Sherford Community Trust Board Member Report for Brixton Parish Council

Sherford Community Trust Meeting 15/03/2023

The meeting was Quorate, so the previous minutes approved.

Brookbanks Update:

Andy Tinnelly of Brookbanks gave an update on the development.

- Legal agreement with Plymouth Argyle Community Trust not yet agreed. Power should be available Mid July although the parking arrangements need to be confirmed. The Grass pitch will eventually be available.
- Provider for Temporary shop Unit confirmed and legals being progressed. Possibly 3-4 months away.
- GP surgeries progressing well. Mid wife team have requested space in temporary surgery which is being investigated.
- Infrastructure Phase for the Southeast will be going to planning soon.
- Allotment's timeline to be confirmed.
- Sherford road updates with Plymouth CC. Works planned to start May / June
- A number of health and safety issues within the development have been raised but no response has been received from the info@sherford.uk email address. These have been resent direct to Andy Tinnelly.
- The parking along Hercules Road was also raised as an ongoing issue where residents and other vehicles are parked up on the pavement. Discussions with the Consortium are currently being held regarding this problem.

RIO Update

The contract has now been confirmed.

RIO have now started to attend Sherford on a weekly basis. Community members have been calling in to discuss various matters. The community panel are now meeting monthly, and the working groups are working.

The main areas of work are.

- Community
- Shops & Amenities
- Communications & Events

Discussion on any quick wins that are available are ongoing.

A new heading 'Get Involved' is being added to the main page of the Trust website which will outline the Panel's aims and detail the project work-streams. This will hopefully help encourage more residents to be involved in the groups.

Governance review - RIO have reviewed the articles of association. Draft comments / changes to be issued for review with a separate briefing session to be organised. As Director for Brixham Council I will be reviewing but does the Parish Council want to be involved?

Trust Fees

The Trust fee invoices are being clarified for 2021 and 2022 with FirstPort (Formally Mainstay). It has been confirmed that the Trust fees are index-linked so this will be implemented early 2024

for the 2023 collections. It was confirmed that it had been agreed some time ago that FirstPort would make all Trust Fee collections moving forward.

First Port to confirm when fees are going out and provide details of what they are sorting out. Due to the sensitivity of this, SCT will request sight of the information being issued prior to its issue by First port.

Hearing Loop

Hearing Loop is being investigated for the Hub, to provide additional assistance to the hard of hearing. Survey for Hearing loop to be conducted.

Coordinator summary:

Community Hub progressing well and is busy

Bank Accounts to be opened.

Accounts require signing off and will be issued to the directors

Food Hub going well.

2 Grant applications have been accepted.

Met with Clarion Futures regarding any help they can provide Clarion Futures are the charitable arm of Clarion Housing. They can offer assistance with grant funding and are keen to be involved with future community initiatives.

Sherford Matters under new ownership with the next publication due out July 2023

Youth sessions ongoing with Space

Sherford Web Site

New website set up www.sherford.uk . This is now operational.

Consortium contact email - info@sherford.uk