

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

at

Mawgan Porth Village Hall

On

Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 5.30pm

Present: Chair Cllr Liz McKenzie. In attendance: Parish Clerk Mrs Angela Hayne and 9 members of the public.

01/23 Apologies: Received from Mr Chris Mann

02/23 Approve minutes of meeting held 20th April 2022

Proposed by Cllr P Wills and it was agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2022.

03/23 Address by Cornwall Councillor Paul Wills

Cllr Wills reflected on the excitement of the prospect of a successful launch of Virgin Orbits rocket “Launcher One” and the disappointment when the mission failed. He reported that the Spaceport has bookings for satellite construction for the next four months, other space related companies are looking to locate to the area, school trips are booked solid for the next 18 months and so hopefully will remain at the forefront of the space industry in the U.K.

He shared his delight that the “Mayor for Cornwall” has been rejected and Cornwall Council to seek a Level Two Devolution Deal from Central Government.

The new Community Network Partnerships will replace the former Network Panels and this area will become part of the Newquay, St Columb, St Agnes, and Perranporth Partnership, with the current “Highways Schemes” remaining until 2025 under the current system and the former panel boundaries. There will be money available under the “Community Levelling Up Programme” and the “Shared Prosperity Fund”. Albeit a complicated process, and the time limit is very tight with the money allocated by May 2025. Match funding and retrospective funding may make it difficult for smaller parishes to access this funding stream believing that the new Partnerships be embraced by working to try and make it a success for all the nearly Sixty Thousand residents within the area.

Pleased to see the Traffic improvements at Trevarrian take shape and the work of the Parish Council to install Speed Awareness devices has proven to be a very useful tool in helping drivers to be more speed aware. The new gateways at Trevarrian will also help make drivers more speed aware.

Cllr Wills commended those who are working so hard to make the Neighbourhood Development Plan a reality to help make planning decisions easier for Planning Officers, Residents, and Councillors to understand what the Community wants to see within the area.

In addition, Cllr Wills commended the Parish council on its continuing work to improve those parts of the parish that it is responsible for, the parks, beach, footpaths, cemetery, toilets, village hall and much more. Stating that being a local Councillor at County or Parish level is often a thankless task however, without the work and dedication to our local communities very little would be achieved.

Ending by saying, it remains my great honour to be your Cornwall Councillor.

04/23 Chair's Report

The Chair reported on another busy year.

Last year the Platinum Jubilee was celebrated on Sunday June 5th, with the Coronation celebrations anticipated on Sunday 7th May. Thanks were given to Luke Mosley and the Jubilee committee who organised everything last year and will do so again for the Coronation celebrations.

The PC purchased 70 trees which were planted on the playing field – to replace the diseased Ash trees – and in the cemetery, to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Children from the school and the preschool helped with the planting on the playing field. Thanks were given to the Denzell Downs fund for providing funding for purchasing the trees. Thanks were extended to Angela Hayne for co-ordinating the tree planting and to Deborah Carter, William Corbett, George Williams, and Clare Tyson for helping with the planting, as well as Steve Evans from Arbor Trees Ltd.

The PC was successful in a bid to the Community Network Partnership for traffic calming measures at Trevarrian, in response to concerns from residents about speeding traffic. Several measures have been – or are being – implemented. These include new 'gateway' signs for the village, the provision of speed monitors and the training of residents under the Community Speed Watch Team to further monitor traffic speeds. Thanks went to Angela Hayne and George Williams for operating the speed monitors and to Julie Whelan for co-ordinating the Trevarrian residents. It is hoped that Trevarrian and the other villages in the parish will be included in the '20 is plenty' initiative if/when it is rolled out.

Unfortunately, another bid to the Community Network for double yellow lines beside the church to preserve space for the bus to turn over the bridge was less successful. The Highways assessment was that just putting yellow lines in that location would not suffice. Their proposal was for yellow lines in further locations through the centre of the village. After discussion and feedback from residents the PC decided to withdraw the scheme.

Following reports of 'near misses' events opposite Rhodes Cottage the PC requested signage to indicate the bend to alert car drivers. A site meeting was arranged with Highways and agreed that white lines indicating the junction to the Smugglers would be refreshed and hedges trimmed to expose the signage. Additionally, arrows sign to indicate a bend has been installed.

