

MINUTES OF MINING VILLAGES REGENERATION GROUP

Held at Richard Jory Memorial Hall,
Thurs 13th Dec 18 (2.00 to 4.00pm)

Present:

Cllr Rob Knill	Chairman/Chacewater PC (RK)
Cllr Steve Leech	Chacewater PC (SL)
Cllr Ashley Wood	Lanner PC (AW)
Cllr Carl Martin	Carharrack PC (CM)
James Biscoe	Stithians (JB)
Cllr Kevin Furnish	Gwennap PC (KF) Vice Chairman
Fiona Barnard	Gwennap PC (FB)
Elisabeth Allcorn	Cornwall Council, Communities Support Assistant (EA)
Charlotte Caldwell	Cornwall Council, Community Link Officer (CC)

Guests:

David Rodda	Cornwall Council, Rural Delivery Manager (DR)
Rob Andrew	Cornwall Council, Regeneration Manager (RA)

Apologies: Cllr Chris Bell, Cllr Richard Forrest, Cllr Joy Thomas, Cllr Peter Tisdale and Elaine Youlton

1. **Minutes of meeting dated 20th Sep 18 – accepted.**
2. **Matters Arising.**
 - **Update on Local Devolution Fund (LDF) Highways Initiative.** RK reported Chacewater PC application for Visual Activate Signs (VAS) signs had been endorsed by Truro & Roseland CNP Highways budget, but now waiting on Cormac to fit/manage.
 - **GDPR Enforcement.** Nothing recd in response to letter dated 3rd Oct 18 to Sec of State for Housing.
 - **PMN1.** Sarah Newton MP hastened a response that came from Jake Berry MP (Minister for Northern Powerhouse & Local) basically advising that central govt had devolved interpretation of GDPR/Planning to individual local authorities. Further, he advised that the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) are *“working on a full guide to the data protection rules and planning, which will include further advice in relation to enforcement matters”*.
 - **PMN2.** AW has since written to the RTPI Enforcement forum for more clarity.
 - **Rural Topics of Concern.** RK gave a brief update response to the 10-point list sent to Edwina Hannaford (EH)/Simon Mould (SM) for consideration and feedback at next meeting.
 - **Point 1. Absolute Focus of Cornwall Council on Urban areas.** Cornwall Council contested this. **Action.** David Rodda and Rob Andrew attended this meeting to underline their wider – and rural – Economic Development interests.

- **Point 2. Vehicle Speed & Road Safety in Rural areas.** All agreed that this was an issue of real shared concern, esp. as there was no sign of enforcement/prosecutions. **Action.** Paula Wellings CC Casualty Reduction Manager invited to May meeting.
 - **Point 3. Policing** – Lack of confidence in and presence of Police in the rural community to deal with various and wide-ranging issues. FB advised that a fixed penalty notice of £400 had been issued for fly-tipping in Gwennap. Sarah Corber (new in post volunteer co-ord for D&C Police briefed on “Citizens in Policing” at Nov 18 CPIR CNP, at which RK highlighted inconsistencies MVRG parishes with Community Speedwatch implementation. James Biscoe asked about Special Constables and AW reported concerns about vigilantism. AW also advised that the placement of mock CCTVs hasn’t completely deterred fly tippers. **Action.** Mark Luxton (CC Public Health & Protection Service) attending CPIR CNP (22nd Jan 19). **PMN.** Members of the MVRG who attended the CPIR approached Mark with a view to him touring known ASB, Fly-tipping, dog fouling, etc. “Hot Spot” areas across all parishes – this he has agreed to do mid to late Feb 19.
 - **Point 4. Dealings with CC & Transparency to Parish Councils.** New administration in CC admitted that they had learnt much and reiterated its commitment to Localism.
 - **Point 5. Housing Development and Planning.** RK asked whether an invitation should be extended to Louise Wood, Interim Head of Planning to a future MVRG meeting. All agreed. **Action:** CC to invite Louise Wood to May meeting.
 - **Point 6. Rural Poverty, Isolation and Integration.** **Action.** MVRG represented at Gypsy & Traveller Forum had seconded a new Project co-ord Mr Adam Fitzpatrick to draw up an Action Plan.
 - **Point 7. Young People** Gwennap Youth Group doing really well. CC confirmed that they were now focused on supporting targeted intervention youth work.
 - **Point 8. Rural Transport Policy.** Car park strategies and Community Bus services. **Action.** Parish Reps encouraged to meet with the Passenger Transport Team Manager.
 - **Point 9. Highway Maintenance Standards.** MVRG parishes wished for more transparency wrt scheduled maintenance, but CC advised they could provide just the written standard. **Action.** Repeat the question about scheduling, not the standard?
 - **Point 10 Employment.** **Action.** David Rodda/Rob Andrew offered ideas on how CC is attempting to address creation of employment space and jobs in Rural areas.
- **Other issues raised with SM and EH.** AW stated that:
 - The Henscol site issue was resolved. A licence to occupy is to be taken, pending transfer of freehold. Adrian Drake advised that a tar surfaced strip fronting devolution plot is an adopted highway which the Parish Council can control by means if a “planting licence” – at least there is an understanding of how this is going to be progressed.
 - Cllr John Thomas has supported the Tresavean Mine (Lanner) site - CC advise that the site is in the queue but in process.
3. **Rural Status Report (RSR).** AW volunteered to draft a skeleton report in advance of further discussions at the Feb 19 MVRG meeting.
- Action.** Draft report sent out for consideration completion by MVRG reps.

