



Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 March 2014

Present

Vice Chairman Cllr. L.Gregory

Members

Cllr. W. Collings Cllr. R. Davis Cllr. J. Leftly Cllr. P. Lightfoot
Cllr. P. Vaughan Cllr. C. Wakeham Cllr. Hannaford(CC)

In Attendance

Mr G Sharpe (Clerk) Malcom Bell (Visit Cornwall) Graham Pollock (PPG)

1 OPEN SESSION

1.1 Police Report.

No representative/report available. Members remarked that liaison with the Police was becoming sporadic. The Clerk was directed to write to the D&C Neighbourhood Team with a view to re-establishing the links with the local Force.

1.2 Public Participation.

Mr Malcolm Bell, Head of Visit Cornwall attended to brief Members on efforts to promote tourism at this difficult time. A sum of up to £5000 could be made available to Polperro Promotion Group (PPG) subject to presentation of a costed plan. This money is to be administered through the Community Council. The Council agreed Mr Pollock's outline plan and directed the Clerk to forward the fully costed plan to Mr Bell on receipt.

2 CLOSED SESSION

2.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. D Pengelly Cllr. J. Mullarkey Cllr. D. Julian Cllr. M. Stringer

3 Members Matters

3.1 Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs. Leftly, Lightfoot and Vaughan declared an interest in Item 12 PURE. All three have dispensations with respect to PURE for the efficient and effective conduct of the Council's business.

3.2 Dispensations

No new requests

3.3 Gifts and Hospitality

Nil

4 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 February 2014

Members pointed out incorrect spelling of a name in item 11. Clerk amended minutes accordingly.

- 0148 RESOLVED to approve the minutes as amended.
- Proposed by Cllr. Lightfoot, seconded by Cllr. Leftly, resolution carried

5 Matters Arising

Item 17.1 Letter of thanks sent to EA by Chairman. Circulated to members

Item 17.2 Assurance received from developer that Community Council will be consulted on the name for the new development at Brent.

Item 17.6 Cllr. Stringer had volunteered to represent PCC on the Rural Sounding Board.

6 Finance

6.1 Financial Statement

- 0149 RESOLVED to approve the financial statement, including expenditure from cheque numbers 202055 to 202058 inclusive, totalling £3504.40.
- Proposed by Cllr. Julian, seconded by Cllr. Leftly, resolution carried.

7 Planning

7.1 Applications Received and circulated to members

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7.2 Applications received between agenda setting and this meeting

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7.3 Applications Determined

13/11728	Restgarth Residential Home, Langreek Road, Polperro (Lifting of Trees and Hedges Condition)	Refused (8 Against 3 Away)
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7.4 Current Enforcement Cases

7.4.1 EN 13/00324 Charlie Wilcox Cottage, The Quay, Polperro – removal of chimney. A response had been received from Cornwall Council and was briefed to members. Case continues.

7.4.2 EN 14/00306 Land at Sand Hill –Condition 9 (Cornish Hedging)

7.4.3 EN 14/00308 Talland Bay – Development of Car Park area

7.4.4 EN 14/00302 Fixing of advertising boards to Listed Buildings

7.4.5 EN 14/00340 Pathways –unauthorised work to a listed building

8 Cornwall Council

Cllr. Hannaford provided the latest news from Cornwall Council on issues likely to affect this community, and her report is attached. Of particular interest are the sources of help following the recent winter weather.

9 Community Magazine

Cllr. Stringer was unable to attend but passed an update via the Clerk. There had been some software compatibility issues with the printer which required reformatting of the magazine and consequent delay in publishing. These problems had now been largely overcome and publication is imminent..

10 Flood Resilience Plan

Cllr Lightfoot updated Members on progress. Using templates, guides and other information provided by Martyn Alvey and Joe Parish from the Environment Agency. an outline of a plan to fit our situation in Polperro will be drafted. This should be ready by the end of March.

11 Looe Neighbourhood Plan

Following a briefing held prior to this meeting, Members discussed the way ahead. Whilst broadly in favour of the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan, there was still considerable doubt as to the size of the task and this Council's capacity to undertake it. More research was needed and this would be assisted by Cllr Hannaford and Cornwall Council.

12 Winding up of Polperro United Renewable Energy Ltd (PURE)

Cllr. Vaughan explained the reasoning behind his letter requesting that the Council take on administration of remaining PURE funds on wind-up of the company. Whilst the Council was sympathetic to the request the Clerk stated that there may be technical and legal reasons why this might not be appropriate. He was awaiting advice from NALC legal staff. Members agreed to defer decision until advice had been received.

