

Portreath CAN and related activities

Update for PPC meeting 7th September 2020

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Progress since July

1. Portreath Parish Council Climate Action Plan

This has now been published by the Council via social media. A copy was sent to PIC who have responded positively to being involved. It was also distributed to the CPIR Climate Action Group, and several other parishes have asked permission to use the document as a basis for their own plans.

2. Meeting of Portreath CAN

We managed to gather a small group together and hold our first meeting in person on 24th August. We ran through the Council's plan to familiarise everyone with it.

Key points agreed:

To

- support the Council as much as possible in implementing their actions plan.
- go through the examples for Portreath CAN included in the plan, add anything new and then rate the initiatives by complexity and priority.
- pursue a few initiatives where there are current opportunities (see below)
- meld with Love Portreath providing that a few admin issues can be resolved.
- create a list of potentially interested members of the community and organisation to contact
- continue to attend CPIR Climate Action Group meetings
- Sophie Orme to take on the Chair of the Group

3. CPIR Climate Action Group

BC attended the first meeting since lock down on 19th August. The PP Climate Action Plan was very well received. Most parishes had halted activity over lockdown. Unfortunately, the minutes of the meeting haven't been sent out yet but there were quite a few items raised which could be helpful. I can provide more details when I have the minutes.

- CSE? Are looking for Parishes to trial a new carbon foot printing tool
- Cornwall Council's Climate Emergency DPD (previously Climate Change Development Plan) is open for the next round of consultation until 25th September. It was agreed that a sub-group look at the plan and draft a response which all the parishes could use or adapt. This seems a sensible approach. Once we receive this, we can submit a response on behalf of Portreath. Individuals are also welcome to respond. This should include the specific policy on identifying scaled renewable energy sites which Lucy highlighted in the email she forwarded on 25th August.

- Lanner have a CIL pot which they are thinking of using for signage on the trails, car charging and tree planting. (Do we have access to any similar funding? I don't think we do but maybe we will be entitled to something from the new National Charge scheme?)
- Funds may be available from CC / Energy Saving Trust for electric charging points and PV for council owned buildings
- Litter picking is up and running again subject to risk assessments
- Zero Carbon Britain are introducing an app to help with community engagement
- Countrywide are developing a pollinator action plan and working with Cormac to implement it by February. This could really help with our biodiversity objectives.

4. Initiatives for Portreath CAN to work on immediately

- We are applying to be part of a new roll out of fully funded water refill stations.
- We will follow up on the opportunities that might be available for funding electric vehicle charging points.
- We want to raise awareness of the Government's Green Homes Grant scheme. Households can get up to £10,000 in grants to improve energy efficiency such as double glazing.
- We will work with Love Portreath and SAS to get litter picking going in the village again and promote tree planting at the school.

5. Funding considerations

We don't have any funding needs at this point.