

Altarnun Parish Council "RO AN HAL"

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 4th December 2024 which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present** Cllr Bloomfield (Chair), Cllr Wendon, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Branch, Cllr Halls, Cllr Masters & Cllr Pannell. **Also present:** Mr R Turner (APC clerk) and two members of the public.

169/24 Apologies for absence: Cornwall Cllr Parsons, Cllrs Dowler, Kendall, Smith & Pooley.

170/24 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of gifts and hospitality.

Cllr Vickery declared a non-registerable interest in planning application PA24/08550.

171/24 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons to address the meeting.

A member of the public spoke regarding the revisions currently in place for the road layout at Plusha junction and gave views regarding possible alternatives, and in addition referred to tree and hedge growth impacting the use of pavements on the old A30 between Trewint and Five Lanes.

Cllrs Pannell and Branch joined the meeting and made no declarations of interest.

Cllr Branch reported on the agenda item relating to Plusha Junction, tabled at the Community Area Partnership (CAP) meeting she had attended immediately prior to this meeting. In summary, she reported the CAP meeting was informed by National Highways that the temporary measures and layout in place now at Plusha junction, will be in the current form for up to 18 months and thereafter become permanent in a built form.

Cllr Parsons had submitted a written report which the clerk read to the meeting as follows:

-On 2.12.2024 Cornwall Councillors met to receive an update from National Highways (NH) regarding the ongoing issues along the A30 from Kennards House to Plusha. NH have reviewed much of the feedback received following a consultation on this stretch of road and it's looking likely they will leave the crossing at Two Bridges open, with most of the other measures being implemented as they had set out. Temporary measures are expected to be in place for up to 18 months, whilst drawing up the proposed scheme and waiting for funding to be delivered to make them permanent. Complaints that the imposed 50mph speed limit at Plusha is not being adhered to will be dealt with by the Police patrolling the area to keep a check on things.

-The redevelopment works at the Launceston Refuse Transfer Station (RTS) have been completed and returns to full service from Friday 29th November. In addition, Launceston will be able to accept upholstered furniture items, following a change to regulations set by the Environment Agency that came into force on 1st December. To support the site in returning to full service, they are moving to a booking system only, which is being launched from 29th November. Booking a 30-minute slot can be done on the Cornwall Council website or by phone: 0300 1234 141. Bookings can be made for the same day, if there are spaces available, or up to a week in advance. On spec entry will no longer be possible.

-There is a possibility that Launceston's Adult Education Centre will close. A consultation is underway into the potential closure of seven adult education centres across Cornwall as the council seeks to ensure the service provides value for money for residents. Numbers in adult education have not recovered following COVID, putting pressure on a service which is delivered by Cornwall Council but funded by Department for Education in Westminster, based on the number of learners.

Inflationary pressures over the past two years have made it difficult to justify the existing cost, when a different way of working with partners and moving to online provision will allow most courses to continue in an alternative format.

The **centres at risk** are Camelford, Callington, Torpoint, Saltash, Launceston, Penzance and St Austell. The centres in Bude, Newquay, Liskeard, St Dennis, Bodmin, Helston, Truro, Camborne, Hayle and Falmouth **will remain open**. If the consultation results in closures, clients will be supported to continue their course, possibly through the transfer to an alternative centre, to an online scheme, or to another provider, such as Truro College, Penwith College or Cornwall College.

-Finally, it's looking like the Cornwall Council site under the control of Treveth (it's arm's length company) on the link road off Pennygillam roundabout, which had been bought to deliver much needed local housing, is being put on hold for three years, until market conditions improve.

172/24 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held 6th November 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr Vickery, seconded by Cllr Wendon, then **resolved** that the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 6th November 2024 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Bloomfield signed the minutes.

173/24 Matters arising from minutes of APC meeting 6th November 2024 and not included in this agenda. There were none.

174/24 Finance Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported: -

-Credit bank interest £20.83 received 29.11.2024 -APC bank balance as at 30.11.2024 £24057.06 credit.

-**Budget** of expenditure for 2025/26 as stated in a document circulated to all members and published on the APC website prior to this meeting was discussed among the councillors present. The clerk advised that a meeting with Cornwall Council stakeholders 2.12.2024 (subsequent to the publication of the agenda for this meeting) regarding the devolution of maintenance at Penpont View advised an interim maintenance agreement was likely to be in place for 2025/26, but in a scaled down form that would require expenditure of £500, not £3k as originally expected for the next financial year. Therefore it was recommended that the funding of expenditure for 2025/26 was reduced by £2500 to that published in the budget document, which stated a precept of £22k would be required.

-Precept demand

The RFO advised the meeting that an increase in precept to £19.5k from the current £14k pa (a figure not increased since 2019/20) would likely increase Band D council tax bills by £9.73pa and after brief discussion, Cllr Bloomfield proposed a precept demand of £19500 to fund APC in the financial year commencing 1.4.2025 be made to Cornwall Council in context with the budget presentation. Cllr Wendon seconded, and it was unanimously **resolved** to make a precept demand in the sum of £19500. The clerk undertook to finalise matters with Cornwall Council.

