

## Youth Engagement

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, we held our first Youth Consultation in the Atlantic Café from 4pm – 6pm. We advertised this as widely as we could, using our local Primary School and Secondary Schools (Pool and Redruth). We shared it on our FB page, in our local cafes and pubs. We also shared it with local clubs, Cadets and SLSC.

The evening was run by 2 youth workers, Amy and Claude, from Action for Children. The young people were asked to go around the room, to each station, which had a question, and to put their answers/suggestions on a post it note and stick it on. During this exercise, there was a real buzz. The young people seemed to really enjoy being asked. They were all then served individual meals and sat around together eating. We have received positive feedback on the event. Overall, we had 20 young people who attended. The majority were made up of 10-13 year olds, with one 18 year old attending.

### Questions/Answers Summary:

#### **What is your favourite thing about Portreath?**

The young people feel it is a safe place to live; tight community; beach and surf club; rocks for jumping; Astro/park and litter picking.

#### **What Changes would you make for young people in Portreath?**

#### **What does Portreath need for young people?**

Our own space; pool table/table tennis; somewhere to hang out; more things in the park for older kids; games room/arcade; youth café; youth voice/panel; outdoor learning area; study area;

#### **What clubs & Activities would you like to do?**

Art Club; Basketball/netball court; Skate Park & Skate club; Better Astro; Table tennis; Beach Rugby; Football club; Frisbee club on beach. Rope swing; More monkey bars; Fire pole.

### **Random Requests:**

There were 3 requests for more bins and cleaner streets/beach; 1 request for no more brambles on the side of the road; 4 requests for lockers on the beach; 4 requests for swimming in the rockpool & sea swims (around the rock); 2 requests for public phones; Animal club for little kids; A path from Forth Vein to the beach; No speeding cars; No parking on double yellows on hill.

The PIC, PPC members of the Youth Working Group and Amy from Action for Children, met on Wednesday 18 January, to review, discuss and plan for the February 2023 consultation. It was important for us to review, as we need to ensure we manage the youths' expectations. This meeting was to look at the ideas the young people came up with so we could feedback what we thought we could/could not achieve. Some activities are already happening and some we need some help with from the surf club! It was great to see what they loved about Portreath, and it is something to celebrate!

The meeting was positive and looked at everything the young people said. From this, we are looking into costs of a mobile skate park to hire; Redruth Rugby to come and deliver some games on the beach; working with already established groups in the village to explore youth activities as well as planning ahead. February's consultation is for the young people to build on the ideas going forward and prioritise what they feel is most important. These could be taken on by the young people who would like to start a youth voice/panel, going into Spring/Summer.

**Budget Impact:**

It was agreed in the last PIC meeting, that they would pay for 50% of the costs for these consultations.

Atlantic Café: £105.15

Youth Workers: FOC

Tideline Café: TBC – Pizza & Hot Choc

Church Room - £10

Jubilee Room – FOC

Gwel an Mor – FOC (Activities and Food donated)

**Youth Outreach Work**

This was discussed as a possibility. Action for Children are unable to offer ongoing support, their structure is to get something started, stay for 6 weeks and then move on.

I contacted Young People Cornwall (YPC), and I am meeting with Jemma (via zoom) on Thursday 9 February to find out a cost and what they could offer the parish. I will update the council in the March meeting.

**Dog Fouling Campaign**

We have a map, which we have started to mark 'Hot Spot' Areas, for dog fouling. These have been given by councillors, members of the public and contractors. It is both dog fouling and dog mess in bags, which are the problem. These were collated during Oct 2022 – January 2023. All these areas are Cornwall Council or PIC land. (See Below)

**Working in Partnership**

To tackle this problem, we are working with the local primary school and Gwel an Mor assisted with the delivery of an assembly, called Animal Care. This was delivered on Tuesday 17 January 2023 at Portreath Primary School. The assembly covered important things we need to know to look after

our pets; enrichment, rubbish/environment (dog bags); Love Portreath – Beach/Village Cleans; leading onto our dog poo campaign and the poster competition. It was interactive, and the kids seemed to really enjoy it.

Photo below of Jo (Gwel an Mor) & Vicki Webb (Portreath Parish Council)



### Competition Time

The children have been given the challenge, to create an A4 poster, by Tuesday 31 January. A panel, made up of Gwel an Mor, Portreath Primary School, Love Portreath and Portreath Parish Council, will then vote on the winning poster.

The winner will be announced in the school assembly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

The winning poster will then go up in 2 identified spots in the village (by the Garage on Penberthy Road and the triangle of grass at the Harbour). These spots will be monitored for 2 weeks before the winner is announced and then will be monitored for 2 weeks after, to see the impact the signs have had. This will then be reported back to the Parish Council and next steps agreed.

### Budget Impact:

Cost of one post to make 2 signs: Free of Charge – Donated by Jewsons

Cost of 2 signs printed: Approx £10/sign (plus fixings if required £4/sign)

**Proposal: To date no budget has been requested. However, please could the council agree, to cover these costs?**

## Portreath Warm Welcome

### Winter Warmer Thursdays – Community Chat

The winter warmers began on Thursday 1 December 2023, in St Marys Hall. There have been occasional Thursdays when we have had lower numbers, but overall, we have had a core group of older people attend. It has been a good social get together, we have offered activities, but many prefer to sit, drink a hot drink and a chat. Bingo at the end of each month, have been popular. To date we have had **112** people overall, mainly aged 60+ but we have had some younger (30's) and children too.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January, we invited Dave Crabtree as a guest, so he could answer any questions or queries parishioners may have, this was well attended! Our eldest parishioner had his 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday and so we sang to him (twice)! Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January was our monthly bingo – 18 attended!

We have a new advert now which covers the final two months of February and March.

If there is a demand, we will look to see if this can continue – however, it will need to be reviewed by the council, in March Council Meeting.

Feedback received to date, suggests that the community attending these, would like it to continue past March and have even suggested, we go on a coach trip!

**Proposal – Lucy, could we have this on the March agenda, as there are budget and volunteer implications.**



### **Food Voucher Scheme**

The vouchers were issued to Portreath Pre School and Portreath Primary School, in December, a week before the end of term. Altogether, there were 52 of vouchers given to identified families.

At the time of writing this report 5 of vouchers had been used. This is a much lower number than we had expected. We have contacted both the Primary School and Pre-School to see if any feedback had been received in terms of using the vouchers or if families had decided they didn't want to. The feedback we have received, is that for some families who were given them, seemed embarrassed and taken aback as to why they had been identified. There is stigma around this, and it could be a reason why they haven't been used. Portreath is a very small village, and people could be embarrassed to use them in their local cafes/pubs/bakery. These are barriers we considered before the scheme, however, we felt we had to try.

PIC did say that they would pay for the next round, however, I think we need to review this as a working group. If they haven't been used, it maybe that this scheme, isn't the best way to help families. We haven't received any feedback from local businesses.

**Proposal: For the working group to get together with the school and pre-school to discuss possible issues with the scheme?**