

Altarnun Parish Council “RO AN HAL”

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 15th January 2025, (rescheduled from 8th January 2025 as a result of adverse weather) which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Vickery, Cllr Branch, Cllr Kendall, Cllr Masters, Cllr Smith, Cllr Pooley & Cllr Pannell. **Also present:** Mr R Turner (APC clerk) and one member of the public.

1/25 Apologies for absence: Cornwall Cllr Parsons, Cllrs Wendon & Halls.

2/25 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of gifts and hospitality.

No declarations were made.

3/25 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).

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

-Cornwall Council held a consultation regarding leasing out the Pannier Market, Castle Street, and Walk House car parks in Launceston. They could potentially be leased for up to 5 years and will continue to be owned by Cornwall Council, but operated by third-party organisations, probably Cormac. The management of the car park will be the responsibility of Cormac, who may introduce surveillance cameras and 24 hour charging. It should also be noted, the town council have expressed an interest, so should have an opportunity to tender. Along with Cllr Conway and Paynter we are against these car parks being privately leased, the provision should offer affordable parking, which is crucial for attracting people to our town and maintaining its viability and attractiveness for public use.

-It looks like the Councils plans to hive off Newquay airport are falling apart. As agreed at the June Cabinet meeting, Cornwall Council has been working with the preferred partner on the future of the Newquay Airport Estate. Whilst negotiations had progressed, and the principal terms of a transaction are agreed, we're now told, it hasn't been possible to bring these all together in a way that addresses some of the technical issues of the deal. Papers regarding the deal were due to be published ahead of both Cabinet (17th January) and Overview and Scrutiny Committee (16th January), but those meetings will no longer be discussing those items as the talks continue! Phil Mason Strategic Director for Sustainable Growth and Development at Cornwall Council said: "We remain completely committed to the development of Cornwall Airport Newquay and the surrounding Estate and continue to engage and work with our preferred partner under the terms of our Exclusivity Agreement in order to bring the proposed deal to fruition.

-The recently proposed devolution deal merging Devon and Cornwall has reignited discussions about the introduction of a mayor. In its English Devolution White Paper, the Labour Government has indicated a preference for combined authorities led by a mayor. A devolution deal that crosses the Tamar and encompasses Devon and Cornwall would cover a significant demographic expanse, including both rural and urban landscapes. The implementation of such a deal raises several questions about its functionality and effectiveness. One major concern is the potential allocation of funds. Fears are that money might be disproportionately funnelled into larger towns and cities, leaving rural areas as the poor relation. This concern highlights the need for a balanced approach to ensure equitable distribution of resources. While the idea of a combined authority for Devon and Cornwall presents interesting possibilities, it is crucial to address the concerns of rural communities. Sometimes, bigger is not always better, and careful consideration must be given to ensure that all areas would benefit from any potential deal.

4/25 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held 4th December 2024. It was proposed by Cllr Branch, seconded by Cllr Masters, then unanimously **resolved** that the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 4th December 2024 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

5/25 Matters arising from minutes of APC meeting 4th December 2024 and not included in this agenda.

Further to minute no. 181/24 the clerk advised that a more acceptable quote has been received but too late for inclusion in this meeting and Gov.uk domain name for APC & Gov.uk email addresses for clerk and councillors will be included in the next full APC meeting.

6/25 Finance Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported: -

-Further to minute no.174/24 the precept demand for £19500 has been acknowledged by Cornwall Council.

-Bank interest £23.01 received 31.12.2024.

-Bank balance as at 31.12.2024 £23112.32 credit.

-Q3 internal finance check completed, and no issues or concerns were noted by Cllr Branch.

-An update on Pipers Pool/Trewint Broadband scheme grant application following minute nos; 142/22 & 157/22 -which detailed the submission of a grant application for £92246 to Cornwall Council, in order to underwrite the cost of the Openreach installation. The figure has reduced with the value of consumer subscriptions to the upgraded Broadband service. APC has been invoiced to support and pay the shortfall of £8939.64 which will be repaid to APC in the same sum, from the grant applied for in 2022.

