

Porthcurno Coastal Community Team

UPDATE from the Steering Group: February 2017



In response to the need for the community and the businesses in Porthcurno to work together a number of interested parties came together in 2015 and an application was made to the DCLG for Porthcurno to become a Coastal Community Team, This application was successful and £10,000 was granted to the Team to produce an Economic plan by the end of January 2016.

The aim of the team is to work collaboratively, to maximise the opportunities that the valley's significant visitor attractions and heritage assets can bring to the community in social, economic and environmental terms. Whilst at the same time seeking to address some of the key challenges such as seasonality, transport, traffic management and facility infrastructure for visitors and residents.

Steering Group

The organisations within Porthcurno agreed to facilitate a partnership approach to the project ensuring all partners and stakeholders are involved as it progresses and that each organisation is consulted and engaged. The purpose of the Steering Group is ultimately to provide activity to drive and deliver the activities agreed on time and on budget.

While there have been some personnel changes since 2015, the current members of the Steering Group are:

Membership	
Organisation	Member
National Trust	Ash Pearson
Minack Theatre	Zoe Curnow
Porthcurno Telegraph Museum	Tim Cooke
PK Residents' Association	John Wheeler (Chair)
St Levan Parish Council	Andrea Semmens
Cornwall Council	William Maddern

The Steering Group are supported by James Hardy, Community Link Officer for West Penwith in the Neighbourhood Services team at Cornwall Council.

A successful application was also made to the Coastal Revival Fund (CRF) in September 2015 securing an additional £50,000, to support identified infrastructure projects and contribute to planned and future improvements of key heritage and community buildings, trails, public areas and facilities within the valley.

Key projects supported by the Coastal Revival Fund are:

- a) the development of a Landscape & Infrastructure Plan, and
- b) a Passport to Porthcurno project to analyse the movement of visitors around Porthcurno and advise how income from visitors might be maximized.

As part of the process of developing the Landscape & Infrastructure Plan, a number of meetings were held with the appointed consultants, Cornwall Environmental Consultants and Hydrock including a well-attended public consultation event in October 2016. Further feedback was received following this event and this all fed into the PCCT's Action Plan which has been sent to you earlier.

The Action Plan is being reviewed and updated at monthly PCCT meetings.

Expenditure committed to date

- 1) £5,000: Economic Plan (of which £2,500 is committed but not yet invoiced)
- 2) £10,600: Landscape & Infrastructure Plan (including VAT), all invoiced.
- 3) £2,800: Passport to Porthcurno Project (work ongoing so awaiting invoice)
- 4) £10,000: Restoration of the Cable Hut (this was specified in the Revival Fund application so has always been earmarked for this project), awaiting work to be completed and invoice.
- 5) £890: to the Parish Council for maintenance of the Porthcurno toilets prior to 2016.
- 6) £5,300: as match funding to the National Trust for the rebuilding of the beach steps (invoiced).
- 7) £5,000: Funding to underwrite any operational losses incurred by St Levan Parish Council on the operation of the Porthcurno Toilets for 2016 up to £5,000 total (including VAT): to be paid on receipt of a financial report demonstrating the income / outgoings associated with this toilet block in 2016. No funds have been requested from the Parish Council.
- 8) £5,800: will be payable to Cornwall Council on submission of the Traffic Regulatory Order for St Levan Parish referred to in section B1 of the Action Plan. This is a recognized priority.

TOTAL: £45,390 committed of £60,000.