

7. TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE – To provide an update on progress with the project development work associated with the Cattle Market Makers project. To note the proposal to hold a special Council on 24th March 2020 for one and a half hours to consider the application.

Update – On 4th February 2020, we received sight of the completed “Creative Workspace Demand Study: Penzance and Liskeard” This survey of 139 creative industries businesses showed 91 wanted premises. With the number of businesses “interested in” Liskeard (20) being the highest of any town. The level of interest of businesses “possibly Interested in” Liskeard second highest (10). It has also shown a significant proportion of the 91 interested in premises wanting flexible tenancies (71) compared with fixed tenancies (20). The Community Lead Local Development (CLLD) application is now being rewritten to incorporate the latest demand stats information. The information is helping to inform the Cornwall Council process to secure match funding. The study has also provided indications regarding the design and servicing of the container-based workspace. These elements have been fed back to the container design company.

We have had several meetings and calls with Cornwall Council officers to agree a way forward via a partnership agreement. Work is taking place on drawing up an agreement which we can bring back to councillors and on gathering information for a pre-application for planning for the containers.

As previously reported, if Cornwall Council are willing to make this significant investment, it looks as if it should be possible for them to purchase the containers and ensure all necessary groundworks are completed via an existing framework agreement. This would significantly shorten procurement time, but they have now indicated that the process to obtain a gross capital cost for the container workspace element would take a minimum of 4 weeks. This figure would then be used both to inform the CLLD application and the Cornwall Council match funding. We cannot further progress the financial spreadsheets until we have this figure.

We are now aiming to revise the CLLD application with the demand study information and, if possible, the gross capital cost to put the application to a Special Council meeting to be held on 24th March 2020 at 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm (before Finance).

The CLLD have estimated that the approval process would take 12 weeks and a decision making CLLD boards are on 11 June and 16th July 2020.

The CLLD Programme Manager has confirmed that the programme can issue a conditional grant offer letter subject to:

1. Planning consent being obtained
2. Match-funding being secured
3. Agreement between the two Councils being in place.
4. VAT – the Town Council taking a final decision on VAT.
5. Procurement – of all the smaller items could be undertaken after the posts are in place...

12. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (ATTACHED CORNWALL COUNCIL LISKEARD – LOOE COMMUNITY NETWORK AREA BOUNDARY CHANGE PROPOSALS) – To receive any comments from the 17th February 2020 Planning Committee and support the changes proposed by Cornwall Council in the Community Governance Review.

Background – Cornwall Council is carrying out a public consultation on the Community Governance Review. This runs until 24th March 2020. The 17th February 2020 Planning Committee considered the proposals as attached. From the draft minutes' the Planning Committee recommended:

/19 Community Governance Review Public Consultation - To draft a response to the consultation. The committee proposed that the Council should support the proposals as laid out in the consultation, although they did not encompass all changes the Town Council had requested. Further public engagement could be conducted at the Community Fair, and a meeting proposed with Menheniot Parish Council.

Menheniot Parish Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Public Consultation – The public consultation for this document runs from 17th February 2020 – 31st March 2020. It is proposed that the item is considered more fully by the 9th March 2020 Planning Committee. The proposed policies include one in relation to the Tencreek site.

“Policy 4 - "New Mixed-Use Development Site to meet the needs of the Looe Liskeard Community Network Area". This identifies the Tencreek site and the 2015 planning application.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Town Council confirms to Cornwall Council its acceptance to the revised proposals.