Good afternoon all,

Many thanks to those of you who were able to make to along today, and huge apologies to Karen who came along a little later for her update but made it just after the front door of the Ilfracombe Centre closed for lunch so didn't make it in!
I've spoken with Karen though and she has kindly agreed to come and do her update at the September meeting, but in the mean time she has fed back that they are looking for more of the following to be donated: nappies, prams and cot beds. They are also looking for volunteers to run a collection day at either Slade in Ilfracombe, or somewhere in Braunton. Please email Karen if you can help on either of those – karenjarmarkier@btinternet.com

Just a reminder that this was our last meeting of the summer as there is no August meeting, so the next one will be **Wednesday 3rd September**.

One Ilfracombe Project Updates:

Arts Council Creative People and Places Funding – still a long way to go, but we have made it through to the next stage which is encouraging and the work for this has taken up quite a lot of my time at present. We will know by October as to whether our application (lead by North Devon Plus) has been successful.

Stop Loan Sharks presentation – Dave Monk from the England Illegal Money Lending Team is coming to Ilfracombe on Thursday 10th July at 10am to run an informative session about the Stop Loan Sharks programme and how to identify and anonymously report Loan Sharks in communities.
It's a brilliant presentation and if you work with anyone who could be vulnerable to a loan shark then please do come along!
Poster is attached.

Ilfracombe Futures Forum –- https://www.ilfracombefutures.org/ - Once again there has been a huge amount of activity around this. I have had meetings with Jody Le Bredonchel from Ilfracombe Junior School (which included a brilliant tour!), Cat Hewitt from the Family Hub as well as conversations with Simon Kitchen and Sarah Bowker at DCC about the potential of using DCC properties as a space for a youth hub. The Link Centre was the initial idea but with the cost of repairs this is looking less likely as we on, but there could be some other options and we are very optimistic about what can be achieve as we have buy in from multiple organisations who would be keen to deliver their service from a hub including Petroc, DWP and Space Youth Services.
We are also working closely with DCC on tackling the youth ASB issues in town. We know who the individuals are but it is widely agreed that this issue has been bubbling up for a long time and if the issues aren't addressed immediately then we will have a much bigger, potentially unmanageable problem to deal with. One of the key focuses of this work is to reinforce the Aspire programme which is led by Clem Bennellick and Mark Read as they have already been engaging with some of the known individuals and have seen the positive impact that spending some time listening to them and giving them something productive to do can have; at present they only can run 6 weeks programmes (funded mainly through Ilfracombe Academy), but we need to be able to support them in building capacity both in terms of ongoing engagement and staffing support.

Letter to DCC Re: Family Hub Concerns – I drafted a letter on behalf of the council, and also the One Ilfracombe Living Well team expressing the concerns raised about the change of provision at the Family Hub (formerly known as the Children's Centre). The key topics are: Communication, using volunteers to fill professional level roles and losing skilled workers and the impact this has on young families and the wider community.
A copy of the letter is attached.

Cultural Town Team – The next meeting is Monday 21st July, 5.30pm at the Lantern Club Room and all are welcome. The current projects are:

1. Blue Plaques – led by Ilfracombe Museum. They now have a long list of potential candidates for the blue plaque scheme and have spoken with English Heritage to establish eligibility.
2. Trails (for families, for health, for locals and for tourists)
3. Multi-Media space for local businesses –Town-wide art displays based on themes/significant dates – Mel and Steph from The Art Trail are going to look more into this. It would be great to tie this in with the work Neil has been doing to identify who owns empty shops in the town.
4. Potential to relaunch the Silver Saturday/Sunday project beyond just the museum
5. Community noticeboards – We do now have a digital noticeboard in Hand:Plant and have plans to replicate in the Ilfracombe Centre
6. Oral Histories/Kelvin's History Vlog
7. Ilfracombe Film Club
8. Town library of event footage/images

Oxford Park Community Gardening Project – I met with Tim Clark from North Devon Council Parks and Gardens and they are fully supportive of us dipping our toes into creating some community gardening space, maybe with a couple of raised bed to start with as we are all aware of the potential for vandalism there. I will talk to Ilfracombe in Bloom and also Hilldales as they have residents who are keen to do some community gardening projects.

