

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 2nd November 2022 which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Branch, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Vickery, Cllr W Smith & Cllr Anderson.

Also present: Cornwall Cllr Adrian Parsons, Mr R Turner - APC clerk, and 3 members of the public.

164/22 Apologies for absence: Cllr P Smith, Cllr Coles & Cllr Wendon.

165/22 Advice of co-option required to fill casual vacancy.

Cornwall Council have instructed APC to fill a casual vacancy by co-option asap and public notices are to follow.

166/22 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. The clerk advised no declarations received.

167/22 Invitation for members of the public/ward councillor to address the meeting.

Cllr Parsons reported after agenda item 169/22 and upon joining the meeting, that Cornwall Council is reviewing the community networks to improve how they work with their partners and communities. They are proposing to create new and improved partnerships from May 2023. These will replace and build on the work of the community networks and will look at the role, geography, and structure of the new entities. Proposals are that the current Launceston Network Panel will incorporate the Caradon area, to become the Launceston and Caradon Community Area Partnership.

Cllr W Smith joined the meeting at this stage of Cllr Parsons report.

Cllr Parsons emphasised the important role of the Good Growth Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan 2022-25 and requested that Altarnun councillors keep eyes and ears open for projects that may benefit from this grant aid.

Finally, inflationary pressures and an increased demand for services have left a large budget gap at Cornwall Council for the next financial year of £62 million, which, unless additional funding can be secured, will see a reduction to discretionary services provided by the council. The annual report going before Cornwall Council cabinet outlines a proposed budget including a 2.99% increase to council tax bills, which must be noted is well below current rates of inflation. However, within this budget the councils' essential services are being protected.

168/22 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 5th October 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr Branch, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC meeting held on 5th October 2022 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

169/22 Matters arising from minutes of APC Meeting 5th October 2022 and not included in this agenda. None.

Cllr Parsons joined the meeting, and immediately gave his monthly report.

170/22 Finance Matters: The RFO reported the following:

- Credit received 10.10.2022 £847.58 from HMRC VAT reclaim
- Credit received 13.10.2022 £3571.05 from Cornwall Council CIL grant
- Bank balance as at 31.10.2022 £49485.92

The RFO advised the following accounts due as payable:

- Currys £55.79 Office Printer and warranty Chq 1362
- Smart Brothers £833 maintenance and grass cuts £403. Bolventor Cemetery maintenance £430 Chq 1363.

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

171/22 Planning Applications: Statutory consultee comments were resolved for the applications noted below:

Application ref: PA22/09071 **Proposal** Erection of a shed to allow for the roosting of bats (required by condition 3 of decision notice PA22/03017) **Location** Austles Altarnun **Applicant** Mr Peter Coles.

After discussion, clarifying the planning documents and applicants intentions, Cllr W Smith proposed & Cllr Kendall 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'**

Application ref: PA22/06882 **Proposal** Listed building consent for re-roofing of the stone built part of the building, retaining original slate where possible; insertion of loft floor and one pair of rooflight windows in loft space; replacement of utility room glazed roof with a slate roof with a pair of rooflight windows inserted. **Location** Penpont Mill House Road from Junction South of Polgray to Junction southeast of Enys An Heul Altarnun **Applicant** Mr Michael Mallett.

After discussion, clarifying the planning documents and applicants intentions, Cllr Kendall proposed & Cllr Branch 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'**.

Application ref: PA22/09654 **Proposal** Proposed rear and side extensions and proposed loft conversion. **Location** Avalon Bolventor **Applicant** Mr A Mortimer-Crann.

After discussion, clarifying the planning documents and applicants intentions, Cllr Bloomfield proposed & Cllr W Smith seconded to approve the following consultee comment to Cornwall Council Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved**. **'Altarnun Parish Council supports this application to make improvements in keeping with the existing development'**.

172/22 Planning Decisions: The following applications were reported as being approved by the LPA:

PA22/07991, PA22/06743, PA22/06514 & PA22/07571.

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/>

173/22 Pre-App Planning: The following application was reported: PA22/01694/PREAPP -Canaglaze, renovate an existing building into ancillary of main dwelling.

174/22 Altarnun Parish Cemetery Signage and Driveway.

The clerk advised that indicative pricing for a stainless steel entrance sign will be £150/£200 and presented the meeting with specimen fonts. Cllr Bloomfield advised that no further action had been taken in respect of the driveway.

175/22 Bolventor Church Yard Bench.

After discussion and establishing that the cost of a bench could be met from the Community Infrastructure Levy reserve, Cllr Dowler proposed the purchase and installation of a 6' bench seat at Bolventor Church Yard at a maximum cost of £350, gross, including delivery, subject to the final agreement of the Diocese of Truro. Cllr Anderson seconded, and it was **resolved** to proceed as proposed.

176/22 Highways & Bus Services.

The clerk & chair reported:

-Cormac have committed to as much road sweeping as possible for the parish, taking down and cutting roadside trees between Five Lanes and Altarnun as required, installing awaited safety/warning signage at the top of the A30 westbound slip at Bolventor and installation of warning signage to deter HGV's from attempting to drive through Altarnun.

-National Highways have been reminded of our safety concerns re A30/B3257 junction, an updated report and hopefully to include proposals is promised for early 2023. Also, they advise the failed highway lighting is on their work sheet for repair asap.

-National Highways have been requested to consider installation of safety barriers along the frontage of Trewint Garage. They advise that a full scale police investigation continues in relation to a recent serious accident at the site and that they await the police report, before making any decision.

-The Police have acknowledged APC safety concerns regarding the positioning of a mobile speed camera car right on the A30/B3257 junction and will consider options for repositioning in future when maintaining mobile safety camera enforcement on this stretch of the A30.

-APC's request for the extension of the pavement from Trewint at Five Lanes is to be renewed, to ensure focus is retained at Cornwall Council Community Network level and at Cormac. Also, on this pavement Cormac have repaired raised manhole covers but others remain unattended to, and APC has requested that responsibility for these is identified and remaining remedial works are completed asap.

-Cormac will be requested to reroute muddy run off at the entrance to Bolventor Church Yard which currently spoils it.

-Cornwall Council transport services have been advised of APC's safety concerns regarding college bus services reported to the October meeting. They have advised responsibility lies with Bodmin & Callywith colleges, who charter the services.

177/22 Clerks performance & salary review.

Cllr Dowler & Cllr Bloomfield advised the annual appraisal of the clerks work was fully satisfactory and further to minute no 173/21 and benchmarking the role against National Assn of Local Councils /Cornwall Assn of Local Council guidelines, determines the pay point on The National Joint Council for Local Government Services pay scales to be SCP 23 (below substantive range) in pay scales LC2 and that the pay point should apply with effect 1.11.2022, subject to final approval of members present and resolution. Cllr Anderson followed with a proposal that the clerks contract be amended with effect from 1.11.2022 to reflect an increase to SCP23. Cllr Dowler seconded. The motion was unanimously **resolved**. Cllr Dowler signed a salary amendment to the clerks contract, the clerk countersigned. A further review will be undertaken in October 2023.

178/22 Landscape Character Assessment workshop 26.10.2022.

Cllrs Vickery & Dowler delivered a report from the workshop held at Trethorne 26.10.2022.

179/22 Correspondence – for information only.

-Member of public re faulty street lighting in Altarnun. Cornwall Council have been advised.

-Peninsula Transport Business Plan 2022/2023.

-Various NALC, CALC & Cornwall Council briefings.

180/22 Next council meeting-Cllr Dowler confirmed details as being, Bolventor Reading Room 7.30pm 7th December 2022. He closed the November meeting at 9.25pm.