

Truro & Kenwyn Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting of the Education Working Group

Tuesday 20 December 2011
at 6.15 pm in the Municipal Buildings, Truro

Minutes

ATTENDEES: Councillor Mrs Cox – Truro City Council
Mr Roger Gazzard – Town Clerk, Truro City Council
David Walrond – Truro & Penwith College

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Stubbs, Councillor Temel, Paul Renowden and Carol Kimberly

In view of the number of apologies received for the meeting, an informal discussion with David Walrond, Truro and Penwith College took place on the current position with regard to post-16 education in the Truro area.

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<p>Post-16 Education</p> <p>Mr Walrond circulated a document he had produced on post-16 education for Truro and confirmed that since Truro and Penwith Colleges merged three years ago, half of the students were studying vocational courses with the other half studying more academic courses.</p> <p>He confirmed that Truro and Penwith College had more students attending there than in all of the sixth form centres in secondary schools in the whole of Cornwall. He considered that the post-16 education offered at Truro and Penwith College was well above average, and performance statistics demonstrated that a separate College for sixth form students was able to deliver better results than school linked sixth forms.</p> <p>Mr Walrond advised that 5,000 16-19 year olds attended the college. This should be considerable growth from the 700 who attended when the College first opened. New building had been constructed to meet both the increase numbers and breadth of work. In addition, 1,000 students were studying at degree level.</p> <p>He confirmed that the college did run a medicals academy and already had links in place with the Royal Cornwall Hospital. He also confirmed that the college would like to speed up journey times for the high number of students travelling by bus from all over the County in order to get the course and quality they wanted.</p> <p>In answer to a question raised, Mr Walrond advised that the college never turned away any student wishing to study at the college that did not hold GCSE's in English and Maths and therefore, those students were able to study a Level 2 vocational pathway.</p> <p>The college was constantly reviewing the scope of its courses and in response to demand was constructing a new area for use for construction skills. It was also widening the number of degree courses it was able to offer.</p>	-

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The Meeting closed at 6.45 pm

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CHAIRMAN