Action. CC/EA to confirm SM prepared to talk in relation to 10-point list of Rural concerns and possible implementation of RSR.

4. **Treasurers Report.** For ease of management, all agreed that the MVRG should merge both bank accounts into one, noting that some funds for Mineral tramways and Churchyards must still be ring fenced.

Action: RK drafted letter, which has since been signed by AW/CM and sent to PT for requisite bank activity.

Action. AW to give Pete Tisdale a list of what funds in the bank account are ring fenced.

Action. Chacewater Energy Group application deferred until all paperwork in order.

5. **Mining Trails.** AW provided an update the 14th Nov 18 Mining Trails Partnership Forum. This effectively asked various representatives from parishes and towns to assess the condition/gather information of the part(s) of Trails within respective boundary areas and report findings a week before (at latest) a Mining Trails forum at Feock Parish Council Office (Market Street, Devoran) from 2.00 to 4.00pm on 12th Feb 18. **Action.** All engaged

7. **Parish Reports.** As read, only additional being that Steve Leech is now Vice Chair of Chacewater PC and so would assume the Chair at end of March 2019.

8. **Community Link Officers Report.**

- **Next CPIR CNP** meeting 22nd Jan 19. In addition to a senior speaker from the Public Health and Protection Service, an update will be given on the Loneliness project from Pool Academy students, who have been working with (amongst other organisations) Mary Anson at the Crossroads Care Home. Pool Academy students are also doing an online project to promote all of the CPIR community network area.
- **Cornwall Councillor Community Chest grants.** Closing date for applications 28th Feb 19.
- **Pocket Parks Plus** initiative fund to support new/refurbished green public spaces. Closing date into MHCLG 31st Jan 19, but letter of support from CC needed, who must be aware of application 2 weeks before submission. Details of scheme circulated to all Parish Clerks.

9. **28th Feb 19 Guest Speakers.** All agreed that Paul Mahoney (Streamline Web Design) and SM should attend the next meeting.

Action: AW to confirm Paul Mahoney is available.

Action: EA book Stithians Centre for 28th Feb 19 from 2.00 to 4.00pm.

10. **Guest Speakers (3.00 to 4.00pm).** RK welcomed DR and RA as part of the follow on to the Economic Growth and Development forum held at Heartlands 6th Nov 18, to answer some of the questions intended for that event, as follows:

Q. RK. Status of the Hallenbeagle Cornwall Industrial Park (East/West).

A. DR. Hallenbeagle is an entirely private sector led project and so CC had no control.

Q. KF. Where is the strategy for CC nominating strategic employment sites because CC owns United Downs but doesn't own Hallenbeagle and should the latter form part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)?

A. DR. If there is an economic case, then CC can provide specific data to help inform NDPs.

CC Added that during a recent CPIR Place Shaping meeting, Cllr Ekinsmyth raised the point that all parishes and towns have NDPs but no-one is looking at neighbourhood plans from a whole area wide geographical perspective.

RA added that Cornwall has a committed Local Plan and more designated NDPs than any other county in England. NDPs have solved some issues but Community Economic plans move things on from land use to looking at economic growth, creating jobs in Cornwall and also driving performance within existing businesses. There is a lack of small scale "easy in easy out" workspaces. Lots of people also work from homes (workshops/sheds/front rooms) or have Leased terms of 25 years at a local industrial site.