13 Correspondence Received (circulated to members):

- Cornwall Council Press Release – Measures to support residents and businesses during Looe Road repairs.
- Cornwall Council Press Release – St Martins Road Work Plan
- Winding up of PURE
- Minutes of VHMC January Meeting
- Cornwall Council Statement –Help for homeowners and businesses affected by storm and flood damage.
- PA14/01490 Application to remove dangerous tree limb at Penryn House Hotel (for information only)

Most correspondence had been circulated by e-mail as received by the Clerk. This was deemed to be working well by Members present.

14 Any Other Business

- 14.1 Cllr. Lightfoot briefed members on a request from the Polperro Environmental Group (PEG) for the Council's support for their application for the allocation of land for allotments by Cornwall Council. The Council were unanimous in agreeing this was a worthy cause.

- Resolved to write a letter of support for PEG’s proposal to be signed by the Chairman
- Proposed by Cllr Wakeham, seconded by Cllr. Lightfoot, resolution carried.

14.2 Site Meeting at proposed Bridals Lane Development.
 Three Councillors attended a site meeting with the landowner and Consultant Architect at a field adjacent to Bridals Lane. Members were shown an outline plan including affordable homes. No application had yet been submitted and Members were content to await formal submission.

14.3 Letter from parishioner alleging breach of planning conditions at Restgarth Residential Home. This letter was circulated to members. Members recognised that some allegations in the letter, if substantiated, could be breaches of planning conditions in force, and it was therefore their duty to bring this to the notice of the proper authority. The Clerk was directed to raise the matters with Cornwall Council Enforcement.

15. Time, Date and Venue of Next Meeting

To be agreed as 7.0pm on Monday 21 April 2014 in the Village Hall. This will include the Annual Parish Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Signed..... Date.....

Cllr Edwina Hannaford
Polperro Community Council Report March 2014-

Free half hour parking

Cornwall Council are now offering free half hour parking from 1 March- 20 April

The only draw back is that this offer is only open to people who have mobile phones through the Ringo cashless system. You can however pay in advance on line before you travel quoting the location code shown on the signs in hype car park.

Usage will be assessed after the pilot period to see how popular it is to enable the decision to continue with the scheme.

You can also choose whether you want to pay to receive a reminder text when your free parking finishes or if you want to pay for extra time and park for longer.

Could you provide a loving and caring home for a teenager in Cornwall?

In Cornwall there are some 270 families who foster, but with record numbers of children coming into care, more are urgently needed. At the moment, we particularly need people who can care for older children and teenagers and people who can offer a permanent foster care for those children that need a loving home until they move on to independent living.

Foster carers help some of the most vulnerable children and young people by providing guidance, stability and care.

Since being in foster care, one teen, Shannon has made fantastic progress in her life and is doing really well at school. Her confidence has really grown. Shannon now has the building blocks to allow her to grow into a confident and happy adult.

There are many 'fostering myths' surrounding who can foster, but the truth is that foster carers come from a range of backgrounds and lifestyles. You can become a foster carer regardless of marital status, sexual orientation, age (as long as you are over 21), cultural background and financial status.

If you are interested you can call the Fostering Recruitment Team on 01872 323 638.

Promotional help for Polperro

I am pleased to announce that my request for financial assistance for Polperro has resulted in £5000 being awarded. I met with Polperro Promotional Group last week and they came up with some ideas that need some more work doing on them. The key ones were funding press trips and technical work on their new website to increase Google ranking and visitors. This is often referred to as optimisation. As time is of the essence, Cornwall Council would prefer that the money is given to Polperro Community Council to administer. I'm sure we wouldn't want the administration to be onerous and I'm sure a simple working system can be achieved.

The aim of the money is to raise the profile of Polperro and increase day and staying visitors.

Polperro signage

I am seeking your views on additional signage to bring people to Polperro. The suggestion is a sign at **Trerulefoot Roundabout**.

For Polperro

A38 Liskeard and Dobwalls

Dobwalls Roundabout

Polperro

A390 St Austell

There is then a Looe and Polperro brown sign to bring people in via Lanreath at East Taphouse

Free dog micro-chipping coming to your area

Cornwall Council, in partnership with the Dogs Trust, is running another series of free dog chipping events across Cornwall. From 2016 it will be a legal requirement to have your dog micro-chipped which can cost up to £20

The closest is Bodmin Beacon car park 25th March 8.30am – 1pm, Torpoint Fire Station on 28th March 9am – 1pm or Calington Pannier Market 2pm- 5pm

SW Coast Path Talland

The section of path to the east of Talland has reopened after concerns that it slumping. Some remedial work was undertaken from a grant the Countryside Officers secured. The section West of Talland on the tarmac Road is still dangerous and will not reopen until it finally falls. I have also secured agreement that the cliff below the wooden fence will be repaired and gabion baskets replaced that were washed away in the storm of February 14th. There is a commitment to SW Coast path by Cornwall Council as its seen as a key economic driver for tourism. It is estimated that it generates around £175m for the Cornish economy by supporting businesses along its route.