Konsel Pluw Erens Gerrans Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe



Present:

Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), Richard Cochrane (RC), John Crombie (JC), Ralph German (RG), Will Gill (WG), Helen Hastings (HH), Joanna Holah (JH), Nev Meek (NM), Val Neal (VN), Laura Wilson (LW); Steve Skull (Clerk) (Attending via Zoom), CC Julian German (JG).

One member of the public attended.

072201

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- None

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

- (See above)

072202

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

KG formally announced the resignation of Cllr Chris Pope from the Parish Council, with effect from 1st July 2022.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- None

072204

REPORT FROM WARD MEMBER

JG updated the Parish Council on the former Roseland Outdoor Education Centre at St Just in Roseland. A Crowdfunder will launch on 19th July to try and raise the funds required to purchase it from Cornwall Council with a view to reopening it. JG asked Parish Councillors if they would let people know about the project which will benefit children from across the Roseland, and further afield.

He also updated that other Parishes are interested in a planning themed Roseland cluster meeting with Cherilyn Mackrory MP and Ollie Monk (Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning) and that he would try to secure a date in September.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Members unanimously approved the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th June as being a true record of the meeting (proposed JH, seconded VN).

072207

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING

- The clerk reported that he was waiting for a report and quote relating to the dilapidation of the notice board in the Memorial Hall car park. He also reported that all new street lights were now LED and came with built in anti-light pollution deflectors. (Minutes 062213 and 062215 refer).

072208

PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications

There were four new applications for consideration. These are outlined below, and detailed comments are noted on the Cornwall Council planning website.

Application	Address	PC decision	
PA22/05154	21, Parc An Dillon Road, Portscatho	Object. 9 object, 1 support.	
PA22/05156	38, Gwarak Gwel An Mor, Portscatho	Support. Unanimous	
PA22/05333	Weatheroak, Percuil	Support. Unanimous	
PA22/05494	34, Churchtown Road, Gerrans	Support, with qualifications.	
		8 support, 1 object, 1 abstain.	

b) Decisions since last meeting

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA22/02404 re Barn A, Treloan Lane, Gerrans	Qualified support	(Withdrawn)

072209

ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

KG said that the Planning Working Group had discussed the workings of the Community Right to Bid scheme contained within the Localism Act 2011 and the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012, and referred to a list of potential local assets for registration circulated prior to the May PC meeting. The Planning Working Group was recommending that two assets from the list be prioritised for registration - first the Fishermen's Shelter and then the Heritage Centre. KG formally proposed this, it was seconded by JH and unanimously approved.

072210

AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

HH presented a report on behalf of the PC's Affordable Housing Working Group (AHWG) A summary of the report can be seen at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

Members discussed the report, and there was a consensus that it was essential that any new housing provided should never be made subject to any right to buy scheme.

HH proposed that JC be authorised to be the PC's representative liaising with the CLT in any negotiations with landowners. KG seconded the proposal, and voting was 8 to 1 in favour, with one abstention.

072211

PARISH INFORMATION BOARD

NM reported on behalf of the Working Group set up last month on progress to date and presented initial proposals. A summary of his report can be seen at Appendix 2 to these minutes. Members expressed their appreciation of a promising start to this project.

072212

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT)

RC presented a report and update on REACT's recent activities. A summary of the report can be seen at Appendix 3 to these minutes.

072213

OTHER REPORTS - From Committee representatives, Working Groups and/or liaison members

- NM reported that he had had a positive preliminary meeting with National Trust officers to discuss the various footpath issues which had been raised recently, and to identify opportunities for co-operation. He also confirmed that JG had arranged a meeting with Cornwall Council's Footpaths Officer, and asked members to inform him of any other footpath-related problems as soon as possible in advance of that meeting.

RC said he would be unable to attend the Network Community Panel meeting scheduled for 15th July, and asked if any other member would be available to deputise.

072214

WORKING GROUPS TERMS OF REFERENCE

KG advised that it was accepted best practice for all Working Groups to have formal Terms of Reference or Statements of Purpose. She had previously circulated draft TOR's for the Affordable Housing, Planning, and Parish Information Board Working Groups, and now proposed their acceptance as drafted. This was seconded by NM and unanimously agreed.

072215

CHANGE OF OFFICIAL PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Members discussed adopting as its official website www.gerransparishcouncil.org, which was set up early in the Covid pandemic to provide a multi-page platform for the PC to communicate from rather than its previous single page on Roseland-Online. KG proposed formal adoption. This was seconded by JH and agreed unanimously. Members also thanked WG for all his technical work on the website and it was unanimously agreed that he should be permitted to claim any related direct expenses incurred in providing the service.

072216

RED TELEPHONE KIOSK AT ROSEVINE

Members agreed to defer discussion of this item until the next meeting.

