

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of St Mawgan-in-Pydar Parish

held via Zoom

on

Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Chair Cllr Liz McKenzie. In attendance: Parish Clerk Mrs Angela Hayne and 3 members of the public.

The order of the Agenda was altered to accommodate a presentation by Neil Flower Chief Instructor and Rachel Potts Community Liaison Officer, Draken Ltd (formerly Cobham Aviation Services UK).

01/21 **Apologies** - Dave James ACIPR Community Relations Costain Ltd – A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross Region Delivery Programme.

02/21 **Minutes** – Agreed to accept the Minutes of the 2019 meeting as a true record and they will be signed by the Chair at future face to face opportunity.

03/21 **Police Address** – not received.

04/21 **Address by Cornwall Councillor John Fitter** – not received.

Parish Affairs in general:

05/21 2. **Draken Ltd.**

Neil Flower Chief Instructor and Rachel Potts Community Liaison Officer, Draken Ltd gave a presentation on Draken Ltd helicopter operations based at Cornwall Airport Newquay.

Introduction: The Draken Helicopter Academy deliver specialist helicopter services to a range of customers worldwide including Government Agencies, Military, Emergency Services, Coast Guard, Original Equipment Manufacturers, Oil, Gas and Wind Farm Companies.

Their training courses cover everything from initial to special missions demanding the highest levels of skill and equipment, such as Search and Rescue (SAR), Tactical and Commercial Operations, all to EASA or UK Military standards.

A short history:

- Draken Europe (Previously Cobham Aviation Services UK) provided flying training to the British Military for up to 200 Ab-initio Rotary Wing Pilots and Crewmen per annum from 1997 until 2018.
- Delivered Basic, Advanced and Instructor courses to International Defence Trainees.
- Based on our unique experience gained from our history of providing training to the UK MOD, we are now delivering training to a number of International Defence & Government customers from our home bases in Newquay & Bournemouth.
- How we are governed (MAA regulations) and why that's important.

- Their Training Fleet currently consists of BELL 412 EP: Basic and Advanced Multi Engine (ME) training - **Civil & Military Register MAA CFAOS** allowing:
 - Pilot & Rearcrew Training COIN & Conv Ops
 - Procedural Instrument Flying
 - Search & Rescue (SAR) Techniques
 - Underslung Loads (USL)
 - Crewman Instructor Training
 - Multi Crew NVD Ops
- AIRBUS AS350 BB Basic & Advanced Single Engine (SE) training - **Military Register MAA CFAOS** allowing:
 - Tactical Techniques & Procedures
 - Underslung Loads (USL)
 - NVD Initial and Recat
 - Mountain Flying Techniques
 - EO/IR Sensor Training (MX-10)
 - Instructor training
- AUGUSTA WESTLAND 139 & AIRBUS H – 145 Basic and Advanced Multi Engine (ME) training
- **Civil & Military Register MAA CFAOS** allowing:
 - Pilot & Rearcrew Training COIN & Conv Ops
 - Procedural Instrument Flying
 - Search & Rescue (SAR) Techniques
 - Underslung Loads (USL)
 - Crewman Instructor Training
 - Multi Crew NVD Ops

Plans

Community Engagement:

- STEM
- Presentations – parish council and community liaison
- Charity fundraising
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Apprenticeships
- Work Experience/ Placements
- School visits
- College talks
- Visits to Draken Helicopter Academy – Open Days
- Local Community Initiates

- **Equestrian Community – hi-vis merchandise (This is currently in production and so if anyone is interested, please contact rachel.potts@draken.aero)**
- **Cornwall Heritage Centre**
- **Supporting local airfield owners.**

Rachel is hoping that Pete Downes of Cornwall Airport Newquay will be able to facilitate flying activity communication via the airport website, which would enable residents to access information such as night flying, extended opening hours, significant unusual activity in a timely manner.

In addition, Rachel is in the process of setting up a formalised complaints process for Draken Ltd operations.

Rachel and Neil thanked the Chair for inviting them to the meeting and will remain open to continuing community engagement.

Those present all expressed their thanks as to what was an interesting presentation and suggested that communication in the Parish is key - welcoming all operators at Cornwall Airport Newquay to join in the community engagement at every possible opportunity.

06/21 Chair's report 2020-21

The last year has been very different in many ways with lots of changes to adjust to! As we have been unable to hold face-to-face meetings the Parish Council has been using Zoom to hold meetings online. This has taken a bit of getting used to for all of us, but it has been superbly managed by our Parish clerk, Angela Hayne, who is responsible for setting up meetings and ensuring they proceed smoothly.

Angela has also been the one who has kept up to date with all the covid regulations and requirements and ensured that the PC has been compliant. We had to close the toilets and the play area in accordance with guidelines – and thanks are due to Angela and to our contractor, Simon Plant, for ensuring that this was enacted promptly, and suitable signs were erected. We re-opened both as soon as we were able. The public toilet is regularly used by the local postmen but has also been used by the many delivery drivers that we now commonly see around the parish!

