

## **PORTREATH COASTAL COMMUNITIES TEAM**

### **ACTION PLAN FOR PROJECTS**

Portreath Coastal Community Team are working on three disparate projects within our area, these are outlined below.

1. A multi functional building to be used as a much needed heritage centre, showing visitors to the area why Portreath is part of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site. This building would continue to evolve; bearing in mind the devolution of services by Cornwall Council to communities, probably a One Stop Shop and this would not only reduce the need for local residents having to travel so far, but create local employment.

2. A purpose built fishing facility to store and market local fishermen's catch and provide health and safety training, refrigeration, cold storage and ice making machines. The present facilities are in a poor state of repair, not fit for purpose and do not encourage newcomers to the industry.

3. A wildlife area from a derelict site that several local schools have shown great interest in using as part of their educational programme. The benefits to the local schools will be quite significant due to its richness of wild life and the opportunity to enable children to study their countryside in a safe environment.

The overall vision is to make Portreath more self-sustaining and attract new business and employment.

### **Summary of Heritage project:**

To investigate the feasibility and viability of establishing a heritage centre (to include refreshment and toilet facilities for visitors) within Portreath village centre. The focus would be two fold; to celebrate the rich heritage of the area including social and maritime history also showcasing the archives from the WAAF site, RAF Portreath, and Portreath Surf Lifesaving

Club. The enormous part played by Portreath and the Mineral Tramway linking the Harbour to the inland tin mining industry has resulted in area being listed as a World Heritage Site and this important aspect of the history of Portreath will also form one part of the Heritage Centre displays. The Heritage Centre would also provide a hub for local knowledge about the village as it is today. This would include hosting essential information for the visitor about the locality such as tourist information. It is intended that this centre would be a catalyst to engage a range of local volunteers, to deliver the service throughout the year.

### **Actions:**

- To undertake further consultation within the local community by canvassing the views of local people (including residents, young people, older people and voluntary and community groups), visitors and businesses within the area in order to provide a more detailed scoping for the project.
- To analyse the data from the various consultations/ research in conjunction with pinpointing preferred sites for the heritage centre to be located, following which a detailed tender specification will be drawn up and sent to a range of local architects inviting them to pitch for producing an innovative centre in keeping with the views of the community for this key transformational social and economic project.
- Procure an appropriate architect and brief regards the communities aspirations for the heritage centre.
- Keeping the community informed and engaged at every step of the journey towards a final plan for the heritage centre will be key, so that when the plans are enacted and additional monies sought, there is robust community support and willing volunteers are already part of the

plans. The proposed CCT section of the Parish Council website and articles in the local quarterly magazine will ensure high visibility of the project and it's progress

### **Milestones:**

- To host a public consultation event/events before end March 2016
- Produce a tender specification for local architects Q1 2016
- Undertake procurement of architects to appointment stage Q1 2016
- Launch CCT section of the Parish Council website by end March 2016
- Hold further public consultations when drawings are available to gather additional views and refine drawings

### **Costs:**

- Public consultations - £2,000 Q1 2016 and a further £2,000 by the end of the year
- Website - £1,000 Q1 2016 and £1,000 maintenance costs through the remainder of the year
- Feasibility study, architectural and engineering planning and services, planning applications costs work required to appointment stage - £2,000 Q1 2016 and a further £3,000 by the end of the year

### **Summary of Harbour project:**

To refurbish/replace the "black shed" to provide a workshop and a storage facility for Harbour Association membership. During the winter months, the shed has been used primarily by our commercial fishermen to store their pots. The shed stands at the head of Portreath Harbour next to the main road into the

village. It is understood that this building was erected during the 1940s, when the harbour was used for the import of mainly domestic coal. In June 1980 the Beynon Shipping company donated the harbour to Kerrier District Council and later Cornwall Council, from whom the Portreath Harbour Association lease the basins, slipway, quays and hard-standing, along with the "black shed" and the much smaller bait shed. The PHA's present lease is for 25 years and there are some 22 years left on the lease. Over the years the black shed has fallen into disrepair and is now in desperate need of refurbishment and up-dating, which will include re-wiring of the condemned electrics and the provision of a water supply. A survey will decide whether the shed can be refurbished or will need to be replaced. If a replacement occurs, the Association would like to take the opportunity to enlarge the original footprint of the building slightly.

### **Actions:**

- To consult with Cornwall Council's Property Department as to the condition of the black shed.
- To undertake a survey of the black shed to establish whether it is possible for it to undergo a refurbishment in its present condition.
- If the shed is considered unsuitable for refurbishment, to replace it with a similar building, fit for present day purposes.
- To consult with members at the Annual General Meeting on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Harbour Association Members will then be kept informed at each stage of the project.
- If as a result of the survey, a new building is required, with the agreement of Cornwall Council the services of an architect will be engaged
- To keep the community informed of any refurbishment/rebuild of the black shed via the Harbour Association Notice Board, the PHA website and social media.

### **Milestones**

- To consult with Cornwall Council's Property Department
- Undertake the procurement of a surveyor
- Consult with the Association's members at the PHA Annual General Meeting in January.
- Once the result of the survey is known, hold a consultation meeting with PHA members.

## **Summary of WAAF Site Project**

Investigate the viability of creating a wildlife area from a derelict site that several local schools have shown great interest in using as part of their educational programme. The benefits to the local schools will be quite significant due to its richness of wild life and the opportunity to enable children to study their countryside in a safe environment.

## **Actions**

- Take over ownership of the site from Cornwall County.
- Commission a site survey.
- Consult with the local primary schools to ascertain the needs and levels of health and safety needed on the site.
- Commission a design for the site.

## **Milestones**

- Procuring freehold ownership of the site
- Commission site design

There will be a public consultation for all three projects canvassing the views of local residents, young people, older people and voluntary and community groups, visitors and businesses within the area. This will be held in March 2016.