

Notes for the Portreath Parish Council Youth ASB Meeting

27th June 2025, 10am

IS	Ian Stewart	Chairman - Portreath Parish Council
LJ	Lucy Jose	Clerk - Portreath Parish Council
JP	Julie Parker	Portreath Parish Council
AJ	Ann Jarman	Portreath Parish Council
AH	Alison Harris	Portreath Improvements Committee
LW	Lynn Whiting	Portreath Improvements Committee
LWP	Lisa Williams	Portreath improvements Committee
EH	Emma Hamblin	4Youth
HN	Helen Kneale	Community Link Officer - Cornwall Council
OB	Olly Bayliss	Community Safety Officer – Cornwall Council
DT	Danni Temby	D&C Police
BD	Becky Di Quirico	D&C Police
RH	Rob Harrison	D&C Police

Abbreviations:

ASB	Antisocial Behaviour
MVRG	Mining Villages regeneration Group
PIC	Portreath Improvements Committee
CAP	North Kerrier and Penwith Community Area Partnership
CSIA	Camborne Science and International Academy
YEWG	Youth Engagement Working group

Following introductions **IS** opened the meeting outlining the issues experienced in Portreath at present. It was highlighted that the ASB was first reported at Easter and has continued to build with

- Large Groups congregating at the beach, harbour, Greenslade Park, Greenfield Gardens and The Square.
- Use of loud and offensive language
- Littering across public and private spaces
- Harassment and disruption of local businesses, including the shop, bakery, and pubs
- Acts of graffiti and vandalism
- Shoplifting and theft
- Damage to boats and harbour equipment
- Destruction of public property, including seating and signage
- Underage drinking, smoking & vaping
- General intimidation of residents and visitors

commenting that they are at their worst on sunny weekend afternoon/evenings.

IS explained that the parish council had funded 5 outreach sessions with 4Youth to engage with the young people both residents and those visiting.

IS confirmed that funding of £330,00 had been secured from the MVRG and £400.00 had been committed from the Cornwall Councillors Community Chest funds. And funding had been applied for totalling a further £2000.00 from various other sources and we are awaiting responses.

The meeting noted

- Alcohol was often involved
- The park is currently working on reduced opening times in reaction to the ASB
- The Portreath Arms regularly sees groups of young people using the pub toilets and seating

OB explained that there are a number of social media communication groups (Snapchat etc) where the young people create their plans. These consist of around 70 members. They suggested that there would be activity with young people in Portreath this evening due to intelligence from one of the snap chat groups.

EH highlighted the experiences of the first outreach engagement sessions commenting that the interactions with young people were generally positive. The sessions have started to identify the areas the young people were coming from. During the sessions young people were being encouraged to pick up litter and refrain from using foul language. Young People had started to recognise the youth workers. The youth workers had been introducing themselves to the local business owners and Lifeguards.

EH commented that consistency in the session were key and that they would start to build trust with the young people as the session progress, and in time build connections with the young people and the community and they would endeavour to identify what the young people would like to see happening in the area.

EH informed the meeting that safeguarding (both of the young people and youth workers) was paramount for both them and the young people and that they would assess the level of risk on each outing and would not be engaging with the very large group of youths.

LW asked what it is the young people want, and how do we get then to respond to intervention.

The meeting noted:

- Traditional youth clubs are not attractive to young people unless there is early intervention
- Detached outreach sessions are more effective as well as pop up type activities
- Previous youth pop up events had been well supported (tag rugby, netball, pizza evening and free fish and chips)
- Connecting with the young people that would support the activities/events was key
- The needs of all the young people will never be met
- Some young people will not want to engage with any intervention.