Angela has also been pushing ahead with the refurbishment of the toilets. The gents and ladies have been refitted and redecorated and we held a small opening ceremony on September 2nd, 2020 when Beryl Cawley officially reopened them. The next step is the rebuild of the disabled toilet to make it truly accessible and fit for purpose. Finding a builder to undertake the work has been challenging, but Angela has persevered. We have been fortunate in receiving money from the Denzell Downs fund towards the costs – thanks to Angela for preparing this application.

We have also seen a change in the toilet cleaning contract, as Andrew Prowse stepped down from the role last year, so I'd like to thank him for all his hard work – and the beautiful flower displays. We now have Tony Roberts, from St Columb, who took on the contract for cleaning the toilets in August 2020, so thanks to him for his work so far.

Last summer saw a massive influx of visitors once the covid restrictions were lifted and unfortunately this resulted in record levels of rubbish being left on the beach for our contractor to remove. As ever the beach cleaning has been maintained to a very high standard by Mike Farmer and his family, so especial thanks to them. However, the levels of rubbish seen last year are unsustainable going forward, particularly since Cornwall Council have changed their procedures and

are no longer prepared to remove the rubbish free of charge. So, we have been working with the Farmer family and local businesses to achieve a workable solution for the future. Signs have been erected to encourage people to take their rubbish away from the beach for disposal. We hope that this will be effective for summer 2021, but we will be monitoring the situation to make future decisions.

Thanks to our contractor Simon Plant, who keeps the footpaths, the church yard, the burial ground, and the playing field tidy, as well as undertaking various other jobs around the parish. He has erected the new signs on the beach and also the NO Dogs signs for the playing field. Hopefully, they will remove the problem of dogs being exercised on the field.

If you have visited the cemetery recently you will have noticed that the drive has been resurfaced, with the corners adjusted to allow more space for the hearses to turn which also required the relocation of the bench. You may also have noticed that the gates are nearing the end of their use, so the PC has ordered new gates – again using money from the Denzell Downs fund which Angela has successfully applied for. This year's round of applications has just closed and there is a meeting later this month to decide on the allocation of funds.

We are coming up to the end of the current term of office for existing councillors and we will see a few changes when we resume in May. We have seen one change already as Sue Jones stepped down in February and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her contributions over the years and give her our best wishes – we will miss you, Sue! Although we were coming up to an election in May the vacancy was advertised, and we had three people who put themselves forward to be co-opted at the March meeting. So, an online vote was held (another new experience, capably managed by our Parish Clerk!) and Kate Mullard was elected to the Parish Council and duly signed the necessary papers. We welcome Kate back to represent Trenance ward. Kate was on the council previously, so at least she knows what she has let herself in for!

I mentioned the elections in May, and they meant that nominations were open to anyone who wanted to stand for the Parish Council across the two wards. Again, a slightly different experience than usual, with the challenges of completing the nomination forms, getting them signed and submitted in person at one of the council offices during the covid restrictions!

Two of our existing councillors have decided not to stand this time, Terry Thomas for St Mawgan ward and Gwen Jennings for Trenance and I would like to thank them both for all their contributions, both have served on the internal control group who undertake regular checks on the PCs accounts. I would also like to thank Gwen who has been our longstanding representative on the Airport Consultative Forum, and she has done a great job representing the PC and feeding back the discussions that have taken place.

The outcome of the nomination process is that we have six people nominated for the six seats in St Mawgan ward: Beryl Cawley, Sarah Karkeek, Jean (Jay) Latham, Liz McKenzie, Chris Mann, Clare Tyson. There are five people nominated for the six seats in Trenance ward: Deborah Carter, Richard Cawley, William Corbett, James McCluskie, Kate Mullard. So, there won't be an election in either ward and we will see two, possibly three new members joining the council in May. There is a vacancy in Trenance ward, so that will duly be advertised and hopefully the PC will be able to co-opt a sixth person for Trenance at a future meeting. The changes to the PC composition will also mean some changes to the working groups.

We are also going to see a change to our County Council representative, due to the reorganisation of Cornwall Council, St Mawgan is now grouped with St Columb Major and St Wenn, rather than Colan.

So, I would like to thank John Fitter, for his dedication and commitment on behalf of the parishioners during the past years, to address parking issues, footpaths as well as planning matters.

I have mentioned **Angela Hayne** our Parish Clerk, already for various things that she has done during the year. Over the last year the role of Parish Clerk has expanded and changed in ways that we could never have imagined prior to the pandemic, but through it all Angela has worked incredibly hard to ensure that all the 'usual' procedures are followed as well as dealing with all the new demands that have arisen. So massive thanks to Angela, for all that she does behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly, we really appreciate all that Angela does.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would also like to thank all of the contractors I have mentioned for their hard work for the Parish. I am sure we all appreciate everything they do to maintain the Parish for the benefit of all of us.

There has been a lot to mention about the past year, which has been exceptional in many ways. So, I will finish now, thank you to Rachel Potts and Neil Flower from Draken helicopters for their interesting presentation and responses to questions.

Discussion of parish affairs in general – issues raised were consideration of carbon footprints in relation to property development, desire to retain green spaces between houses at Trenance, suggestions for community support at Mawgan Porth.

Meeting closed 8.15pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting: Chair's signature
April 2022