072217

TRELOAN LANE CAR PARK

The clerk presented a quote for £1,750.00 plus VAT to build a new secure bunker for the storage of black sacks from the Parish litter bins. This was in response to reports from the PC's Environment Management Contractor that the current containers were now unfit for purpose, being severely dilapidated and unlockable, with the result that regular fly-tipping of weekly rubbish from holiday lets was occurring, usually in unsuitable bags which split and encouraged vermin. WG proposed acceptance of the quote. VN seconded, and voting was 8 in favour, with 2 abstentions.

072218

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Accounts for payment

The clerk reported that all payments submitted for approval were materially within budget, or within forecast and agreed contingency levels where actual figures were unknown at the time of setting the budget.

It was resolved that the outstanding invoices totalling £10,447.07 (including VAT of £262.58) be paid (proposed RG, seconded JH). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

2. Bank Reconciliation

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th June was £45,550.90

072219

OTHER PARISH MATTERS

1. Any urgent business

- None

2. Matters to be included on the next agenda

- None, other than heretofore minuted.

3. Minor items for report only

- NM raised the matter of the proposed withdrawal of Cornwall Council funding from the Royal Cornwall Museum. There was general concern about this issue, and NM was asked to draft a letter to CC on behalf of the PC, and to circulate it for approval amongst the members.

072220

NEXT MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 2nd August 2022 be set for the next meeting, to be held in the Memorial Hall Annexe at 7.30 pm.

072221

MEETING CLOSE

KG declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

End of Minutes

APPENDIX 1

Summary of July 2022 Affordable housing report for Gerrans PC. (Agenda item 10) Roseland Community Land Trust meeting 04.07.22

Present: Representatives of the Roseland Community Land Trust, John Crombie, Jo Holah, Kate Greet, Helen Hastings.

We presented the housing needs survey results. The CLT were happy that there is a clearly demonstrable need.

Our relationship with CLT would be informal and not require any contractual structure.

Gerrans PC would not have any legal or financial liabilities. These would belong to the ultimate landowner.

Our first priority should be to secure the land. JC would be the PC's representative liaising with the CLT in any negotiations with landowners. PC to nominate JC for this role.

CLT recommends talking to other PCs about their experience of building affordable housing. Ask Julian German which ones he knows of.

End of Appendix 1

APPENDIX 2

Summary of report from NM re Information Board (Agenda item 11)

Group: Nev Meek, Val Neal, Will Gill, & Laura Wilson

Initial proposals:

1. Central Map

The existing board was mainly done by the AONB so is highly focussed on wildlife & countryside. Where it doesn't succeed is it doesn't let people know where they are, or how to get to the village, or to the beach. It is suggested that we put an illustrated map at the centre of the new board.

2. Businesses and Heritage

It is suggested that we highlight the location of businesses, and heritage sites, and also include insets of sites of interest further afield on the Roseland. Val is drafting an initial map

3. Text

Take existing text and re-draft. Include some Cornish Language. Nev has copied existing text and is drafting new copy.

4. Sponsorship

Seek sponsorship from local businesses.

5. Green Initiative

Print on board made of recycled plastic.

6. Three signs

Produce 3 signs for New Road, Memorial Hall, and Treloan car parks.

7. Final Design

Approach our logo consultant to pull together the final design for us.

8. Terms of Reference

As drafted by Kate Greet.

End of Appendix 2

APPENDIX 3

Summary of report from RC re REACT (Agenda item 12)

REACT met at Chaos Farm on the 28th June.

The RCEF projects are proceeding. The Tregony Hydro Scheme was presented to Tregony with Ruby Parish Council. The first results showed a lower output than anticipated due to the length of pipework needed to give a reasonable head for the turbines. The parish council requested that the study continues to measure the head available more accurately. The Solar and Anaerobic Digestion scheme is proceeding with numerous barns being evaluated for solar panel installation. Work is continuing on this with further contact with farmers for their interest, power requirements and grid capacity. In parallel we are quantifying the food and farm waste that is available in the region for the AD plant.

REACT will be exhibiting at the Tregony Heavy Horse Show where we hope to engage with more farmers on the energy schemes.

The tree nursery has been going well and discussions are restarting with the National Trust on collaborating with their tree nursery.

EV charge points were being explored and new quotes have been provided for the Memorial Hall and Treloan Lane car park. We are hoping to get at least three other quotes to compare and will then look into funding opportunities.

The concept of stopping trawling in Gerrans Bay is still being explored. More data is needed on how often it is trawled and also the extend of species like seagrass and kelp.

Bus routes were discussed with a number of concerns raised about some routes and services to different villages.

Our next meeting will be on the 18th July at Tregony Church Village Hall at 6pm to finalise plans for our exhibit at the Tregony Heavy Horse Show

End of Appendix 3

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