

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

held in **Mawgan Porth Village Hall**

On

**Wednesday the 18th day of April 2018 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs L McKenzie (Chair). In attendance: Mrs Angela Hayne (Parish Clerk), Cllr J Fitter (CC), PC AL Lenton and 11 members of the public.

(a) Apologies – received from S Karkeek, S Tavener, B Cawley and T Thomas

(b) Minutes – Agreed to accept the Minutes of the 2017 meeting as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman

(c) Police Address – Received from PC AL Lenton

Apologies: PCSO Parry and PCSO Burgess rest days.

PC Lenton addressed the meeting and read out the following report:

I wish to begin with thanks from the police team at St Columb Major for the help and support given to us from the council and the public during the last twelve months, long may it continue.

You are probably aware of the well documented cuts and restructuring that we and other agencies are undertaking. The number of PCSOs will be cut during the next four years and we have a working party looking into this. Several PCSOs have joined as full-time officers and some are working in other roles within the police family.

There have been some internal changes within the unit, but it will not impact on the day to day running of the office.

We have continued to engage with all our schools, clubs, and groups when able, during the last twelve months. This is in my opinion, one of the back bones of Neighbourhood policing and we will endeavour to continue with this. Our visits and interaction with the local school children are enjoyed by all.

The Airport continues to be busy, and we will be helping with patrols in and around the location, particularly during the Summer. I am fully aware of the parking situation close to the location without cost incurred. Our intention is to target patrol the lane in question and deal with issues accordingly.

Of course, we are unable to be everywhere for everybody, and I would encourage you all to sign up for the Alert Scheme. This as I have stated before, is loosely based on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and enables us to send messages electronically to the public about possible crime trends and also good news stories.

YOU are the eyes and ears of the community. Having looked at the overall crime figures for the parish there has been an increase but not that significant to cause any concerns. Please remember we still live in a very safe part of the country.

(d) Address by Cornwall Councillor John Fitter

Since last May, when the new council was elected, I have dealt with the concerns of residents here in St Mawgan, the Parish of Colan and residents of Newquay North.

The local authority is run by a Liberal Democrat and Independent administration with the Chairman from the Liberal Democrat party.

The following is a breakdown of seats at County Hall:

Conservative Party – 46 seats; Liberal Democrat Party – 37 seats; Independent – 31 seats; Labour Party – 4 seats and Mebyon Kernow – 4 seats and 1 – stand-alone member.

I serve on: Central Planning, East Planning (sub) and Strategic Planning, and the following committees: Street trading sub-committee; Licensing Act committee; Licensing Act sub-committee; Health and Wellbeing committee (sub); Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (Vice Chair); Cornwall Airport Consultative Forum and a Board Member of the Board of Directors of Cornwall Newquay Airport.

My attendance record is posted on the members details on the Cornwall Council web site.

Measures being discussed for 2017/2018 are the Resources and Waste Strategy. This strategy includes black bag collection once a fortnight. I was unable to support and voted against this proposal on April 17th, 2018, as support for the weekly black bag collection was a Conservative Party manifesto commitment. Regretfully, most of my Conservative colleagues seemed to have forgotten this and voted to support cabinet strategy.

I voted NO to a recorded vote to support the Truro Stadium Grant of £3million. In my opinion, the proposal highlights a flawed business plan. I regret that most members voted to approve, and the Grant Bid was successful. I am very disappointed that senior Officers and some Cabinet Members decided that protection of your money was not paramount in deciding to support this 'vanity project'. I suggest this project will not help most of the children of this Parish or our adult football or cricket teams.

Plans to promote Truro as the European City of Culture were not proceeded with.

The Council has reviewed its policy of charging disabled people £3000 to have a disabled space installed NEAR TO THEIR ACCOMMODATION. This will now be free or subject to a notional payment. Steps are being taken to refund people who have been affected by the previous charges.

(e) Chair's Report

The Chair read the following report:

This time last year we were approaching council elections in May. There were two vacancies, due to the resignations of Sarah Jennings and Keith Atkinson and after the May election we welcomed three new councillors on to the council – Sarah Karkeek, Terry Thomas, and Chris Mann.

So, I'd first like to thank all the Councillors for their contributions during the year. I would also like to thank our County Councillor, John Fitter, for his efforts on behalf of the parishioners during the year, which have addressed speeding, parking issues, footpaths as well as planning matters.

I'd also like to thank **Angela Hayne** our very efficient Parish Clerk, who does such a lot of work to keep things running smoothly – and keeps smiling! The role of Parish Clerk is a complex and demanding one, which is ever expanding, so we really appreciate all that Angela does.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank each of the contractors employed by the council 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:

**Andrew Prowse** who opens, closes, and cleans the toilets in St Mawgan, as well as adding beautiful flower boxes. I'd like to thank everyone else involved for their continued support to keep the toilets open.

**Simon Plant** our maintenance contractor, who maintains the village amenities – the playing field, churchyard, and burial ground, as well as cutting the footpaths.

**Mike Farmer** who cleans the beach, empties the bins, and generally keeps everything looking good for everyone who uses the beach.