The Neighbourhood Plan group continued monthly meetings to move things forward with the Plan and was successful in an application for funding to cover costs of a questionnaire to all the homes in the parish and for a Housing Needs Survey. Using the information gathered on the 'postcards' from the drop-in events and the previous Parish Plan the group formulated an 8-page questionnaire which volunteers then hand delivered around the parish. It could also be completed online – thanks to Liz Johnson-Sterling for setting that up. The paper questionnaires could be returned to either St Mawgan Village Stores, or Betty's at Mawgan Porth – thanks to both proprietors for their co-

operation to enable this to take place. 237 responses have been received and analysed and the findings will inform the development of the plan.

Things also proceeded steadily with the plans for the Parish Council to take over as Sole Trustee for the Community Hall in St Mawgan. Nikki George at Cornwall Rural Communities Charity (CRCC) provided valuable support with the process which enabled the PC to finally take over as sole trustee on February 1st, 2023. Thanks to Paul Roberts for all his hard work over the years to keep the hall going and in providing all the paperwork for the hand over. Hopefully he is now enjoying a lot freer time! A new Community Hall Management Committee has been set up, which reports back to the PC. The Committee are working on an extensive programme of work to update and improve the hall facilities.

Planning applications continue to comprise a major component of PC business, both at meetings and in between. All parish councillors have to review each planning application prior to the monthly meeting, which takes time to download and view the associated documents and plans – sometimes over 50 documents, often with 20, 30 or more pages. Thanks to everyone for the time they give to all their PC duties, but particularly the planning applications – and especially thanks to William Corbett who leads the planning working group, liaises with planning officers, prepares PC responses to the applications after the meeting and represents the PC at the Area Planning Committee when we request applications be decided by the Committee.

Looking back at last year's report, I commented then on the proposed development at Cornish Fresh, which had an original determination deadline of July 2021, but is still, yet, undetermined.

Footpaths have raised several concerns during the year. These may be raised by members of the Transport and Rights of Way working group, or by members of the public. The Clerk then refers issues on to the various CC teams for action – and then follows up to ensure that action has taken place. The PC has replaced several missing footpath signs around the parish – thanks to Mike Cawley and Simon Plant for installing these signs.

Footpaths around Trenance continue to be problematic. Councillors have had site meetings and walked paths to establish where there are problems and to identify possible solutions. There have been issues too around the beach access, both by footpath and over the entrance area. Constant erosion by the sea has led to the wire gabion baskets being exposed on the beach and disruption to the disabled access area inside the beach entrance. Thanks to Charlie Broom for remedying the situation at the disabled area. Works have also been done, first by volunteers and then by Cornwall Highways, around the beach entrance to clear the sand back and install some new fencing.

We are very grateful for the tireless efforts of Mike Farmer and his family, who remove and sort the rubbish from the beach. They really do go above and beyond to ensure that the beach is kept clean. The addition of further recycling bins last year was a success, and the aim is to continue to promote recycling rubbish as much as possible. The businesses around the bay have continued to contribute to the costs of rubbish removal, which has meant that the beach cleaning has been able to continue as the PC couldn't meet the full costs.

We've just had one change to the parish council line up this year, when Beryl Cawley stood down. Thanks to Beryl for all her work on behalf of the council over the years – from Beryl's bogs to Church Lane! Initially three people put themselves forward for the vacancy, one then withdrew and after a vote at the January 23 meeting Beryl was replaced by Tracy Abell.

Tony Roberts continues to keep the toilets sparkling clean and reports any issues to the Clerk. So, we thank him for his hard work and dedication.

We've had a change of contractors for the maintenance of the playing field and cemetery, this is now undertaken by Tom Preddy, along with cutting the footpaths. Thanks to Tom for keeping everything looking tidy.

So, here we are, around to April again and on behalf of the Parish Council I would also like to thank all the contractors I have mentioned for their hard work for the Parish. I'm sure we all appreciate everything they do to maintain the Parish for the benefit of all of us.

I also need to give our wholehearted thanks to our Parish Clerk, Angela Hayne, who is the one who really keeps the Parish going. She makes sure that our meetings take place in accordance with the regulations, keeps all the records and as the Responsible Officer she over sees all the financial matters. The role of Parish Clerk is complex and ever expanding, but Angela manages everything skilfully and keeps everything running smoothly – and still keeps smiling! Thank you, Angela!

05/23 Parish Affairs in general

Mr and Mrs Lay shared their concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety at Trenance.

06/23 Making Space for Sand Project

Presentation by Jolyon Sharpe, Programme Manager Cornwall Council Environment Service

This is delivering a project funded through Defra's Innovative Resilience Programme. The purpose is to make Cornwall's sandy beach dune systems sustainable by '**Making Space for Sand**'. This will be strongly determined by landowner and community involvement. There are certainly opportunities at Mawgan Porth.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting: April 2024