

## PRESS RELEASE

**St Stephens Resident's Association . 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 .**

The second meeting started with much excitement with the presentation of a £500 grant from Launceston Rotary to help with the work of the Association. The 130+ attending in St Stephens Church Hall gave a loud cheer of thanks to the Rotary Treasurer.

A wonderful selection of homemade cakes, coffee and tea were on offer as well as the business.

After reading the Minutes of the first Meeting, The Code of Conduct presented at the first Meeting , was adopted by the floor .

Now that the Association website is up and running Minutes will be posted on line which will shorten the length of future meetings!

For information see [www.ststephensresidents.com](http://www.ststephensresidents.com) , or email [info@ststephensresidents.com](mailto:info@ststephensresidents.com)

Details of events being held by the Local Schools, Churches and The Golf Club within the association area will also be featured on our website to encourage community participation .

2 new Members were co-opted onto the Committee enhancing the associations coverage of the area. There are now 2 notice boards available for Members who do not have access to the internet, these are situated on Val Bugden-Cawsey's and Barrie Boundy's Front Garden walls .

A local resident generously donated an Association Xmas Tree + lights which by kind permission of Father David is now proudly displayed at the road side entrance to Mayne Close visible to all coming up St Stephen's Hill .

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December , The Association is holding a " Christmas Social " evening from 6am to 9pm in The Golf Club. A glass of mulled wine will be served compliments of the golf club and a mince pie generously donated by the catering staff. A Christmas themed raffle will be held for funds.

**Val Bugden-Cawsey, Chairman then gave a short presentation on the future plans for the development of a practise facility at the golf club . Members were invited to complete a questionnaire on the project .**

**Val then went onto to give a precis of The Launceston Matters weekend that had been held in the Town Hall with particular reference to the ongoing traffic congestion south / north of the Town. The Connect arm of Launceston Matters of which Val is a member, are considering several ideas to relieve the problems and these would be presented by Val and her colleague Roger Craigh-Osbourne [ fellow Town Councillor ] at the next meeting of the town councils planning committee which Val and Roger both serve on .**

**At the first meeting of the association residents had been asked to complete a questionnaire highlighting their major concern for the area in which they live .**

**After a delicious break to enjoy the various cakes, Val presented the eagerly awaited results .**

**After a marvellous response 44% had highlighted the speed of traffic as the most important issue , 13% parking congestion , 12%the Heavy Vehicles travelling up St Stephens Hill , 8% safe places to cross the roads , 6% the overuse of signage , 5% volume of traffic , 4% traffic noise 8% other items .**

**In January a 2 week Traffic Survey will be conducted by the residents to determine the volume and type of vehicles travelling the pinch points within the area . The information will be used to work with the local police and to obtain “Speed Guns“ which the association can use to help with the perceived problem of speed . At the next meeting to be held 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 / 7pm at St Joseph’s School Hall, by kind permission of the Headmaster Mr Oliver Scott, Steve Stoppard our local policeman will be invited to attend to address the residents and the results of the traffic survey will be available .**

**We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2017.**