

TREVERBYN PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held on October 29th 2024 at Parish Offices, Rockhill Business Park.

Present: Councillors – Cllr Mrs. A Roberts (Chairman), Cllr L Allen, Cllr Mrs. A Double, Cllr P Highland, Cllr B Hollis, Cllr G Hooper, Cllr Mrs. J Killacky, Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews, Cllr K Pollard, Cllr M Shand, Cllr G Tregidga, Clerk D Stevens and Deputy Clerk D Hawken.

Apologies: Cllr M Luke

Declarations of Interest: None recorded.

Members of the public present: There was one member of the public present who was observing the meeting after expressing an interest in the Councillor co-option vacancy advertised.

Min 103/24 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Min 104/24 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on September 24th 2024

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on September 24th 2024 had been circulated and were approved. Proposed by Cllr B Hollis, Seconded by Cllr M Shand. All in favour.

Min 105/24 Matters arising from the minutes

There were a few matters arising that would not be included in agenda items.

- Min 95/24 – Pension for the Deputy Clerk. The matter has now been resolved and the Pension now active.
- Min 95/24 – Online Banking. The matter would be covered in a later agenda item.
- Min 95/24 – Devolution. The topic will be covered in a later agenda item
- Min 95/24 – Meeting with Griffiths. Council were notified that the postponed face-to-face multi agency meeting with Griffiths in August has yet to be rescheduled.

Once a date is forthcoming, it will be relayed to Council. A gentle reminder will be provided to Rebecca Edmondson at the forthcoming Social Value Request Meeting on the 6th November.

- Min 97/24 – Lower Molinnis incorrect Highways signage has now resolved pending the subsequent action.
- Min 97/24 – The reported knife issue at Carnsmerry has now been reported to the Police
- Min 97/24 – ASB issues at Penwithick has now been reported to the Police.
- Min 97/24 – The investigatory works at The Paddock, Trethowel are ongoing to resolve water issues in the vicinity, including the possible rerouting of water from the gully beneath Bojea Farm.
- Min 97/24 – As of yet, there has been no reply from A1 Tree and Grounds regarding the proposed start date of clearance work on land that occupied the former Molinnis Institute. **Action: Office to send further correspondence**
- Min 98/24 – The new digital phone system was now in operation for both Offices.
- Min 99/24 – The Deputy Clerk will be attending the forthcoming CALC AGM to be held at County Hall on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Min 99/24 – The Deputy Clerk will be representing the Parish Council at the forthcoming Remembrance Day Parade and Service at St Austell.

Min 106/24 Cornwall Councillor Reports

In light of Cllr M Luke's absence, there was no oral report given. Equally, no written report was submitted prior to the commencement to the meeting. Cllr Mrs. A Double again, voiced her dissatisfaction at no written report being submitted by Cllr M Luke.

Cornwall Councillor P Guest submitted a written report prior to the commencement of the meeting which was duly circulated to all Councillors in advance (see attached). No questions were asked on its content.

Min 107/24 Matters of interest within the Parish

- Cllr G Tregidga informed Council that there was to be a meeting for the residents of Bugle relating to matters of parking and excess speed on Sunday 17th November at 7pm – Bugle Village Hall.
In addition, reports were conveyed of further ASB in the village of Penwithick.
- Cllr Mrs. J Killacky reported that there is apparent activity on a particular site in the village of Bugle where a recent planning application had been refused. **Action: Office to report to Enforcement**
- Cllr B Hollis enquired about the timings of the road closure on the B3274. It was confirmed to all members that the closure had been extended to Friday 8th November.
- Cllr P Highland thanked those involved in the road speed limit signage alterations at Lower Molinnis. The issues have now been remedied.
- Cllr G Hooper reported that residents of Caudledown Lane had incorrectly received a hand-delivered letter from South West Water regarding a 3-day water restriction. The proposed maintenance did not have a designated works number hence, it was not appropriate to deliver.
- Cllr Mrs. A Roberts asked if any Councillor wished to attend the forthcoming Bugle Village Hall AGM meeting on the 23rd November at 3pm. Cllr P Highland commented that he may be able to attend but was not at this point, certain.
- The Deputy Clerk reported to Council that the severely overgrown vegetation from the Scredda Roundabout over to the ESAM Building has been reported to Cornwall Council for their attention.
- Wheal Martyn have written to inform the Council that the new defibrillator has now been installed and in operation. A thank you was conveyed for the support received to install this vital piece of life-saving equipment.
- The Deputy Clerk informed Councillors that the now defunct Ruddlemoor Village Green committee have agreed to transfer over all remaining funds in the dormant account to the Parish Council for the continue upkeep and maintenance of the green space.

