

## ***Altarnun Parish Council*** "RO AN HAL"

DRAFT Minutes of **Altarnun Parish Council (APC)** meeting held at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025, which commenced at 7.30 pm. **APC members present** Cllr Dowler (Chair), Cllr Vickery, Cllr Branch, Cllr Masters, Cllr Pooley, Cllr Halls, Cllr Wendon & Cllr Pannell. **Also present:** Cornwall Cllr Parsons, Mr R Turner (APC clerk) and one member of the public.

**17/25 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Bloomfield, Smith & Kendall.

**18/25 Members declaration of interests and requests for dispensations. Members declaration of gifts and hospitality.**

No declarations were made.

**19/25 Invitation for members of the public and Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons to address the meeting.**

Cllr Parsons reported:

-The leader of Cornwall Council says the county must not be tied in with Devon in any future devolution arrangement. All political groups on the council and the county's MPs want the government to treat Cornwall as a standalone authority because of its national minority status and unique economic and social situation. The government, however, has previously made it clear it would prefer to see Cornwall in a devolved authority with Devon or as part of a greater Southwest region.

-Also, that Launceston Adult Education Centre will remain open having avoided the recent round of Cornwall Council cost cuts.

-He had delivered a motion to Cornwall Council for the upgrade of the Plusha junction at a meeting of the full council on 21.1.2025. The council was asked to support the re-evaluation of 2015 plans for a grade-separated junction at Plusha in order to develop a scheme and secure funding from the Department for Transport (DfT) and eventual implementation in partnership with National Highways. However, because of the scale involved the matter has been deferred and now goes before a future meeting of the Cornwall Council Cabinet.

-Cormac, on behalf of Cornwall Council, has invited comments on a proposal to enhance road safety along the A388 near Landue Bridge. The scheme includes adding new right-turn lanes at the C598 Lezant Road junction and Tre, Pol & Pen entrance, and installing a 25mm kerbed hardstanding at Landue Lodge to delineate the carriageway edge. These measures aim to reduce collisions and improve safety for all road users. There is an ongoing safety campaign being spearheaded by the Community Area Partnership team.

-The Cornwall and Isles of Scilly has been allocated £137 million through the Shared Prosperity Fund. To support local investment, focusing on green and inclusive growth, providing opportunities for communities, businesses, and job training. The fund is part of the Government's commitment to level up all parts of the country.

**20/25 To approve the minutes of the APC Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.** It was proposed by Cllr Branch, seconded by Cllr Masters, then unanimously **resolved** that the minutes of the APC Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair. Cllr Dowler signed the minutes.

**21/25 Matters arising from minutes of APC meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and not included in this agenda.**

There were no matters arising.

**22/25 Finance Matters: The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) reported: -**

-29.1.2025 credit received; £150 cemetery fee.

-30.1.2025 credit received; £8939.64 Cornwall Council Superfast Broadband grant.

-31.1.2025 credit received; bank interest £14.70

-31.1.2025 APC bank balance was £21916.12 credit.

-Local Maintenance Partnership grant - acceptance invited by Cornwall Council in sum of £2351.22 for footpath cutting in 2025. Cllr Dowler proposed the grant be accepted. Cllr Pooley seconded, and it was **resolved** unanimously that the grant be accepted as offered.

**The RFO advised the following accounts payable:**

-£187.20 TEEC Ltd, website hosting 2025/2026. Chq 1490

-£352 Smart Brothers re parish maintenance Chq 1491.

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

**23/25 Planning Applications:** Statutory consultee comments were approved as follows:

- PA25/00341 Proposal Provision of electric vehicle charging bays, sub-station, floodlighting, signage and bollards and associated works Location Trewint Service Station PL15 7TF Applicant Swarco Smart Charging Ltd.

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

- PA25/00488 Proposal Moving the siting of the approved development further to the east. Without compliance of Condition 5 of decision notice PA23/00178 dated 16/03/2023.

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

-PA24/09819 Proposal: Outline application for 36 residential dwellings with all matters reserved except for access Location: Land W of Penpont View Altarnun Applicant: Mr Aaron Puffett Devonshire Homes. The clerk advised this application was received for comment earlier in the day of the meeting. In view of it's substantial content there was insufficient time to allow a full & complete review prior to the meeting. The clerk advised that he could ask the planning officer for an extension to make comment until 6.3.2025, but if declined could arrange an extraordinary meeting of APC for it to be tabled in the interim. After discussion Cllr Dowler proposed to proceed as the clerk had outlined, Cllr Branch seconded, and it was **resolved** unanimously that the clerk manage the application as proposed.

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

-The Commons Act 2006 Section 22: Non registration of land under the 1965 Act Schedule 2(4) Waste land of a manor not registered as common land an application has been made by Tomas D.J.S Hill to Cornwall Council as Commons Registration Authority (Appln ref: 3031), concerning land at Trevage Moor, HMLR title no. CL412, that is claimed to be waste land of a manor as of 22nd December 2020, being the date the application was made.

After discussion and trying to clarify the planning documents, councillors were unable to glean sufficient information to either support or object to this application. The clerk advised he would revert to Cornwall Council and if possible, also to the applicant for the rationale behind the application in order councillors can conclude the consultation process within timescales.

**24/25 Planning Decisions:** No decisions were reported.

**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/>

**25/25 Pre-Application Planning, reported for information only.** No cases were reported.

**26/25 Penpont View.** Nothing was reported, decided or actioned.

**27/25 Highways.** Nothing was reported, decided or actioned.

**28/25 Safer Plusha Action Group.**

The clerk updated members with various correspondence items received from the Group which included a copy of Cllr Parsons motion put before Cornwall Council on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

**29/25 Public convenience cleaning contract for 2025-2026.**

Further to minute no.14/25 the clerk reported there has still been no response from Corserve. After discussion, Cllr Pooley proposed that the contract be advertised on the APC website and noticeboards, in the Tre Pol Pen magazine and on Facebook, with a closing date for receipt of quotes being 28.3.2025. Cllr Wendon seconded, and it was unanimously **resolved** that the contract be advertised.

**30/25 Gov.uk domain name for APC & Gov.uk email addresses for clerk and councillors.**

The clerk presented quotations received to date for a domain name and clerk and councillor email addresses. He advised some further prices were awaited, in order councillors could make a fully informed decision on whether or how to proceed. To be discussed further at a future meeting.

**31/25 Correspondence – for information only.**

- Various CALC, NALC, Cornwall Council & NHS briefings
- Clerks absence on leave advised as being 18.3.2025 until 1.4.2025
- National Planning target revision advised for Cornwall as being 4421 units p.a. from 2707 units per annum.
- Forest for Cornwall – collect a free tree at Launceston Library 18.2.2025. (Published on APC website)
- Meet Linda Taylor (Leader – Cornwall Council) Launceston Town Hall 19.2.2025. (Published on APC web site),

**32/25 Advise venue, date & time of next council meeting to be at Altarnun Village Hall, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm.**