

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 2nd October 2024 which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present:** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Wendon, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Branch, Cllr Pooley, Cllr Halls & Cllr Smith. **Also present:** Cornwall Cllr Parsons, Mr R Turner (APC clerk) and three members of the public.

143/24 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Kendall, Masters & Pannell.

144/24 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of Gifts and Hospitality.

There were no declarations.

145/24 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons to address the meeting.

Cllr Smith joined the meeting and made no declaration of interest.

Members of the public who have formed an action group against National Highways' (NH) proposals to close crossing points on the A30 between Kennards House and Five Lanes provided an update and debrief of the NH public engagement event at Lewannick 26.9.2024. They reported, whilst NH appeared surprised and underprepared for the very large public attendance senior NH officers did make clear that if a grade separated junction is ever to materialise at Plusha it will be essential that it is supported and prioritised at Peninsula Transport Sub-national Transport Body board level, being the principle to recommend schemes to the Dept for Transport (DfT) for consideration. If Peninsula Transport STB does not take Plusha grade separated junction forward and if our MP, who did not attend the public engagement on 26.9.2024, does not give his robust endorsement then there is probably little chance of a grade separated junction being submitted to DfT for consideration and therefore ever being built. The group requested that APC secure a meeting with the MP via a surgery to reinforce prior resolutions in support of the initiative to force a grade separated junction at Plusha. With the help and support of Cornwall Cllr Adrian Parsons and the Launceston Community Network Panel it is recognised that a campaign must get directly to Senior Cornwall Council Officers and particularly Vicky Fraser, Rebecca Riley, as well as the Cornwall Council elected transport portfolio holder, all of which have seats on the Peninsula Transport STB Board who guide and advise government on our regional transport priorities and investment by producing and then maintaining a regional transport strategy. These 3 people are key and must be persuaded to adopt and support a grade separated junction at Plusha and lobby Peninsula Transport STB to instruct NH to revisit the previous detailed proposals of 2000 & 2015. Plusha junction is at present, officially the worst accident blackspot in Cornwall and the rub is that NH officers also stated that the existing doesn't meet current standards. If it was a brand new road, that crossing wouldn't exist, it would be a grade separated junction.

Cllr Parsons reported that the September Cornwall Council meeting output did not affect us locally. The minutes of the meeting are available on the Cornwall Council website.

146/24 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held 4th September 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr Pooley, seconded by Cllr Branch, then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 4th September 2024 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

147/24 Matters arising from minutes of APC meeting 4th September 2024 and not included in this agenda.

Further to 138/24 the clerk reported that the Launceston Area Methodist Circuit (LAMC) administrator had contacted APC and advised that the owner has been contacted by LAMC and asked to clear the overgrown graveyard. Developments are awaited.

148/24 Finance Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported: -

-Cornwall Council Precept 2024B £7000 & Local Maintenance Partnership grant £2325.11 received 9.9.2024.

-Credit bank interest £23.86 received 30.9.2024

-APC bank balance as at 30.9.2024 £26951.50 credit.

-Q2 internal financial check in progress and updated finance spreadsheet to 30.9.2024, will be circulated to APC members per Financial Regulations.

The RFO advised the following accounts payable:

-Postages July -Sept 2024 £7.60. Chq 1474.

-Amazon. £10.90 (Printer Ink) Chq 1475.

-Smart Brothers £699.00 (Maintenance £304, Altarnun grass £195 & Bolventor cemetery £200) Chq 1476.

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

149/24 Planning Applications: Statutory consultee comment was approved as follows:

- **PA24/07100** Proposal: The applicant wants a Lawful Development Certificate to confirm the existing building, as identified in red on attached Plan 1, is a lawful building and the existing use of part of the building, Part A, as identified in red on attached Plan 2, is a lawful agricultural use and has been since May 2014 Location: New Hay View, Altarnun. Applicant: Mr M Richards. After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Dowler proposed & Cllr Pooley seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved:** *Altarnun Parish Council has no objections and supports the application to bring the position to order.*

150/24 Planning Decisions: The following applications were reported as being **approved** by the local planning authority (LPA): PA24/05573.

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/>

151/24 Pre-Application Planning, reported for information only.

There were no pre application planning cases to report.

152/24 Penpont View.

The Cornwall Council Community Link Officer has reported that the devolution to APC of the green area maintenance, if approved, will be preceded by a maintenance agreement to be supplied for APC consideration in due course.

Also, the clerk advised that Cornwall Housing have not reverted with a plan to upgrade or remove the run of dilapidated garages at the lower end of the site and that correspondence will be renewed, requesting an update.

153/24 Highways.

Cllr Pooley proposed that APC obtain an appointment for the Chair and Clerk to meet the local MP via his public surgery to request his endorsement to support the public consensus for a grade separated junction at Plusha. Cllr Branch seconded and the proposal was **resolved**. The clerk undertook to book the appointment.

154/24 Correspondence – for information only.

-Devonshire Homes re proposals for phase 2 development at Gratton Field Five Lanes.

-Landowner adjacent to APC cemetery driveway.

-Environmental Crime team Cornwall Council - removal of vehicles at Penpont View.

-Road closure intention notice 28.1.2024-1.11.2024 09.30-16.00hrs daily at Trerithick to junction east of Five Lanes bus shelter.

-Various CALC, NALC & Cornwall Council briefings.

155/24 Advise venue, time & date of next full APC meeting expected to be 6th November 2024 to be held in Altarnun Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

These details were confirmed, and Cllr Dowler closed the meeting at 8.55pm.