

Teignmouth Town Council.

Report from Cllr Jackie Jackson, for July/August 2023

1. I attended the TAAG re -opening on 29th July, after its grand makeover – an amazing show of local art, encouraging all in Teignmouth to have a go and a good use of council grant money!

2. **Held Teignmouth Community Larder (foodbank) AGM** and were pleased to have 30 people attend and support including Joan Atkins – the larder provides around 50 weekly food parcels each week for families, couples and individuals - over 130 people at the moment including around 50 children at any one time. The Larder keeps in regular touch with users and signposts those in challenging circumstances to other organisations such as Volunteering in Health, the Alice Cross, and Citizens Advice or Teign Aid if they have difficulties with housing. It also holds a free refreshment session at the end of the morning, where volunteers and Larder family users get together for chats, warmth, coffee, cakes and friendship.

3. **Researched the owner of a path** which is part of Kingsway and has houses numbers 8 – 20 either side of it. Inhabitants of these houses have to walk down a very rough and pitted path with many trip hazards. This includes a person using a mobility scooter and an older person who has had several falls, and broken a collarbone etc. I have asked Teign Housing, whose path it is, to consider urgent repairs and some handrails for the person concerned. I have yet to follow this up but will ask the council for support if nothing happens.

4. **Attended the Hospital Stakeholders Meeting on 5th July.** Update from the verbal report given to July meeting. The following points from the recently circulated minutes make it clear that the choice is not to save the hospital, to my personal regret, but to decide on the use of the site only. I was disappointed that the original survey did not include the site in Brunswick St but the sites at the hospital and Eastcliffe Car Park. I think People in Teignmouth might have answered the survey differently if it had been clearer, but the issue has probably moved too far now to change direction. These are the main points to come out of the meeting. I am assuming the full minutes will be publicly available. Basically two choices: A community Bid for the hospital site or a Commercial sale.

- No services of the Trust will remain on the hospital site.
- Looking to support community ideas for TH site (e.g. proposals, research, case studies, existing documents).
- Backlog maintenance of TH was valued at 1.5mil (value today circa 3million pounds- incl. basic maintenance only).
- The existing site was not deemed suitable for the Health and Wellbeing Centre rebuild.
- If exploring a rebuild, services would need to be put on another temporary site before moving back.
- By setting up existing services in a new operational site it allows a review of what to do with the old site. Considering Inflation, Covid, Brexit, Power and fuel price impact, War in Ukraine it could double cost if choosing to temporarily relocate services and put them back.

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