- Remedial works have taken place at Trethowel to rehang the gate to the Recreational Field, including new posts and link fencing. Other subtle alterations have been made to the south entrance.
- The road surface defects at Chynoweth have now been reported to Imerys. Action is required to address the area around two drains.
- A resident of Carnsmerry has reported inconsiderate parking conditions around the stated area. The matter has since been passed onto Highways
- A proposed scheme by Cormac to install double yellow lines in the area of Ashley Close (Penwithick) appears to have been abandoned following recent correspondence
- The Deputy Clerk informed Council that the reported severely overgrown vegetation on a well-used footway in Trethowel has since been actioned by its owners and the subsequent work has now been completed to a satisfactory standard.
- Ocean Housing have submitted correspondence to inform the Parish Council of its intention to sell 16 Montgomery Road, Penwithick
- A Consultation letter has been received regarding 'Restrictions on Waiting and School keep clear markings' at West Carclaze Garden Village.
- A resident of Lower Molinnis has reported a regularly blocked drain in this very vicinity. The matter has now been passed onto Highways
- A resource pack has been received by Cornwall Council to help publicise and promote the new 20mph roll-out programme across the CAP area. The resources can be made available to the public through the website.
- A volunteer Day has been announced at Carn Grey Quarry. The day itself will focus on clearing some vegetation around the picnic area and to remove some overgrown gorse. The action day will be the 21st November.
- The Deputy Clerk read a comprehensive reply from Rachael Tatlow of Highways following a submission made by Cllr G Tregidga regarding the speeding of vehicle on Roche Road, Bugle.
- Following multiple reports of incidents at Drummers Hill during the temporary B3274 road closure, these very concerns have been duly reported to Highways.

- Road Closures:
 - Road Closure Extension – B3274 from Carbean, Carthew to Stannary Road. This road closure will now extend to the 8th November
 - Hallaze Road, Penwithick. 8th January from 09:30-16:00
 - A391 North East Distributor Road. 22nd April to 24th May 2025. 24 hours.

Min 108/24 Finance

Councillors were presented with a list of Income & Expenditure Accounts for the period October 29th 2024. A detailed breakdown of transactions was provided by the Deputy Clerk and it was **RESOLVED** that the accounts be approved.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs. A Double, Seconded: Cllr L Allen. All in favour.

- **Section 137 Grants**

Bugle Information Hub

It was **RESOLVED** to award the Community Drop-In Bugle Information Hub a grant of £420 to contribute towards the running costs for the forthcoming year.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs. A Double, Seconded: Cllr M Shand. All in Favour

Treverbyn Community Trust

It was **RESOLVED** to not award the grant application to Treverbyn Community Trust – Friendship Café Project owing to the specifics not meeting the necessary criteria nor objectives.

Proposed: Cllr P Highland, Seconded: Cllr L Allen. All in Favour

- **Other Finance related items**

Chairman's Honorarium

It was **RESOLVED** to maintain the Chairman's honorarium at £1,000 for the municipal year. Proposed: Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews, Seconded: Cllr Mrs. J Killacky. All in Favour

Stenalees Bus Shelter

It was **RESOLVED** to increase the maintenance and upkeep of the Stenalees Bus Shelter by Mrs Oxenham to £100 for the municipal year. Proposed: Cllr P Highland, Seconded: Cllr Shand. All in Favour

Trethurgy Car-Park

It was **RESOLVED** to increase the ground rental license of Trethurgy Car Park to £50 for the municipal year, payable to Mrs G Rowett. Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews. All in Favour

Online Banking

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed immediately with the proposals that the Deputy Clerk put forward, in reference to Online Banking. Detailed correspondence has taken place with Lloyds and the service that the Parish Council require is available. Proposed: Cllr Mrs. A Double, Seconded: Cllr L Allen. All in Favour

NALC – Local Government Services Pay Agreement

The Clerk relayed to Council; information received regarding the pay agreement that has been signed off for the 2023-2024 financial year. Included in its content, is the advice and recommendation to back date this increase from the 1st April 2023.

In addition, the Clerk informed Councillors that the NALC 2023-2024 pay scale increase had not been received for both employees.

Min 109/24 Staffing / Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting Recommendations from 15th October.

The minutes of the above meeting were circulated to all Councillors and it was **RESOLVED** to accept and adopt the recommendations put forward by the Staffing / Finance and General Purposes Committee from the meeting held on 15th October. This included the recommendation of increasing the precept for the forthcoming fiscal year to 20%.

Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews. All in Favour

Min 110/24 Devolution

The Clerk provided a verbal update on all matters appertaining to the Devolution proposals.

Min 111/24 Remembrance Parade and Service - Sunday 10th November 2024

Details of the forthcoming Remembrance Parade and Service to be held on Sunday 10th November were provided, in writing, to all Councillors present at the meeting.

