

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of St Mawgan-in-Pydar Parish held in Mawgan **Porth Village Hall on Wednesday 30th April 2014 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllrs K Atkinson, B Cawley, R Cawley, W H J Corbett, S Gardner, G Jennings, E McKenzie, C R Mitchell, K Mullard, & S Tavener

In Attendance: CC Cllr J Fitter, PC Lenton, Miss Donna James (Parish Clerk), no members of the public where present

Apologies – received from: Cllrs M Raby and S Jennings, Inspector Meredith, PCSO Parry

Minutes of the meeting 24th April 2013

Proposed by Cllr B Cawley, seconded by Cllr Corbett and **resolved** to accept the Minutes of the meeting as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman

Address by Cornwall Councillor John Fitter

Cllr Fitter reported to the meeting:

That CC are on track with Localism. Localism Unitary Status to give power back to the Parish Councils.

Planning – there are variances as to how planning committees work and training is important to CC.

There were 721 empty properties that have been re-instated and put into use since 2010, which has been a positive move and a very successful project.

CC are working with the ministry of Transport re the Temple A30 road works. The paperwork has been completed. Finance needs to be sorted for the project but it is an active and ongoing project.

CC are building new offices in Bodmin with a view to closing down other offices in the county.

Car parking – Cllr Fitter has initiated a £1 after 4pm charge within his area.

Libraries – the number of libraries are being reduced but CC are working to keep them open when possible

Waste collection issues have settled down and Corey environmental are now saving CC money. The incinerator at St Dennis is still going ahead and progressing.

Chairman's Report

As no members of the public were present, the meeting agreed to take the report as read. The report is attached to the minutes.

Police Address

Apologies were given by Inspector Meredith. PC Lenton addressed the meeting and read out the police report.

He thanked the council and the wider community of St Mawgan in Pydar for their continued help and support over the last 12 months. He also personally thanked PCSO Parry and PCSO Burgess for their help during his period of absence.

Recorded crime over the past year has remained stable and in general across the force, crime is down in line with the national trend. Having looked at the crimes for St Mawgan in Pydar a number are linked to the airport and non-crime issues.

The intentions over the next year are to increase contact with other agencies for example schools, and engage with a wider spectrum of the community.

There are two areas that the inspector is keen to progress, the increased use of special constables in particular patrols and helping the police with community based events. The second is the introduction of street net, which is an updated Neighbourhood type scheme

Parish Affairs in General

Cllr Fitter advised that the S106 money has now been paid to CC.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman.....

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Chairman's Report

This new Council was elected last May. The year has been something of a record in recent times since, for the first time since I joined the Council, we have not had one change in Councillors over the year. I would like to thank all Councillors for their hard work during the year.

The year began with some discussions of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and our Standing Orders. The draft of the Model Standing Orders was received in November and Cllr Gardner has undertaken to review them and present an abbreviated, applicable version to the Council.

While there were no changes in the Councillors this year we did have a change in our Responsible Officer, the Clerk. Laurie Lee who had served the Council superbly for almost four years left in January to pursue other interests. Although we were sorry to see Laurie go so unexpectedly, we were gratified to see the quality of applicants we received for his replacement. The Council was delighted that Donna James, having been selected from a very strong list of candidates, accepted our offer to be the new Clerk. She was able to take over the reins the day after Laurie left which meant that we did not have even one day's interregnum.

There have been 11 meetings so far this year and only one Councillor, Cllr Cliff Mitchell, recorded 100% attendance - well done Cliff. For the record the attendance figures for individual Councillors is as follows:

Cllr Keith Atkinson	9
Cllr Richard Cawley	6
Cllr Beryl Cawley	10
Cllr William Corbett	10
Cllr Steve Gardner	8
Cllr Sarah Jennings	7
Cllr Gwen Jennings	9
Cllr Liz McKenzie	10
Cliff Mitchell	11
Cllr Kate Mullard	9
Cllr Michael Raby	7
Cllr Steve Taverner	9

The Parish Council had 48 planning applications (one less than last year) and raised no objection, or supported, 39 of these.

The PC kept the Precept at £28,000 yet again, for a further 12 months.

Early in the year the Council constructed a shed for the parish's mower and on behalf of the Council I would like to thank Mrs Mary Cook for her public spiritedness in allowing the shed to be constructed at a convenient location on her land. This was done for a peppercorn lease, the payment for which she requested the Parish Council donate to a local Charity.

On behalf of the Council I would also like to thank our County Councillor, John Fitter, for his support and help during the year and for keeping us informed with events at County level. Particularly though I would like to thank him for going above and beyond by cleaning the Disabled toilet in St

Mawgan for most of the last year after Cornwall Council decided to withdraw support for the St Mawgan toilets and close them. We still await the outcome of discussions between Cornwall Council and the Mawgan Porth Business Group concerning the latter taking over the Mawgan Porth toilets and the Disabled toilet in St Mawgan.

As parishioners know, the Parish Council has been in discussion with the Affordable Housing team at Cornwall Council for over two years about the provision of Affordable Housing in the parish. In order that the actual need for Affordable Housing was fully understood, and to gauge the parishioners' views, we launched a questionnaire in conjunction with Cornwall Council late last year. This was circulated to every household in the parish. As well as attempting to understand demand, the questionnaire asked for suggestions of locations that parishioners would think suitable for Affordable Housing. The results of that survey were received in April and we, together with Cornwall Council, are reviewing the answers and will come forward with views shortly. I would like to thank the small group of Councillors, who have worked with me over these years on Affordable Housing, for their continued efforts.

The winter storms wreaked havoc at Mawgan Porth Beach and a lot of people have put great efforts into trying to rectify the situation before the season starts. I would like to thank members of the public, the Beach and Environment Working Group, and particularly Cllr Taverner, for their unstinting efforts in this task.

Throughout the year our Amenity Area Working Group has been beavering away on plans for the complete refurbishment of the children's play area in St Mawgan. These plans are now virtually complete and we hope to agree which quote to accept for this work at our May meeting. I had hoped that the play ground would have been refurbished before the previous Council ended in May last year but unfortunately the necessary finance did not materialise until this year.

Finally, I instigated a revision of our Parish Plan as soon as this new Council was formed. This sub group rapidly was overtaken by events and metamorphosed into the Neighbourhood Plan Group. This Group has been chaired by the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Liz McKenzie and I would like to thank her and her Group for all the work they have already done on this very important project. I would also like to thank her for Chairing two meetings this year in my absence.

It has been a busy year and although we have covered a lot of ground much still needs to be done.