**Attendance:** There have been 12 meetings since the Annual Assembly last year and one councillor has again had 100% attendance - **William Corbett**. For the record the attendance figures for individual Councillors are as follows:

Cllr Beryl Cawley – 5	Cllr Deborah Carter – 9
Cllr Sarah Karkeek– 10	Cllr Richard Cawley - 8
Cllr Liz McKenzie - 11	Cllr William Corbett - 12
Cllr Terry Thomas - 8	Cllr Gwen Jennings – 8
Cllr Clare Tyson - 9	Cllr Sue Jones – 11
Cllr Chris Mann - 9	Cllr Steve Tavener - 8

Councillors have attended a variety of further meetings on behalf of the council during the year. Thanks to **Gwen Jennings** who continues to represent the Parish Council at Airport Consultation Forum meetings and provide regular reports. Various councillors have attended Community Network meetings on behalf of the council too.

**Planning applications** continue to form a major part of the council's work. The Parish Council had **67 planning applications** during the year, of which we supported or raised no objection to 31, and objected to 14, of the remainder some were applications for works to trees which we refer to the County Council Tree Officer, some were works to listed buildings. In addition, there were **12 Pre-applications**; we are seeing an increasing number of these which require a response.

We are continuing to develop a **Single-Issue Neighbourhood Plan**, focused on planning matters and Councillor Corbett will be reporting on that shortly.

Sadly, our August meeting began with a minute's silence in memory of Keith Atkinson who passed away last year.

In September we received the decision on the **Definitive Map Modification Order** (application WCA 573 Rectory Lane):

The decision of the Natural Environment Manager with delegated responsibility was made on 6 September 2017 that an Order be made under Section 53(2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act

1981 to add a Restricted Byway – meaning walkers, horses and non-motorised vehicles - to the Definitive Map and Statement from road U6177 at the ford at Mawgan-in-Pydar CP School to road U6177 at Lanvean Farm in Mawgan-in-Pydar CP. At the December meeting the Parish Council resolved to make a formal objection to the order. As objections have been lodged the issue is to be referred to the Secretary of State.

The Parish Council has now taken on responsibility for costs for the two **defibrillators** in the Parish, one in St Mawgan and one at Mawgan Porth, to overcome ongoing issues with funding.

**Denzell Downs windfarm** S106 money became available last year, with the funds being administered by Grantscape – details on their website. The Parish has approximately £8,750 available each year. Last year there were two applications for funding, both of which were approved. One was Mawgan Porth Village Hall for money towards work on the drains as part of ongoing improvements to the Hall. The other was a local surf club. Applications for this year’s funding are now open – details on the PC’s website as well as Grantscape’s website – the closing date for applications is June 6<sup>th</sup>. Applications are then reviewed by the panel which decides on the grant allocations.

**Digital media:** The Parish council has a website where details of meetings, agendas and minutes are posted. We now also have a Facebook site which is up and running thanks to the efforts of Richard Cawley, Terry Thomas, and Deborah Carter. Details of forthcoming meetings and events like the windfarm funding application are posted on Facebook and links provided to the council’s website.

We have several items on the agenda for this evening’s meeting, so I will keep the items to time, so that everyone has a fair chance to speak. There will be opportunities for questions after each item, so I would ask that everyone respects the speakers and indicates if they have a question, to facilitate me chairing the meeting.

(f) – (g on Agenda)

Parish Affairs in general:

1. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr W Corbett reported that several meetings had taken place, and eight planning policies drafted. A consultation process with parishioners is to be undertaken at the proper time. In the meantime, Cllr Corbett invited people interested in becoming involved with the Neighbourhood Plan process, to contact the PC. Mr Mathieson asked Cllr Corbett for an estimated period envisaged for the process to be completed. Cllr Corbett responded that 18 months is the norm.

2. Denzell Downs Community Benefit Fund – as highlighted in the Chair’s report.

3. Mawgan Porth Beach

The Clerk read a report on behalf of Cllr Steve Tavener:

As you all know, this winter has seen another storm that has had effects along the beachfront with further damage both to the wheelchair area owned by the parish council, and erosion of the dunes, exposing a previous line of defences which some say were last fully exposed about 30 years ago. Government thinking is, of course, that the loss of sand is simply the natural cycle of dune erosion and rejuvenation, maintaining that the sand will

be wind-blown back up the beach, with the consequence of restoring the dunes. However, the plan this year is for the Parish council to apply for a grant from the Denzell Downs Community Benefit Fund Windfarm to engage a 'beach defences' consultant.

The consultant will consider ways in which to slow or prevent the dune erosion and draw up a list of options (with budgets) for Parish council consideration. We can then take a view on what is feasible with grant monies from outside of the precept, with the consultant's proposals acting as the first step in obtaining planning permission.

It should be said that those hoping for hard landscaping such as rock walls or gabion baskets are likely to be disappointed, mainly by the current policies that would govern the planning permission but also partly by the budget.

Plans are underway for the repair of the wheelchair area as Councillor Corbett has kindly offered the repair materials and is co-ordinating with a local contractor for their collection and placement.

Finally, I would like to express the thanks of the Parish Council to the sustainability team of the 'Red Hotels' group & to Pete Abell of Kingsurf for organizing and managing the '2-minute-beach-clean', and the board and equipment placed at the entrance to the beach which encourages others to help pick up litter.

(g) – (h on Agenda)

Avril Sainsbury – Cleaner Seas Project

Avril gave a presentation of the work that she is involved with in Bude, that highlights the plastic pollution that has become synonymous with our coastline. The project works with groups and individuals to make positive steps to rid the marine environment of plastic pollution, and specifically tackles society's throwaway, excessive or unnecessary plastic culture. The Cleaner Seas Project has already received national recognition at Central Government level.

**Meeting closed at 8.50pm**

Signed as true record of the meeting:

Chairman's signature..... 2019.