Min 112/24 Correspondence

The Deputy Clerk informed Councillors of the following correspondence (for information only):

- Treverbyn Community Hall AGM – Wednesday 30th October at 7pm
- Cornwall Community Flood Forum Conference – Friday 8th November at Royal Cornwall Showground. 9am – 3:45pm
- CALC Training Update for October and November 2024 circulated to all Councillors
- Bugle Village Hall AGM – Saturday 23rd November at 3pm
- The Parish Council Offices have now transferred over to the VOIP Digital Service
- CALC AGM on Tuesday 12th November at County Hall. The Deputy Clerk to represent the Parish Council.
- CALC News Round Up has been circulated to all Members
- Local Council Planning Training – Thursday 7th November from 4-6pm. Teams Link circulated to all Members
- CALC Notification of Free Online Event – ‘Handling Online Abuse and Intimidation for Councillors’. Thursday 31st October at 2pm.
- The Clerk and Deputy Clerk will attend the Cornwall Council Budget Update Briefing session via Teams on Thursday 7th November at 10am.

Min 113/24 Emergency Items

The Deputy Clerk relayed information regarding the forthcoming Councillor’s Christmas Meal.

The Chairman declared the public meeting closed at 9:10pm

Min 114/24 Confidential Items

Council then went into closed committee to discuss the following:

- Staffing

**The Clerk and Deputy Clerk immediately left the room and did not return thereafter*

..... (Chairman)

..... (Date)

TREVERBYN PARISH COUNCIL.

P Guest - Monthly Report October '24.

On checking back through my records, it's been a while since I submitted a report to you. In that time, Karen has made an honest man of me, we've travelled over the pond to St Lucia for our honeymoon and I've certainly not been idle since I got back.

The bulk of my work since my return has been based in County Hall. Focussing mainly on the Children's and Families area. Within that I was proud that our recent Ofsted inspection that focussed on Children in care went so well. Cornwall Council were rated 'Good' in 3 of the 4 areas of the report and we were rated 'Outstanding' in the final area. Given the budgetary and increased demand pressures put on our Service, I was delighted with this outcome.

Last week I attended a conference in Scorrier hosted by Carefree Cornwall, where the theme was the housing crisis faced by young people leaving care and went straight from there back to Truro for a meeting of the Cornwall Youth Council. It was a long old day, but thoroughly worthwhile and rewarding. I do relish the challenge that our young people put to me and their thoughts and insights are both refreshing and innovative.

I have also recently visited and worked with Whitehead Ross in Newquay who are doing some wonderful work primarily with 16- to 24-year-olds who are not currently in education, employment or training, [NEETS]. They support, coach and mentor these young people with a view to getting them back into the workforce.

On Thursday coming, I will be taking my seat as a newly appointed member of the Corporate Parenting Board, which has overall responsibility for children in care and care leavers.

Children's and Families work is rapidly becoming my specialist subject. It is hard and challenging work but can also be so rewarding.

Regarding budgets in general, we're waiting with hope and some trepidation for the Chancellors Autumn statement tomorrow. Local authorities as you know are under

increasing pressure, with rising demand and costs to all of our services, particularly in the Children and Adult social care sector.

We have been lobbying hard for more realistic [and multi-year] settlements to recognise and help pay for these rising costs and will continue to do so.

In order to produce a balanced budget for next year, [which we are required to do by law] we are looking to have to make up a current shortfall of approximately £58m. I sit on the Budget Development Committee and we are working hard to try and cover this shortfall. The Government have been vague as to what lays in store for us, which is why I'll be watching tomorrow's Chancellor's statement with great interest.

All this is on top of my regular work, but I must admit that I am slightly behind on local matters, but that will be addressed in the next couple of days, particularly the concerns raised by Cllrs Highland and Tregidga as well as local residents about the speeding issues and the 20 M.P.H. rollout within the village. On a related matter, I am currently talking to a couple of local horse riders and the campaign group 'Pass wide and slow', they have raised concerns about speeding and inconsiderate drivers that they encounter when they are out and about on horseback, this is an area in which they would like the general public awareness raised through a publicity campaign and some signage. Also, on my 'To Do' list are the concerns raised by residents in the Carnsmerry area about anti-social behaviour and the ongoing talks about local devolution, although I'm sure that our Clerk will have more to say on that subject.

One piece of good news is that the Bugle Library of Things took delivery of their mobile van last week. Once up and running, it will be used for valuable outreach work in and around the village, eventually building up to serve the whole of the Clay Country. This project [valued at just under £100k] was funded by the Shared Prosperity Fund. This is another tranche of funding that we are waiting to see if it will be extended or replaced by the new Government, but I've covered that in my previous comments about tomorrow's budget.

This is just a brief overview of what I've been up to recently and as always, I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have or go into more detail.

Please do not wait for the next meeting to get in touch. If something crops up, please either call or email me.

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