Poverty Truth Commission – Another productive month with the commission as we delve deeper into how information is communicated effectively, the need for a community multi-purpose hub and there are some great wins in the adult education department as Petroc have committed to delivering short courses in Ilfracombe, including Maths and English being delivered from the Junior School so that parents can attend before/after drop off. They will also deliver more vocational courses at Ilfracombe Academy.

Kailo Update from Phil Harris – Kailo - The shape of mental health to come- Kailo are now at the next stage of their project and are at the point of reaching out further to other organisations to established more focussed/prioritised themes. Phil will be going to

local youth networks, schools and other community groups so that they can have their vote on which of the 9 overarching themes will be prioritised.
They have the data results from the Bee Well survey which is showing similar results to a county wide survey, but it isn't quite ready yet but when it is available Phil will share this to Living Well.
Individual schools have been sent the results of the Bee Well Survey for their school, and there are some headline statistics but the school may not be likely to share this as some of the stats are quite damning (such as 25% of students at one school resulted that they had experienced physical bullying.

We asked about the availability of town specific data and whether this could be accessed as it could inform a lot of future projects/funding applications. Phil said there is some possibility but there may be some elements that would be removed. Charmain will follow up with Phil on this.

Sallie McKay-Roper- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service – Open for referrals for HFSV – online or phone. Sally also wanted to make us Camping for Wildfire Warriors which is awareness about how dry it is at present and the risk of fire on the moors is high, so they are encouraging people not to have BBQs and generally to be careful. I have attached a poster that Sally has shared.
Terry asked Sally about the situation with co-responders being removed from Combe Martin and Woolacombe and the lack of community engagement to understand how vital these services are. Sally explained that she isn't operational and only works on the preventions team but if Terry wanted to send an email to her she will forward it on.

Terry Elliott – Minor Injuries – The current contract ends 31st July, and they are not getting a clear message about what will happen then, the League of Friends advocated that the decision needs to be out there publicly and needs to be clearly explained how they can access support at the weekends. They have a lot of data, over a number of years, about the people who presented incorrectly at the Tyrrell and it's high, so this coupled with the upcoming changes is unacceptable. The League of Friends have written to the ICB to reiterate that this is not an acceptable situation.
Terry asked Sarah if she had heard any more at Combe Coastal about the proposed changes and Sarah has said she will email Megan on their team to find out what they know.

Terry also raised issues around **Anti Social Behaviour** in 2 areas: 1) Children who aren't in school are left to their own devices and are at the mercy of adults who could easily manipulate them, and 2) the street homeless group down the sea front who are drinking/using and not taking their medication as they should. Both groups are having an impact on the wider community and tourists and Terry is struggling to establish who should be supporting them.
She has also heard from older people that they are afraid to go out of the house because of them. Charmain added that this also links into some engagement that Space Youth Services did recently where Young People also said that they don't feel safe.
She also mentioned that a recent Poverty Truth Commission meeting that Insp Rich Preston was in conversation with healthcare to look at a potential multi-agency

approach as it is not an issue where constantly arresting someone will not solve the issue. Charmain also updated that the youth ASB issue is something which is being addressed through Ilfracombe Futures.

Sheila raised that there used to be a pupil referral unit at The Lantern, but unfortunately now the only AP (alternative provision) is based in warehouse up at Roundswell in Barnstaple, but there has been a bit of movement on this as we (Ilfracombe Town Council) have now given Shoreline (who deliver this AP) a space in the Ilfracombe Centre, so children don't have to try and get to Barnstaple.
Sarah said that this can be added to the Closing The Gap meeting agenda.

Mark Cox – Silverhill Day Centre – Mark let us know that spaces available on Tuesday and Friday 9-4pm and they do already have some people from Ilfracombe attend. Transport isn't available, but we suggested that folk may want to contact Age Concern as they may be able to support.
Referrals need to come through Care Direct.
I have attached a poster to this email, and you can contact Mark directly on mark.cox@devon.gov.uk

Many thanks everyone, have a lovely summer and I'll see you in September!

Cheers,
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