

### **"Altarnun Parish Council - Community Conversations**

***Community Conversations*** is an initiative triggered by community feedback about the need for more varied means of exchanging opinions and engaging in interactive, dynamic consultation between the Parish Council and members of the community. The Parish Council website is now under development but not all residents have easy access to computers, or the internet, and the TrePolPen is seen as an important alternative link with as many members of the parish as possible. These mediums form a critical part of the Council's plans to better reach out and connect with as many of the Parishioners, Residents and local Businesses as possible, on a frequent basis.

***Community Conversations*** - through which it hopes to share the sorts of issues that come to its attention that affect, often with conflicting interests, the whole or sections or individual members of the community. The Parish Council is committed to preserve, protect, develop and improve the amenities, the services, the environment, the opportunities available to all within the Parish to the best of its ability. From time to time difficult but informed decisions need to be made and a stand taken. In reaching these decisions the Parish Council seeks views and explores options. The ***Community Conversations*** initiative is part of this process. It seeks to gather wider views, opinions, observations, concerns, suggestions, ideas, strength of support - either for OR against - and genuine, constructive and legitimate feedback which it hopes will assist and inform the Parish Council in its decision making processes.

Last month we discussed the BEVOMOTO MOTOCROSS TRACK - the outcome: the frequency of events, and noise level testing results are being closely monitored by Cornwall Council Planning Enforcement Office and the Environment Agency to ensure that the new venture can be sustained without discomfort to the those around it. Cornwall Councillor Parsons is also investigating the availability of an alternative, more remote site in which to stage the popular events. Our thanks to the large number of you who wrote in, emailed or came in person to speak both for and against. Your views were very helpful and informative and in the view of the parish Council resulted in a sensible, pragmatic but sensitive, set of actions to be followed up over the coming quarter.

Last month we also aired the increasing planning applications for Wind Turbine - and Solar Panel - Individual/Farm Sites within Altarnun Parish. Interestingly the Parish Council received an application for an individual wind turbine on land at Higher Tregunnon and learnt of another application for a similar turbine in neighbouring Parish near Trewen in the month. After a lengthy the debate, and a split vote, at the May meeting, the Parish Council did not object to the Tregunnon application. Eco friendly energy sources are here to stay but they are emotive. People state that they cause noise disturbance, television reception interference and, in the eyes of many, are a blot on a beautiful landscape or outlook? Others people claim that we have no choice if we are to sustain our climate, natural resources and way of life. What do you think? Please let us hear from you. The Parish Council is convinced that it will receive many more applications of this type of application and would like to understand how the community feel about such matters. Drop a line to the Clerk on [clerk2altarnunpc@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk2altarnunpc@btinternet.com), or post a note addressed to the Clerk Altarnun Parish Council into the Parish Council ***Community Conversation*** mail box held courtesy of Helen Mason at the Altarnun Village Post Office and Shop. Label your feedback - WIND TURBINES/SOLAR ENERGY please.

This month I am afraid we move into the more mundane: -

**1) What a load of rubbish:**

Cora the new Contractor appointed by Cornwall Council is failing badly in terms of delivering the waste, re-cycling and dog bin clearance commitments it is obliged to provide. Are you experiencing problems? Have you received your new plastic box and recycling multi coloured bags? What do you think of the service? Please let us know so we can work with Cornwall Council and Cora to get this vital community service back on track as soon as possible. Drop a line to the Clerk on [clerk2altarnunpc@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk2altarnunpc@btinternet.com), or post a note addressed to the Clerk Altarnun Parish Council into the Parish Council *Community Conversation* mail box held courtesy of Helen Mason at the Altarnun Village Post Office and Shop. Label your feedback - RUBBISH please.

**2) Dog ownership bad practice and Dog fouling:**

The Cornwall Council, Police Authority, Dog Wardens and Altarnun Parish Council have regularly publicised the need for dog owners to pick up, bag and bin in publically provided red dog litter bins their dogs "XXXX"/POOP/Faeces, especially if dropped on the public open areas that so many of our residents, children and visitors enjoy - especially in the good weather, when it arrives. Many dog owners do honour this but this Parish appears to have a small group of owners who simply DO NOT CARE. The Parish Council have put up notices, written articles in TrePolPen, provided more dog bins, arranged for them to be cleared whilst it sorts out the CORA debacle.....It wants to know what the Community think about this and receive ideas on what more it and residents can do to make sure that all dog owners help us keep the Parish clean and healthy for all to enjoy. Please send ideas, opinions, reactions to the Clerk Altarnun parish Council on [clerk2altarnunpc@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk2altarnunpc@btinternet.com), or drop a note addressed to the Clerk into the Parish Council *Community Conversation* mail box held courtesy of Helen Mason at the Altarnun Village Post Office and Shop. Label your feedback - DOG FOULING please.