The RFO advised the following accounts payable:

-Penon Water Services £51.35. Toilet block water bill 2.8.2024 to 15.11.2024. Chq 1482.

-TEEC Ltd. £374.40 Web site hosting 2024 & 2025. Chq 1483.

-Smart Brothers £542. Maintenance £348. Grass cuts £98. Bolventor cemetery £96. Chq 1484

Cllr Masters proposed to approve these payments, Cllr Vickery seconded, and it was unanimously **resolved** to pay these accounts. Cllr Bloomfield signed the schedule of payments being made.

175/24 Planning Applications: Statutory consultee comments were approved as follows:

Application PA24/07759 Proposal Proposed extensions to dwelling, greenhouse, and re-positioned stables without compliance with Condition 2 of decision notice PA23/06810 dated 12/10/2023. **Location** Old Hay House Altarnun **Applicant** Mr Malcolm Kirby

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Halls proposed & Cllr Pannell seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved: Altarnun Parish Council has no objections and supports this application**

Application PA24/08550 Proposal Application for use of existing dwelling not in compliance with condition no.5 (agricultural occupancy) of application number 2004/01550 **Location** Trezibbett Lodge Bolventor **Applicant** Mr Walter M Bunt

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Masters proposed & Cllr Branch seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was **resolved: Altarnun Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

Application PA24/07678 Proposal Creation of new residential drive and entrance to Oak Barn South Carne Altarnun **Applicant** Mr & Mrs Simon & Jessica Gillbard Mr & Mrs SG Gillbard

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176/24 Planning Decisions: The following applications were reported as being **approved** by the local planning authority (LPA): PA24/06705 & PA24/07633. Also reported was PA24/04052, which was approved by Cornwall Councillors at East Planning Committee in November.

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/>

177/24 Pre-Application Planning, reported for information only.

There were no pre application planning cases to report.

178/24 Penpont View.

The clerk reported on a meeting 2.12.2024 including himself, the CAP leader and representatives of Cornwall Housing and Cornwall Council. He was advised that the main grassed area and a small area at the entrance to Penpont View are under the auspices of Cornwall Council and the rest of the green areas and hedging, under Cornwall Housing. Cornwall Housing are not currently in a position to agree the management of their parts being handed to APC. Therefore only the main area and entrance area can be subject to a maintenance management agreement between Cornwall Council and APC in the first instance, and it is now in the process of being prepared for APC consideration and action.

179/24 Highways.

Cllr Wendon reported on a meeting held 15.11.2024 with Ben Maguire MP, Cllr Parsons, himself & Cllr Kendall at which the MP confirmed his support to push NH to build a grade separated junction on the A30 at Plusha. The meeting was positive and as a result Cllr Wendon proposed the clerk write to Ben Maguire thanking for his attendance and support and formally inviting him to a future APC meeting. Cllr Masters seconded, and it was **resolved** to proceed as proposed.

The clerk also reported that recent highway flooding issues had been reported and dealt with by Cornwall Council.

180/24 Safer Plusha Action Group.

The meeting was advised that an action group known as Safer Plusha Action Group is formally representing local parishes effected by NH actions that will adversely impact on our localities, (as outlined in Cllr Parsons report to this meeting) has been established to make representation to the authorities who hold power to influence amendments to the NH plans. Cllr Bloomfield proposed that Cllr Wendon be elected to serve as APC's representative within the group. Cllr Pannell seconded, and it was **resolved** that Cllr Wendon would serve on the action group.

181/24 Gov.uk domain name for APC & Gov.uk email addresses for clerk and councillors.

The clerk advised he attended a meeting 19.11.2024 with the Parish Council Domains Helper Service regarding a recent article on the Nat Assn of Local Councils' website, advising best practice and the rationale for parish councils to set up a gov.uk domain name and use gov.uk email addresses. Additional costs will be incurred in doing so and the clerk further advised he will obtain more information to present back to a future meeting. He confirmed the use of gov.uk addresses are not yet obligatory.

182/24 Code of Conduct.

The clerk reminded members of their obligations regarding Register of Interests, personal representation, use of social media and acting as correspondents.

183/24 Election 2025.

The clerk advised members of the impending elections, and their obligations should they choose to stand and advised them of the clerk's non-participation in any part of the process.

184/24 Winter Salt Bins.

The clerk reported the misuse of winter salt at Bolventor which had depleted a recently renewed supply. Residents have been asked to ensure that the stock is used in moderation as a small application goes a long way and is more effective. Also that lids are shut closed at all times.

185/24 Correspondence – for information only.

-Cornwall Council Highways Manager re gritting of old A30 detour route through Five Lanes and onto A30 east bound slip road.

-Visit Cornwall Tourism Summit to be held in Truro 15th & 16th January 2025.

-Various NALC, CALC & Cornwall Council briefings.

186/24 Advise venue, time & date of next full APC meeting expected to be 8th January 2025 to be held in Altarnun Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. These details were confirmed, and Cllr Bloomfield wished all a Merry Christmas and closed the meeting at 9.26pm.