The RFO advised the following accounts payable:

-HMRC Dec 2024 & Jan 2025, £187.50 Chq 1485

-Clerks salary Dec 2024 & Jan 2025, £721.70. Chq 1486

-British Telecommunications PLC £8939.64 Pipers Pool Broadband scheme. Chq 1488

-Smart Brothers £451.70. Maintenance work. Chq 1484

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

7/25 Planning Applications: Statutory consultee comments were approved as follows:

Application PA24/09561. Proposal: Works to Trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) T1 - Sycamore, T2 - Oak, T3 - Beech - Reduce height of all 3 trees by 20%. Location: The Rectory Altarnun
Applicant: Mr Richard Jones

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

Application PA24/09721 Proposal: Erection of a rear extension Location: Jollsground Barn Trewint.
Applicant: Dr & Mr Sterritt

After discussion and clarifying the planning documents, Cllr Masters proposed & Cllr Pooley seconded to approve the following consultee comment to CC Planning & Sustainable Development Office, which was unanimously **resolved:** *Altarnun Parish Council supports the improvements proposed in this application.*

8/25 Planning Decisions: The following application was reported as being **approved** by the local planning authority (LPA): PA24/07759.

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/>

9/25 Pre-Application Planning, reported for information only.

PA24/01460/PREAPP Pre-application advice for extensions and alterations to the house and cottage of Carne Manor, Altarnun PL15 7SP along with some alterations Extensions and alterations to the house and cottage of Carne Manor along with some alterations to the grounds. to the grounds. - Mr And Mrs Moore.

PA24/09425 Agricultural Building East of Cobblestones Trethinna Hill Altarnun Launceston Cornwall Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse - Mrs J Gillbard.

10/25 Penpont View.

Nothing was reported, decided or actioned.

11/25 Highways.

Further to minute no. 179/24 the clerk read the letter sent to Mr B Maguire MP and the positive response received. This was followed by a general discussion regarding winter gritting and signage in Five Lanes.

12/25 Safer Plusha Action Group.

(Cllr Pannell joined the meeting and made no declaration of interest).

The clerk updated members with various correspondence items received from the Group which is currently lobbying National Highways, Vision Zero South West and Peninsula Transport seeking support for a grade separated junction at Plusha. The Group is also supporting Cllr Parsons in drafting a motion to go before Cornwall Council on January 21st. If passed, will provide the impetus and finance to develop a viable scheme for Plusha, public consultation and the building of a business case for a grade separated junction.

13/25 Agree & approve an Internal Auditor for 2024/25.

Cllr Dowler proposed that, once again, Mrs Linda Coles be appointed internal auditor for 2024/25. Cllr Branch seconded and it was unanimously **resolved** to formally appoint Mrs Coles. The clerk undertook to finalise and confirm the fee to be £180, as paid for 2023/24.

14/25 Agree and approve a public convenience cleaning contract for 2025-2026.

The clerk advised that the current contract cleaners, Corserve, propose to charge £6228, net of VAT for the financial year 2025/26, and whilst cost has risen annually since the inception of the contract, the summer months daily service initially agreed will be cut to 3 days weekly in 2025/26. The clerk confirmed this last point has been referred back to Corserve and a response was outstanding, on the evening of the meeting. Councillors in discussion, asked the clerk to chase the reply in order the contract can be precisely debated at the next APC meeting.

15/25 Correspondence – for information only.

- Update on SA Smith defence of Southern Super Middleweight boxing title.
- Altarnun Christmas Lights Team – read to the meeting for info only.
- Cornwall Council re loose manhole cover at entrance to Penpont View, inspected 23.12.2024 (nfa).
- Altarnun School – Christmas Wishes to APC
- Members of the public regarding a memorial plaque.
- Visit Cornwall Tourism Summit 15th & 16th January 2025, at Alverton Manor.
- Road closure order – Lower Tregunnon to Trebray 24.1.2025.
- Various CALC, NALC, Cornwall Council & British Heart Foundation briefings.

16/25 Advise venue, date & time of next council meeting to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 5th February at 7.30pm.

These details were confirmed, and Cllr Dowler and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.