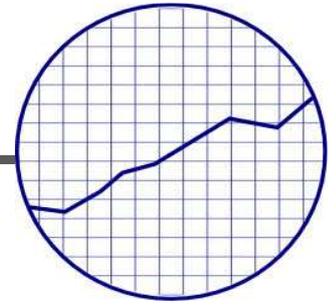


# Meeting Notes



## Economic Development in South East Cornwall

22 November 2023 7pm by Zoom  
Hosted by MENHENIOT PARISH COUNCIL

### *Attending*

Cllr Adrian Cole – Menheniot Parish Council  
Cllr Simon Cassidy – Liskeard Town Council  
Cllr Peter Seaman – Lanreath Parish Council  
Cllr Phil Hallworth - Duloe Parish Council  
Cllr Richard Bickford – Saltash Town Council  
Cllr Sarah Martin – Saltash Town Council  
Cllr Gillian Thompson - Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council  
Cllr Nigel Witton – St Germans Parish Council  
Cllr Gary Davies – Torpoint Town Council  
Cllr Kevin Shovelton – St Keyne & Trewidland Parish Council

Cllr Sean Jackson – Dobwalls Parish Council  
Cllr John Blatchford – Quethiock Parish Council  
Cllr – St Martin by Looe Parish Councillor

### *Apologies*

Cllr Dawn Williams – Maker with Rame Parish Council  
Cllr Dave Edwards – Botus Fleming Parish Council  
Cllr Tony Smith – Looe Town Council

### *Meeting Notes*

John Hesketh – Clerk to Menheniot Parish Council

Item	Narrative	Notes
1	Cllr Adrian Cole explains: The first meeting of the CAP on 6 June 2023 proposed an ED Working Group but the second meeting on 5 September did not follow up. So . . How can we (the CAP) influence Cornwall Council in their policy setting How to improve communications between us and CC so that we can be part of any policies and actions that relate to economic development and growth What positive actions can we take ourselves?	
2	Agreed that local councils working together is the way forward, and the attendance at this meeting (representing 69% of population of the CAP) is evidence of the support.	
3	Concerns that the Vitality Index with data for Liskeard, Looe and Saltash does not properly reflect local concerns.	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/74ha7n7s">https://tinyurl.com/74ha7n7s</a>

	<p><i>Is CC using the correct indicators that will enable councils to understand what is happening in their locality and to track progress?</i></p>	
4	<p>The Chair of Saltash Town Council does not recognise his own town in the data that is presented. Data needs to be in a format that councils and residents can understand.</p> <p><i>Where are the weighting figures derived from?</i></p> <p><i>CC should be asking councils what key performance indicators are relevant to them.</i></p>	
5	<p>Transport &amp; Connectivity: A38 upgrades, Tamar Crossing Tolls and rail links across the county. These are vital to the immediate south-east area of Cornwall.</p> <p><i>Why has the economic argument been taken out the planning for upgrades to this road?</i></p> <p>The 2015 Devolution Deal was supposed to improve the integration of public transport.</p> <p><i>What consultation and planning is carried out to determine what our CAP needs are from public transport?</i></p>	<p><a href="https://shorturl.at/jHR67">https://shorturl.at/jHR67</a></p>
6	<p>Relations between CC officers and councils. There used to be strong links between them and councils had specific people they could speak with. If I were a business hoping to relocate to the southwest of England, how would I be encouraged to consider Cornwall?</p> <p>Searching online for Cornwall Economic Development returns a list of policy statements and central government funds. It does not include a named person, department, email or telephone number as a single point of contact.</p> <p>No clarity of policy and evidence of how it links with other policies in particular planning.</p>	<p><a href="https://shorturl.at/ouOW2">https://shorturl.at/ouOW2</a></p>

	<p><i>Who is responsible for coordinating economic development in the south east so we can hold them to account.</i></p> <p><i>Is the infrastructure in place (or planned) to support the development of new business? We mean basics such as electricity and water.</i></p>	
7	<p>Concerned at the impact of a future Freeport in Plymouth will have on south-east Cornwall.</p> <p>Councils in the “Gateway area look to Plymouth not West for growth generation”</p> <p><i>What preparations are being made for us to benefit from the Freeport or to mitigate the impact it will have in our CAP?</i></p> <p><i>Will a possible change of government in 2024 change any of the plans CC currently has?</i></p> <p><i>How are we responding to changes in Government policies on inward investment opportunities?</i></p>	<p><a href="https://shorturl.at/bcrQ9">https://shorturl.at/bcrQ9</a></p>
8	<p>How do current strategic plans translate to local plans for south-east Cornwall? The CIOS Strategic Economic Plan Vision 2030 does not separate out the south east with its own plan.</p> <p>South East Cornwall is described as an Economic Gateway in the CIOS Vision 2030 – the meeting does not recognise this description.</p> <p><i>What is the plan to make our CAP an ‘Economic Gateway’?</i></p> <p><i>Our CAP is shown as a potential site for ‘Advanced Engineering’ in the Vision 2023 document. What does this mean and how will it be achieved, and where?</i></p>	<p>CC Strategic Economic Plan <a href="https://tinyurl.com/mt7h233f">https://tinyurl.com/mt7h233f</a></p> <p>CC Economic Growth &amp; Development Report 28 Feb 2023 (extract) <a href="https://tinyurl.com/bdfbrbc">https://tinyurl.com/bdfbrbc</a></p> <p>CC Economic Growth &amp; Development Minutes 28 Feb 2023 (extract) <a href="https://tinyurl.com/5h9s4nn5">https://tinyurl.com/5h9s4nn5</a></p>
9	<p>Inward investment: we hear the politicians talking about the funding that CC has received from central government through various platforms (eg Levelling Up), but not about the amount of money that private business is investing.</p>	

	<i>What incentives are available to encourage businesses to relocate in our CAP and how can we support them?</i>	
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Meeting closed at 20.10