

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 5th October 2022 which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Coles, Cllr Branch, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Vickery, & Cllr Wendon.

Also present: Mr R Turner - Altarnun clerk & 3 members of the public.

148/22 Apologies for absence: Cornwall Cllr Parsons, Cllr Anderson, Cllr P Smith & Cllr W Smith. Cllr Green had resigned prior to the meeting and has created a casual vacancy.

149/22 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. None.

150/22 Invitation for members of the public/ward councillor to address the meeting.

The clerk read an emailed report from Cllr Parsons advising that following the cessation of the 76 bus service from Launceston to Bodmin, the full effects of the current budgetary pressures have become apparent. Cornwall Council applied for £77m from the Department of Transport to continue subsidising the bus network over the next three years but in return have only received £13m which has left a massive shortfall. Inevitably more bus routes throughout Cornwall will have to be cut. It is therefore suggested, where possible, to use these services, as it is anticipated only the most viable routes will be maintained.

We now face the prospect of rural communities being isolated with no public transport to provide connectivity to the nearest towns, losing access to essential services.

Following the start of the new school term concerned parents have got in touch regarding changes to the bus timetables. Cllr Parsons continued by saying this is arguably some of the worst rerouting seen in his time as a Cornwall Councillor. There have been two cases where children have been told the service they used last year has changed and were given passes for bus stops which would involve walking along the A30 to get to them. These situations were immediately taken up with the Cornwall Council Transport department and have been thankfully resolved with the service provider.

He also received a number of complaints regarding the Callywith College bus service, due to the busses not running to time, students having to stand, or sit on steps during their journeys on the busy A30 due to overcrowding. It seems this has all been as a direct result of the Council scrapping the 76 bus service which gave the students another option during busy days and gave them the opportunity to come home earlier in if they didn't have a full day of lessons. Also, this has left those commuting from Launceston with extremely limited options to use public transport.

No members of the public present addressed the meeting.

151/22 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 7th September 2022. It was proposed by Cllr Branch, seconded by Cllr Vickery, then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC meeting held on 7th September 2022 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

152/22 Matters arising from minutes of APC Meeting 7th September 2022 and not included in this agenda. None.

153/22 Finance Matters: *The RFO reported the following:*

-Funds received 8.9.2022 £7000 Cornwall Council Precept 2022B.

-Funds received 8.9.2022 £57.97 Cornwall Council CTS grant 2022B.

-Funds received 15.9.2022 £5592.50 Bolventor Church Yard Trust – a grant now reserved in APC accounts.

-Funds received 26.9.2022 £2055.21 Cornwall Council Local Maintenance Partnership grant.

-Qtr 2 2022/23 and the year to date financial report had been circulated to all members, confirming the APC bank balance as at 30.9.2022 was £46129.29 credit. An internal compliance check for the period has been completed with no issues or concerns being noted.

-VAT claim £847.58 was submitted to HMRC 5.10.2022.

The RFO advised the following accounts due as payable:

Sustainable Furniture £489 – Street Furniture for village green Chq 1359

AAV Services £40 – Grass cutting at Bolventor chq 1360

Smart Brothers £498 – Parish maintenance and grass cutting Chq 1361

Cllr Kendall proposed to approve payment for these accounts, Cllr Wendon seconded, it was unanimously **resolved** to pay these accounts. Cllr Dowler signed the schedule of payments.

154/22 Planning Applications: Statutory consultee comment was resolved for the application noted below:

-Application PA22/07991 Proposal Extension to dwelling to form annexe, and associated works. **Location** The Platt Road from Junction west of The Coaching House to Junction east of Laurel Cottage Five Lanes Altarnun **Applicant** J & L Williams.

After discussion, clarifying the planning documents and applicants intentions, Cllr Coles proposed & Cllr Bloomfield seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved**. ***'Altarnun Parish Council supports this application with no objections. The proposal looks to be of good design and sympathetic to local character'***

155/22 Planning Decisions: The following applications were reported as being approved by the LPA: PA22/004209 & PA22/03017.

For further details about any planning decision, note the reference number and go to the Cornwall Council website <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/>

156/22 Pre-App Planning: No cases were advised since the last council meeting.

157/22 Openreach Broadband – Trewint FTTP project.

Cllr Wendon reported further to last months submission of a grant application for £92246 to Cornwall Council, the grant offer letter had been received and was in course of completion and return together with subsidy declaration forms from businesses that have pledged to subscribe to the scheme. It is expected that grant funds will be remitted to APC in due course, for release to Openreach when called for, to complete the scheme build.

158/22 Cormac & Corserve Group: Community engagement and provision of services.

The clerk reported, positively, on a workshop he attended with Cllr Parsons on 27.9.2022 which centred on town and parish councils being encouraged to engage and work with Cormac Solutions for the delivery of the enhanced community services, which Cormac can provide, more efficiently including their support for local volunteer schemes to upkeep Cornwall Council owned and maintained land.

After expansive discussion concerning their overall offer, Cllr Jason Kendall proposed the clerk obtain a quote from Cormac, with a view to APC purchasing speed awareness signage (Advisory '20's Plenty') for placement in and around the street leading from Five Lanes to St Nonna's church and possibly around the primary school. If they are within an acceptable budget range, may be deployed subject to the satisfaction of the Cornwall Council highways manager. Cllr Coles seconded, and it was **resolved** that the clerk write to Cormac as proposed.

159/22 John Wood memorial. Cllr Branch advised that a memorial tree will be planted on Altarnun Village Green.

160/22 Cemetery Signage and Driveway.

Cllr Bloomfield suggested that a new sign for the parish cemetery be considered and secondly, that only the top end of the cemetery driveway and turning area be resurfaced. After discussion no decision or direct action was agreed other than to place the matter on the next meeting agenda when more information may have been gathered.

161/22 Bus Stops.

Cllr Bloomfield reported that bus drivers were, on occasion, not using the Five Lanes stop but dropping students and other passengers on the old A30 in the 60mph speed limit, giving rise to safety concerns.

Cllr Bloomfield proposed that the clerk write to Cornwall Cllr Desmonde (Transport portfolio holder), copying Cornwall Council Leader (Cllr Linda Taylor) and Ward Cllr Parsons, expressing APC concerns relating to this practice and also to the safety concerns reported by Cllr Parsons in minute no. 150/22. Cllr Wendon seconded, and it was **resolved** the clerk write to Cllr Desmonde as proposed.

162/22 Correspondence – for information only.

-Member of public re removal of broken bench situated an entrance to Penpont View. Clerk will respond.

-Member of public re raised and broken drainage covers on pavement between Five Lanes and Trewint. Clerk will report to Cornwall Council.

-Member of public re police speed camera car impeding A30 westbound turn at A30/B3257 junction on 3.10.2022 pm. Clerk to enquire of local police traffic team.

- Landscape Character Assessment Invitation – Workshop at Trethorne 26.10.2022.

-Cornwall Fire Control could be relocated out of county – advisory notice only.

-Various NALC, CALC & Cornwall Council briefings.

163/22 Advise time, date & venue of next council meeting, being 7.30pm 2nd November 2022 at Altarnun Village Hall

Cllr Dowler closed the October meeting at 9.00pm.