

Meeting Summary
Penwith Community Area Partnership
Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Attended by Cllr. Gough

Agenda items:

5. Transport Strategy Policy Presentation - Rebecca Lyle (Cornwall Council Transport Strategy Lead) and Miriam (?) Transport Co-ordinator

1. The change in Central Government Policy requires the development of a new approach.
2. Current initiatives include the Beryl Bikes in three pilot areas. In the first year, Penzance saw 45,000+ individual bike uses. Data is being collected on how they are being used to help improve the service. Social Prescribing initiatives now include the Beryl bikes. Another initiative is working with Network Rail to improve the St. Ives Branch Line, including a passing loop enabling frequency improvements to the timetable.
3. Bus issues are being addressed, but some solutions may change when the new Central Government policy is published. The School Bus budget is overspent. A consultancy firm specialising in reducing costs for school transport has been employed. So far, on the initial 12 routes reviewed, £500,000 has been saved. Commercial concerns are a barrier to making some changes but may change depending on how Cornwall implements new policies from the Government.
4. Miriam was asked by several attendees (including Cllr. Gough and Cllr. Marrington) how the public need was being addressed in areas such as routes and timetables. Commercial concerns were mentioned in response.

6. West Penwith Rural Transport Survey Findings - Emily Cantrill, Cornwall Rural Community Charity

1. The survey closed on the 30th of September. Initial analysis was conducted on the 1st of October.
2. Over 1000 survey returns which met the target response rate.
3. Results are overall and by Parish.
4. The results presented are in line with the feedback from residents of St. Buryan, Lamorna and Paul Parish.
5. The full report and individual Parish reports will be published and will be available to Parish Councils. Contact Emily for a copy. (There may be copies available on the CRCC website)
6. 7% of the total responses came from St. Buryan, Lamorna and Paul Parish.

9. Organisational/Strategic Partner Updates

1. **Police** - (Sector Insp. Dee Evans) Four vacancies at Penzance have now been filled and there has been an increase in the overtime budget.
2. **Penwith Primary Care Network** - (Rachel Hall) Health Minister has been briefed on the issues confronting Primary Care in Cornwall.
3. **Health** - (Juliet Ferris West ICA Managing Director) West Cornwall Hospital is increasing the number of diagnostic services on site. A review is underway looking at bringing outpatient appointments to West Cornwall from Truro, endeavouring to improve patient access.

Next meeting: Wednesday 15th January 2025.