and childcare provision and helping to develop youth activities and services for the elderly.

Actions and considerations

In order to qualify for Quality Parish Council status, the following must be in place: (this is an indicative list- full details on the National Association of Local Councils website).

- The electoral mandate: at least two-thirds of the Councillors must be elected.
- Clerks qualifications must be either a *Certificate in Local Policy* or a *Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA)*.
- Evidence of meetings held in the 12 months prior to application.
- The need for a web-site and e-mail address, and a regular newsletter published at least four times per year and delivered to all households.

- An annual report published by 30 June each year and available for inspection by the public.
- Accounts prepared to statutory requirements.
- A Code of Conduct.
- A Community Engagement Strategy.
- Training strategy and budget.

The Council will therefore need to consider:

- The benefits and improvements to be gained through working towards, and ultimately achieving, Quality Council status, as a demonstration to the community of the ability and capacity of the Parish Council, and as a vehicle for reviewing and improving where necessary, processes, systems, and practices.
- The costs associated with meeting and maintaining the standards required.
- The work involved in gathering the evidence needed for submission, introducing new elements required by the standards, and the need to establish a realistic programme for the Working Group.
- The support needed by the Clerk in order to work towards the CiLCA qualification.

The next steps:

Implementing the Community Plan

“How can the community get more involved with the Parish Council?”

Community launch and ‘sign up’ event

To mark the publication of the Community Plan, the Parish Council will present the Plan at an informal community launch event, with Councillors on hand to talk through the ideas and aspirations contained within the Community Plan. They will also talk about delivering the Plan over the next 5-10 years. They will be supported by a number of key speakers who will put the Community Plan in context and describe what is happening elsewhere in Cornwall in terms of community planning, the work of the Community Networks.

The Community Plan has been structured around a number of Themes, as described previously, and we hope to ‘sign up’ members of our community to work alongside representatives of the Parish Council and partner organisations to help drive forward

the Initiatives described in each of the Themes. These groups will form the *Theme Delivery Groups*. We will also be delighted to recruit members of our community to help us deliver individual Initiatives, depending on their areas of interest and expertise.

Theme Delivery Groups

It is our intention that each Delivery Group will be composed of members of the community, Parish Council representatives, and representatives from other bodies and agencies in a position to support us in the delivery process.

The work of each Theme Delivery Group will be to prioritise the Initiatives within their remit, and to gain the support of the proposed partners to assist in delivering the Initiatives. Meeting on a regular basis, each Theme Delivery Group will be responsible for driving the Initiatives within their Theme, and reporting back to the community, via the Parish Council, on a regular basis.

It will also be the responsibility of the Theme Groups to identify, for each Initiative, what type of action or approach to adopt in order to deliver the objectives. Clearly there are some aspects of the Plan where our role will be to

simply inform those external agencies and organisations whose work impacts on us all, of our aspirations and expectations, and to lobby and monitor progress.

Other objectives within the Plan will be met by our working in partnership with others; and some by our own direct action.

A Community Plan Management Group

We propose that a Community Plan Management Group is set up, composed of Parish Council representatives, Chairs of each Theme Delivery Group, and representation from our Cornwall Council member/s.

The job of this group will be to monitor overall progress, help facilitate the work of the Groups, promote the Plan to external agencies and organisations such as Cornwall Council, to lobby for funding, and to advocate for and represent the Community Plan in other forums.

Some aspects of the Plan could provide opportunities for social enterprise- a business with primarily social objectives whose surpluses are principally reinvested for that purpose in the community, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profit for shareholders. In such a case, the Community

Implementing the Community Plan

Plan Management Group will also make recommendations as to the most effective way of delivering those aspects of the Plan, such as by setting up a Community Interest Company.

The Community Plan Management Group will take the lead in seeking sources of funding to enable implementation of the Community Plan. It will also take responsibility for ensuring financial accountability to the community, to the Parish Council, and to funders and other stakeholders, with the exception of those Initiatives that are identified as those of the immediate and sole concern of the Parish Council.

The Community Plan and the Cornwall Council Community Network

One of the Parish Council members of the Group will also represent the Parish Council on the Community Network for the area, where the Plan will represent our community agenda in that Network. Ideally he/she will work collaboratively with the Cornwall Council member/s in promoting the Community Plan, helping to ensure that Cornwall Council recognise and value the Plan by integrating key aspects into the

Community Network-driven Local Action Plan.

The Community Plan will also give a very clear agenda to those elected to represent us on Cornwall Council.

Keeping the community informed

We plan to introduce a regular community update in the village news, and to develop the Parish Council website to enable residents, and partner organisations, to be kept up to date with progress.

Regular reviews

As with all community-led plans, situations and circumstances change over time, and this Community Plan must be seen as the starting point for the Parish Council and the community working together. To make sure that the Plan remains both relevant and achievable, we will build in periodic reviews with each of the Theme Delivery Groups to agree new Initiatives, and to reject those that, through changed circumstances or external factors beyond our control, are no longer valid.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Community Plan. We are excited about the opportunities it presents us all, and trust that it will engage members of the community, elected representatives, and all those organisations and agencies whose work impacts on us all, in delivering the aspirations and objectives described in these pages.

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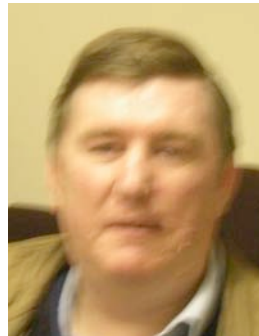
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