Q. KF. Other than providing employment space for people what else does CC provide? How does it aim to increase skills and qualifications so wages can increase?

A. DR. Purchasing and encouraging suppliers to buy locally. CC has a strategic role, including supporting the Local Enterprise Partnership and investing in skills and businesses through European Grants. The Geothermal works at United Downs will hopefully appeal to businesses that need a lot of power and heat and can make use of it. CC is in early discussions with a business that needs access to heat and energy and could bring employment to the area (not a scrap yard!).

Q. JB. Economic Strategy. Is CC looking at some system of royalties for geo-thermal energy? If energy is being recovered from a natural resource, what about royalty per megawatt hour that pays into an economic fund?

A. DR. United Downs geo-thermal energy project is generating funds by putting power into the grid. Need to reimburse crowdfunders for first 10 years then 10-15 years of power generation at 6 MW's.

RA. CC are trying to get 2-3 sites up and running to prove geo-thermal is viable for the UK, then more businesses will be willing to invest/support.

Q. JB. Rail infrastructure. Is CC looking to increase the number of train stations?

A. RA. Carn Brea will be added to the current system and others have been mentioned and now appear on a list for future debate. Next steps for rail network is a feasibility study to deliver half hour shuttle service to Plymouth up and running.

Q. JB. At a recent Western Power meeting, tenants on Hallenbeagle site reported problems with getting an adequate power supply. Recycling is not being fully utilised and sewage systems are operating at capacity. **Action:** DR and RA to take this away/investigate

A. RA. Infrastructure capacity i.e. power supply and sewerage systems are all issues affecting areas of Cornwall. Kate Kennally is going to re-invigorate a strategic infrastructure group with the heads of SWW, Western Power, etc so they are aware of what's coming 5-10 years in the future.

Comment. DR. Getting businesses to access support available for upskilling/re-training is a challenge and lots of Cornish businesses are operating below capacity - there are all sorts of possible reasons for this, but they are being actively investigated.

Comment. RK. There are also challenges for people wanting to use rural bus services to get to and from work, even between Truro and places like Blackwater. Example. There is no bus service linking the Cornwall Business Parks at Hallenbeagle to anywhere?

Q. KF. HGV's in Gwennap have caused damage to housing in the village as well as there being no street lighting or pavements – it's an accident waiting to happen. Gwennap Parish Council is producing a traffic plan so HGV's know what routes they should use.

A. CC/RA. James Hatton transport planner you need to talk to. Can't ban HGV's using a road to access dairy/potato farms but systems can be considered to alleviate problems, e.g. Virtual pavements with cat's eyes?

Q. AW. Core economic activities for Cornwall, e.g. food production/farming/tourism do not get the recognition from CC they need and are being overlooked for new businesses in Cornwall. The "Made in Cornwall" scheme. How does CC protect the name, e.g. restaurants/businesses claiming to use Cornish produce – how is this verified? Fish processing needs more attention. Re-wilding certain areas produces huge opportunity for game and has a potentially huge market out of Cornwall.

A. DR. CC is doing a lot and recently completed a County Farms review - still analysing responses. CC has 2 Food Enterprise Zones; one in Bude (converted Farm buildings for food production use...charcuterie, rum distillery, lots of small business) and another in Lostwithiel, which hasn't been taken up. Agri-food is listed as a strategic sector. CC is also considering using land in Bodmin for the regeneration of an existing food cluster; derelict building on an industrial estate could provide accommodation for existing food businesses looking to expand from kitchen table to larger scale production.

RK thanked DR and RA for their honesty and the time taken from their busy day to attend the MVRG meeting, their responses certainly provided a wider awareness of related issues and offers something to build upon.

11. Date, Time and Venue for next meeting. 28th Feb 19 2.00 to 4.00pm, Foundry Room, Stithians Centre.

12. Future Guest Speakers/Briefs for 2nd May 19 MVRG meeting:

Louise Wood – CC interim Head of Planning

Paula Wellings – CC Casualty Reduction Manager

July/August (TBC) Mark Luxton - CC Head of Service *and/or* Zoe Hall Civil Parking Enforcement Manager (Neighbourhoods & Public Protection).

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