

POLPERRO & LANSALLOS PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Community Engagement - Other Responses

Polperro Primary School

Following discussion with the headteacher and provision of a tailored survey for their use, in June 2016 Polperro Primary School conducted an exercise with students in Year 6 to find out what is important to them about living in the community, and where they would like to live and what they would like to do in the future.

14 students took part, of whom 8 are male and 6 female, with 9 living in Polperro, 2 in Looe, and 1 each in Lansallos, Lanreath and Talland

Most popular sports and leisure activities?

- Football – 43%
- Swimming – 43%
- Scouts / Guides – 36%
- Surfing – 14%
- Running – 7%
- Rugby – 7%
- Karate/judo – 7%

Sports and leisure activities not currently available in Polperro?

Biking; swimming pool; park; annual funfair; boxing; wrestling; WWE/UFC Octagon; cooking/baking

Type of housing to be built in next 15 years?

Most important

1. Affordable housing
2. Small starter homes
3. Tourist accommodation
4. Smaller homes for elderly

Least important

1. Large expensive houses
2. Converting houses into flats
3. New build flats
4. Part built houses to finish off

Planning to go on to further education?

Yes 33%, Don't Know 67%

Types of employment / career you'd like to follow?

1. Sport & Leisure
2. Farming
3. Hairdressing
4. Education, engineering, entertainment
5. Retail, healthcare, boatbuilding

Other types of employment of interest but not available in Polperro?

Fashion design, marine biology, childcare, sports & leisure, engineering, police, security, armed forces

Possible developments that will affect Polperro in the future

Most important

1. Larger health centre
2. Cycle Routes
3. More leisure facilities
4. Adequate off street parking, disabled access improvement

Least important

1. Bathing water quality improvement
2. Marina / outer harbour
3. Investment in tourist industry
4. Farmers Market

Facilities that should be improved

Surgery, shops, toilets, bus stop, eating places, bins, entertainment, football field, Big Green, play area, supermarket

New facilities needed

Sports and leisure centre, swimming pool with water slides and diving boards, play park, skate park, train station, police

Describe Polperro in 2030

Friendly – 79%
Safe place – 64%
Eco friendly – 50%
Holiday destination – 43%
Fishing town – 36%
Modern – 29%
Heritage and historical centre – 21%
Prosperous – 14%
Large town – 14%
Tranquil – 7%
Commuter town – 0%

Living in Polperro when you're 30?

Yes 14%, No 43%, Don't Know 43%

Sufficient jobs in Polperro by that time?

Yes 31%, Don't Know 69%

What do you like best about living in Polperro?

Views 21%, tranquil 14%, environment, sea, shops, harbour, long walks, fish, wildlife, friendly, small, safe – all 7%

What do you like least about living in Polperro?

Parking 14%, nothing fun to do, no places to have fun, no park, crowded, Polperro Festival particularly the loud music, lack of traffic wardens, toilets, bins – all 7%

Polperro Brownies and Guides

Following a meeting with Karen Bowdler, the leader of the Brownies and Guide group in Polperro in April 2016, it was decided to arrange an interactive session with the Brownies and Guides and this took place in March 2017.

The interactive mapping session was attended by members of the Steering Group, Karen Bowdler and about 30 Brownies and Guides, working mainly in pairs, and 16 maps of Lansallos parish were completed with coloured stickers and notation, indicating where they would like to see housing, employment, shops and leisure in 2030

- Houses - mainly in Polperro, but also in Killigarth, Lansallos, Trenewan, Talland, Sclerder and Polyne
- Employment - mainly in Polperro and Killigarth, but also in Lansallos, Talland and Sclerder
- Shops – everywhere!
- Leisure – mainly in Polperro, Killigarth and Lansallos

Some highlights and ideas from the maps they completed:

- Multicultural opportunities and more exciting jobs
- Not too many big shops because the local shops will suffer
- More employment for younger people, giving them more reason to stay in Cornwall and not move away
- Fewer housing estates, more single cared-about homes that are nicer to live in
- Improve the shops and housing we already have
- Help local shops stay alive
- Don't touch the Conservation Area and Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- Polperro - everyday shops, supermarket, houses for locals and a swimming pool
- Killigarth – convenience shop, 4G Astro football pitch, leisure centre, netball and tennis courts
- Lansallos – bowling alley, cinema, library, chain stores and few houses for newcomers
- Build a new town north of Lansallos village, with cafes and local shops and a spa
- Talland – posh houses and holiday homes, supermarket, cafes and more restaurants
- Kilminorth - cycling and a swimming pool

And some more off the wall suggestions:

- Asda in Lansallos village
- Trago Mills on Raphael Road
- Ikea at Wayland Cottages

Hyperactive Drama Group

Members of the Steering Group met with Lucy Finnimore and about 12 members of the Hyperactive drama group in November 2017. The ages of the group ranged from pre-teens to early twenties, the majority were girls. Most of them live in the central or lower part of the village. The theme for much of the discussion was for the group to imagine themselves and the village in ten years time: would they expect to be living here and how would they like the village to change to make it more attractive to stay here?

Throughout the meeting **opinions about Polperro were generally positive** and the group liked the community feel of the village and the sense that its setting, older buildings and independent shops make it more attractive than larger towns, even though sometimes they don't like the idea that everyone knows each others' business. The group felt there is a **lack of local job opportunities**, and that was the main reason why most thought they would leave when they finish school. But they also recognise that people who leave the area often return. One member of the group had already spent some time working elsewhere but came back because his friends and relations are here and this is where he feels most at home.

Features of Polperro that should be protected were the 'community feel', Big Green as a public space, the fishing industry and the shops that provide basic services such as Yaxley's, the news agent, pharmacy and post office. The group were aware of the needs of the **older members of the community** and would like to see the surgery protected, adequate care services for older people in their own homes and a means of helping older people with transportation issues. They recognise that the need for care services might create job opportunities for them. They value the annual Polperro Festival and think it should be expanded to include more parts of the village; they also think the festival should be more 'about Polperro' and include more cultural activities rather than creating an excuse for drinking.

The main improvements the group would like to see were a better activity centre for young people, ideally an arcade with facilities for games and for eating. They would prefer the activity centre to be in the lower part of the village although they would also be interested in a community centre in the Brent-Killigarth area if there was a convenient way to get access to it. They liked the idea of a **community bus service** that would link the upper and lower parts of the village in a reliable way throughout the year.

The group appreciates the value of the **Village Hall** as a centre but feel it is not ideal for them. The main problem is that, as a theatre group, they need regular and reliable access to a stage, ideally a better stage than the one they now use, which in any case is not accessible during much of the year when the main hall is used for art exhibitions. They felt the Village Hall would be more attractive if the rooms were painted in brighter colours and if the food preparation facilities were improved.

They considered the **Methodist Chapel** could also be a useful centre for young people if it was open longer and more often. An interesting suggestion was that they would like a **quiet, indoor communal space** somewhere in the village where they could study during out-of-school hours.

The group thought it likely that more **houses** will be built in the area but there was a clear preference against building too many new houses even though they recognised that finding affordable accommodation might not be easy. One person and her family had moved from outside the area and lived in a 'holiday lodge' at Killigarth for six years before they were able to find a suitable place in the village; the holiday lodge had served as a 'stepping stone' into Polperro.

There were strong feelings about the large numbers of houses that are empty for much of the year as second homes or holiday lets, and various suggestions were made for reducing or controlling the numbers of empty houses in order to maintain basic services and a sense of community. They want houses in the village to be lived in year-round.

Even though most of the group do not own or drive vehicles they see **parking** as a problem, partly because it is not fair that residents often have no choice but to pay to use a proper car park while visitors seem to get away with parking anywhere without paying. A new car park outside the village with a 'park and ride' service was suggested but did not seem to attract much interest; one suggestion was that it would reduce the amount of land used for food production.