

WEST PENWITH COMMUNITY NETWORK MEETING – REPORT BY CLLR MRS SALMON

Report from meeting held at Penzance one stop shop, St. Clare on 19th November 2015.

A presentation on health watch Cornwall was given by Debbie Pritchard who gave an overview of what exactly health watch do, how they are funded and basically that they keep an eye on services given to the people of Cornwall and follow up any issues or complaints people have. On the new website you can leave feedback, a bit like trip advisor, and professionals will also have the chance to reply.

Stuart Wallis then gave a presentation on environmental services provided by Cornwall Council. It was slightly difficult to understand but basically they have been looking at the different services provided over the last four years and how widely they have differed. So now they have drawn up a list of all their assets for all open spaces and made a scale of how they will be looked after and levels of importance. In February 2016 you will be able to see the new asset management and standards applied for all open spaces, and by April delivery of the new standards will be applied.

Different opinions were given on how much they were actually looking after and it was universally felt that the sooner parishes and councils were given their own pot of money to look after their own assets the better, centralisation does not work.

Paperless planning was touched on and the money given to each council and how it was being spent. John Moreland, who is an architect and also Deputy Mayor of Penzance Council said that large developments would still need paper copies otherwise they are very difficult to comprehend fully.

Each county councillor will hopefully receive £4943 as part of a local devolution fund to spend in their areas.

Next meeting 21st January, 2016. When Tony Hogg the Devon and Cornwall Police Commissioner will be attending.