

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish of St Mawgan-in-Pydar held in the
St Mawgan Community Hall on Wednesday 20th May 2009 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs K Atkinson (Vice Chairman), P Harvey, E Spry, I Barry, P R H Roberts (Parish Clerk); Sgt Emma Fox, PC Alan Lenton, Cllr Peter Glanville (CC), Mr David Chadwick (Newquay Community Network Manager) and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr C Mitchell (Chairman) holiday, Cllr W H J Corbett (Planning Forum meeting Truro) and Cllr A Thompson

In the Chairman's absence the Vice Chairman opened the meeting with introductions and welcomed all present.

Chairman's Report: The Vice Chairman presented the Chairman's report.
The Chairman highlighted two events of major significance to the Parish during the year. In September 2008 we were awarded Quality Council Status. This was achieved by the compilation of a portfolio gathering together evidence of all the ways in which we interact with, and act on behalf of, our community. The significance of gaining this status is that, aside from proving to everyone that we do what we say we do, it gives us a greater voice in influencing events at the next level of Local Government.
The second significant event was the formation of the new Cornwall Council Unitary Authority. There are many concerns on how the new Council will perform; not least in the area of planning. We have secured a place on the Cornwall Planning Liaison Group, set up by the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) with members drawn from other Quality Status Councils in Cornwall. I have great hopes that as a result of issues raised a better planning service will emerge.
On the Planning front, during the period April 2008 – March 2009 we dealt with 62 applications in the Parish. Of these, objections were raised to 9, and of these 2 were withdrawn. Two were refused, and 5 granted.
On behalf of the Parish Council and all the people of the Parish I should like to extend thanks to Cllr Pat Harvey, our Borough Councillor. She has worked tirelessly for all her constituents during her period in office, and has achieved some significant results. I also thank Peter Glanville for so ably representing our interests at the County Council, and for regularly attending our meetings.
Finally, I thank my fellow councillors for their sterling efforts over the past year, and the people of the Parish for supporting us.

Address by the outgoing RBC Ward Representative: Cllr Pat Harvey said that since the rundown of the Borough Council she had been seconded to 'One Cornwall' serving on the Scrutiny Committee. She expressed her concern about Licensing and Planning issues and felt that decisions were being made that were not in the best interests of local people.
She said that she was sad that she was not standing for the St Mawgan & Colan seat on the new Council in the forthcoming elections. Cllr Harvey said that there was a need for a strong voice on the new Council for rural communities and she hoped that the candidate elected would uphold this view.
She expressed her concern that within the new Newquay Network Area the voting system would be balanced against rural areas. Therefore there was a danger that the needs of the urban areas such as Newquay may take precedence and so a Parish like ours could lose its identity.
Cllr Harvey noted that four of the most senior staff members of the new Council do not live in Cornwall and was very disappointed that these appointments had been allowed to happen. She also expressed her concern about the massive debt incurred in setting up the new Authority; a debt that would take years to clear.
In closing she thanked the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk and members of the Council for their support and said that it had been a privilege to have served as Ward Representative. Finally Cllr Harvey wished it to be recorded that she was very unhappy that the Newquay Police Inspector had again been unable to attend the annual meeting.

Address by
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Councillor: Cllr Peter Glanville thanked the members of the PC and members of the community for their support during the past 8 years. He said he would keep his address short and thanked members for making him so welcome at Council meetings. He congratulated the PC on its achievement in obtaining Quality Parish Status and said that it had been a pleasure to work to help the Parish achieve its goals. In closing he announced that due to business and family needs he would not be seeking re-election in June.

Police report: Sgt Emma Fox apologised on behalf of Inspector Meredith for his absence from the meeting as he was engaged on other police business. Sgt Fox said it had been a busy year for the Neighbourhood Team. She explained some of the major changes taking place in the Police Force nationally, highlighting the increase in the number of PCSOs and the programme of introducing civilian investigators and detention officers. PC Alan Lenton, Neighbourhood Beat Manager for St Columb, Fraddon and St Mawgan, reported on local issues and said that there had been 58 incidents in the last year; a fall on the previous year. A large proportion of these incidents had been domestic issues or non violent crimes or robberies. He thanked the Parish Council and the community for their assistance in reporting incidents. PC Lenton said he enjoyed visiting St Mawgan village school to make presentations to the pupils and staff, and had enjoyed attending village events. He gave an example of the Neighbourhood Team's commitment to the Parish, explaining that during the heavy snowfall PCSO Burgess had walked from St Eval to St Mawgan to check that all was well. With regard to the on-going problems of speeding traffic on the airport road, and indiscriminate parking by airport users, PC Lenton advised that they were working with other agencies to try to solve the issues; there had been some success in preventing cars from parking on the B3276. There are a number of on-going initiatives, for example PCSO Anita Parry's Farm Watch programme, helping local farmers combat theft. It is hoped a similar system may be introduced to provide for local holiday camps. In conclusion, Sergeant Fox and PC Lenton agreed that they were very lucky police officers in being able to work here in our Parish.

At the end of this address, there was a short question and answer session regarding the use of civilian employees being used to carry out important police work, in addition to general parish matters.

Address by Mr
David Chadwick
Newquay
Community
Network
Manager: Mr Chadwick gave a Power Point presentation on the Network proposals. He explained that Community Networks were fundamental to Cornwall Council's aim to give communities a stronger voice and to help them deal with complex issues. Community Network Managers will bring together panels led by Cornwall Council members. These panels will include representatives from Town and Parish Councils and will be able to invite local and voluntary organisations and others such as the Police and Health Authorities to join them. He explained that the purpose of the networks is to involve local communities; improve local services; identify, agree and then deliver local policies; enable local Councillors to have more influence over delivery of services; and to enable communities to make choices about the way in which services are delivered in their areas. Examples of issues that could be dealt with include anti-social behaviour, economic development, the environment, community planning, regeneration, conservation, community safety and transport and highway issues. There will be opportunities for Town and Parish Councils to negotiate to take on a variety of levels of responsibility for some services. The Chairman thanked Mr Chadwick for his presentation and Mr Chadwick offered to take questions from the floor.

Questions centred on how the Network 'panels' would work in practice. It was disappointing that information about how decisions would be reached, what voting system would be employed and general items about constitution and composition for the panels were not available.

Mr Nicholson-Florence felt that this type of presentation provided by Cornwall Council should be more detailed and in plain English as in its current format it was difficult to understand.

Parish Affairs: None.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Chairman

8 July 2009