DT Acknowledged that many of the young people were travelling into Portreath. They explained the programme of engagement with young people (years 7-10) at CSIA that they had been recently involved with delivering. The young people had suggested they would like to see the following:

- Bike friendly places
- Safe places to sit with friends
- More Police
- Sports Areas
- Female only sports places/activities
- Graffiti walls

- More Recycling
- Music Book Shops
- Youth Club

The meeting noted:

- That there are many groups, clubs and organisation in the area for young people
- Many of the young people were from areas of deprivation
- The cost of attending groups, clubs and organisation was not achievable by the young people and their families
- Early intervention was important
- Engaging with young people whilst at school was a positive step

The meeting discussed the letter sent by Penryn College to parents of the pupils. (**Attached**) **DT** agreed to take this letter to the local school to see if they would support sending out an adapted version of the letter highlighting the issues local to this area.

HN questioned if providing financial support to young people to enable them to engage with some of the groups, clubs and organisations would be useful.

The meeting concurred that this could only be a positive step.

HN agreed to look for some funding through the CAP that would support this.

Prior to leaving the meeting **OB** stated:

- He hoped to be able to confirm the funding the parish council had applied for in the coming days.
- It was clear that alcohol was a catalyst in many of the instances of ASB
- Any instance of shop lifting need to be reported
- Asked for notes of the meeting to be forwarded to him. **LJ** agreed to circulate notes from the meeting.

OB left the meeting (11am)

The meeting discussed shoplifting at length.

DT agreed to engage with the shop management team to impress the importance of reporting all instances of shoplifting. **DT** agreed to engage the Alcohol licencing officer's assistance with this matter.

DT explained the importance of reporting all incidents of shoplifting and ASB in general. She commented that whilst they do not have the resources to investigate all incidents, that the more reports would prove need and that in turn would generate funding to support more resources in the area.

The meeting discussed that D&C Police support the use of 'Ring' type doorbells to gather evidence.

HN Suggested that Portreath considers becoming neighbourhood watch area, commenting that there may be funding to subsidise the cost of 'Ring' type doorbells for those who participate in the scheme. **HN** agreed to circulate the details of the neighbourhood watch coordinator for the area.

The meeting discussed pop up youth events and how to manage them if ASB became an issue during delivery.

EH Expressed concern for **LWP** locking the park on her own. **EH** suggested that this was a potential safeguarding risk to both her and the young people. **EH** encouraged PIC members to impress the importance of this to the PIC decision makers and that they consider reviewing this practice and look to find **LWP** appropriate support with closing the park.

The meeting discussed altering the time of the park closing but concurred to recommend to the PIC decision makers to keep to the current closing time of 6:30pm. The meeting concurred that consistency was important in managing this situation.

AH informed the meeting that there had been further incidents at the park with neighbours, that the PIC would be addressing at their next meeting.

Drawing the meeting to a conclusion:

- **EH** agreed to continue feeding back to the group following the engagement sessions.
- **YEWG** would look for ideas for events and consider engaging external delivery partners for these events.
- **ALL** share as much information between this group as possible
- **YEWG** Considers the Track and Truro Nourish Hub CIC as delivery partners

HN & EH left the meeting

DT finished by informing the meeting:

- That the neighbourhood Policing team are taking the issue seriously.
- Of the social media campaign, they are undertaking. **DT** asked for support in sharing these posts.
- Of the 17 individuals that had been identified, 6 were on stage 1 ASB warnings and 2 of these individuals on stage 2 warnings.

IS thanked everyone for their input and closed the meeting at 11:40am

Actions

- DT** Approach local schools for support with writing to parents
- HN** Look for funding to support young people in attending groups, clubs and organisations
- HN** Circulate Neighbourhood Watch contact details
- DT** Contact the Costcutter management team re. shoplifting
- DT** Contact Alcohol Licensing Officer re. Costcutter
- LJ** Circulate Notes of Meeting
- LJ** Circulate copy of Penryn College parents' letter
- EH** Provide short reports on following youth engagement sessions, LJ to circulate
- YEWG** Consider ideas for pop up events
- All** Share relevant information between this group as appropriate
- All** Share relevant Camborne, Pool and Redruth Police social media posts.