

# Southern Link

Notes of the meeting held on **Thursday July 5th, 2018**  
**Rundle Room, Tavistock Town Hall, Tavistock at 7.00 pm**

## **PRESENT:**

### Town & Parish Councils

Bere Ferres – Cllr R Lethall, Cllr M Page Bailey, Cllr H Boot-Handford

Brentor – Cllr T Pearce & WDBC

Buckland Monachorum – Cllr D Butland, Cllr S Wollacott

Burrator Grouped – Cllr T Aves (Southern Links Chairman)

Dartmoor Forest – *not represented*

Gulworthy – *not represented*

Horrabridge – *not represented*

Kelly – *not represented*

Lamerton – *not represented*

Lewdown Grouped – *not represented*

Lifton – Cllr C Edmonds & WDBC

Lydford – Cllr B Cook

Mary Tavy – *not represented*

Milton Abbot Grouped – Cllr R Brewer, Cllr A Westcott

Peter Tavy – Cllr J Jeffery, Cllr B Lane

Plasterdown Grouped - *not represented*

Stowford – *not represented*

Sydenham Damerel – *not represented*

Tavistock – Cllr A Johnson, Cllr P Ward

Sophie Hosking (WDBC)

Rob Sekula (WDBC)

Jo Rumble (DNPA)

Sgt Pennie Channing (Devon & Cornwall Police)

Mrs J Gillard (Links Administrator)

## **1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Tub Aves was proposed as Chairman by Cllr T Pearce, seconded by Cllr D Butland, all in favour.

Cllr D Butland was proposed as Vice Chairman by Cllr T Aves and seconded by Cllr T Pearce, all in favour.

## **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Insp Mark Sloman (D&C Police), Simon Kitchin (DCC), Cllr S Roche (Horrabridge), Cllr D Sellis, Cllr J Evans (Lamerton)

## **3. Agreement of Notes of Last Meeting**

The notes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were agreed.

4. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising. It was commented that DCC Highways had responded well to the issues previously raised.
  
5. **Policing issues** - statistics distributed prior to meeting.  
Sgt Pennie Channing introduced herself, she is the Neighbourhood Team Leader, she has experience in many different roles and is familiar with the area.  
The crime statistics appear bad for the last 12 months ie 30% increase, the different way of recording crimes is still affecting the figures, however the last 3 months figures are looking much better. The are altogether has a low volume of crime. Violent crimes with and without injury are increasing as more of the crimes committed are reported., there is now a civil power that the Police are using. The recent death of Hannah Bragg has been a big shock, the extent of the use of drugs appears to be higher than originally thought. Three arrests have been made in connection with this incident and the Police are working with the Schools in the area. Knowledge from the public was previously gained face to face, with less police officers information is still being obtained by different means.
  
6. **DCC update** – no representative. Update produced for Northern Links to be distributed with meeting notes.
  
7. **WDBC Update – Sophie Hosking**  
Joint Local Plan – report with the Inspector, expecting any day decisions on the amendments submitted, there will then be a further consultation on the amendments with ratification expected December. Weight can be put on the agreed content of the plan but not the amendments at this stage. The Inspectors report will be available on WDBC website.  
Waste collections – the system changed recently, vehicles were changed, there was some disruption to services but overall the change has been positive. The new vehicles have in cab technology assisting tracking issues eg reasons for a missed collection. Please advise any specific local issues to Dil Lord at WDBC  
Waste services – existing contract coming to an end, they are going through procurement process at present, details to full council in July.  
WD has joined the Institute of Customer Service enabling them to get a benchmark on what customers think of the service provided, they will then use that data to drive further improvements. Residents have received a questionnaire by email.
  
8. **DNP Update – Jo Rumble**  
Report distributed prior to meeting.  
Review of National Parks – this is in its early stages, it will take a further 18months/2 years to be complete. National Parks continue to be funded centrally through DEFRA. The Chairman of the review group is visiting the area soon, the results of the review could potentially affect future funding.  
Car Parking charges – this has now been introduced, little feedback so far, please advise Jo of any issues.  
Dartmoor Hill Farm project – additional funding has been made available, there are lots of training opportunities available, leaflet distributed, please spread the word.  
Local Plan – currently at the start of the review process, first draft will hopefully be available in the autumn.

**9. Communities Together Fund – Rob Sekula**

All District and Borough Councils administered the old TAP fund in different ways, DCC wished to relaunch the scheme focussing on what is was originally designed for ie Towns and Parishes working together. Lengthsman projects will no longer be funded from the new scheme.

The other main change is that the fund is open to other voluntary and community groups, DCC members will have a larger role in the process.

Application forms are now to be submitted to the local DCC member, Dil Lord WDBC will take the application from them before they are put before the Link Committee. The Link Committee will make a recommendation, the application is then back to DCC & WD ward member for the final decision.

DCC guidance notes have been issued to all Parish Clerks.

Applications for defibrillators or Devon Air Ambulance Night landing sites are not ineligible however a case will have to be demonstrated in the application that the benefits are to more than one Parish.

Applications will be considered at each Link meeting.

**10. Parish Feedback and issues –**

Concern was raised that funding from the Communities Together Fund was not available for lengthsman duties in the future. It was suggested that Highways should make funding available for parishes to complete this type of work. It was agreed to ask John Fewings, DCC Highways to the next meeting to discuss this further and that this discussion also take place at the other 2 Link meetings.

Superlink meeting – no date for this has yet been given, requested that this be fixed as soon as possible.

**DATE & VENUE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Peter Tavy Village Hall, Peter Tavy – 7 pm

Thursday 29th November 2018 - Rundle Room, Tavistock Town Hall – 7 pm

(The meeting closed at 8.25 pm)