

PL24 Community Association (PL24CA) Minutes Committee Meeting held on 08.01.24. via video

Present: Judy Brereton (JB), Sandra Butler (SB), Ryan Chamberlain (RC), Dawn Surl (DS), Alison White (AW)

Members present: John Elkington (JE)

Apologies: June Anderson, Jenny Moore, Eve Winterbottom

Committee Meeting Minutes are first agreed and approved by email and then uploaded onto the PL24 Community Association website.

Item	Discussion notes	Who? Action? By when?
1.	Minutes from last committee meeting held on 11.09.23 had already been approved by email.	
2.	<p>Matters Arising and Information Update Community Area Partnership (CAP) South https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/</p> <p>PL24CA members did attend the October meeting and raised a couple of issues e.g. the information leaflet on the CAP area does not reflect reality. It is a copy and paste "job" based on other areas which do not have our environmentally rich aspects, e.g. open countryside and the marine environment including the most extensive seagrass beds known in the UK (in Par/St Austell Bay). This is somewhat worrying in our opinion if this is the basis on which council decisions will be made. PL24CA raised the proposal for a desalination plant at Par Docks and it was decided that South West Water (SWW) would be invited to address a meeting of CAP councillors only. Although most CAP meetings are normally open to the public, it remains to be seen whether this is an effective forum for raising issues. The next meeting is at the end of January and all papers are posted on the above link. RC suggested that all kept an eye on the site and let others know if there is an item of potential interest to PL24CA members.</p> <p>Defibrillators</p> <p>AW has researched the issue of defibrillators and discovered that it is not enough to provide funding for the purchase as there is an ongoing requirement for maintenance as well. On balance, AW thinks we should leave it to the businesses who have taken the lead in this respect as they are best placed to manage this process. It was noted that there are a lot available locally which is good and locations can be found on this link: https://www.defibfinder.uk/ But members are advised that</p>	All ongoing

<p>not all are available 24/7 as sometimes they are being maintained. In case of emergency phone 999 first as usual.</p> <p>Environmental projects</p> <p>JB has taken the lead on the Hamley's Corner Cornwall Council owned planters and much has been achieved with the assistance of various members. The planters have been cleared out and re-planted, so that they look a lot better and complement the PL24CA planter and crab apple tree planted on the grass verge. JB has also met with Cornwall Council to try to agree a mowing schedule for Polmear Community Orchard. JB suggested that the next Orchard Spruce-up might best take place in mid-March before the growing season gets underway. It was noted that this would tie in well with advertising it in the Spring edition of the Magazine which will be out in the first week of March. JB is meeting with the Steward responsible for the orchard soon and will discuss a date then. The deadline for the magazine is 14th February, preferably before. RC said that he has mulch available. Many thanks to JB for maintaining the Hamley's Corner area and her ongoing efforts to sort out the orchard.</p> <p>Litter Picks</p> <p>First of all, a huge thank you to John Page who has been organising Litter Picks for PL24CA and in the area generally for so many years. John is standing down as Litter Pick Lead but the rest of our wonderful Litter Pick Team too – Linzi, Ryan and Sandra – will be continuing to organise regular litter picks in partnership with the Clean Cornwall Scheme. There are now new streamlining systems in place for risk assessment, kit, rota and poster (creation, print, distribution and display); and Sandra liaises with Clean Cornwall on advertising the litter picks and reporting back on the amount of litter collected.</p> <p>And now for an appeal for help.....!</p> <p>If anyone would be willing to help organise the occasional litter pick on the day, you would be most welcome. Please email Sandra for more information at: pl24events@gmail.com.</p> <p>To get a flavour of what our partner Clean Cornwall does, you may also be interested in looking at their website which is full of information including about the creation of Poo Dog sculptures – a colourful and more positive way of celebrating those who always clean up after their dogs: https://www.cleancornwall.org/.</p> <p>Desalination Plant</p> <p>In line with our objective of disseminating information, PL24CA has continued to collate questions from members about the South West Water (SWW) proposal.</p>	<p>JB date for the Orchard spruce-up by early Feb if possible</p> <p>All to note</p>
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<p>Unfortunately, the response from SWW has been disappointing. It seems they have been “overwhelmed” and answers to specific questions have been few. At this point, the best we can suggest is that if you have a query, you contact SWW directly at: info@SWWdesalination.co.uk We would be very interested in seeing any responses you receive to questions posed. SWW does seem slightly more inclined to answer questions from individuals.</p> <p>Otherwise, it looks like SWW’s preferred option is to post information on the (relatively new) desalination project page on their website:</p> <p>https://www.southwestwater.co.uk/about-us/what-we-do/improving-your-service/projects-and-investment/desalination You will find information on the project and a FAQs pdf on this page. AW has asked SWW to update the FAQs as quickly as possible so that the community can access new information as and when it becomes available. The proposal is an ongoing process, so information is being constantly updated e.g. SWW now says that the plant will produce a maximum of 20 Mega Litres a day (when operational) rather than the 30 Ml/D which was previously proposed.</p> <p>There is also a local, informal network which is sharing information by email. The local Desalination Information Group is continuing to collect and share information. For regular updates email paradesal23@gmail.com and add your contact information. We understand that your contact email and name will not be shared with others.</p> <p>Funding bid ideas – ongoing</p> <p>The Committee has agreed that AW can apply for funding – without reference to the committee - as and when she has time and sees opportunities. A variety of sources of funding have been suggested including Community Chest funding. The committee has also supported the notion that we might occasionally bid in for funding in order to make a donation in kind to other groups. For example, we could bid in for signage and then donate it to another community group who have the funding, and have secured the landowner’s permission, to install it. If anyone is interested in helping with writing bids or has suggestions as to what might be useful, please contact Alison on pl24community@gmail.com</p> <p>AW has talked with Cllr Carol Williams from St Blaise TC and the clerk who have suggested 2 benches in Penarwyn Rd near or in the playground area. Cllr Carol Williams said that she thought the recycled plastic benches were ideal, especially as they have arms so are much easier to use for many. A PL24CA member has suggested another bench</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>AW ongoing</p>
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	<p>next to the showpeople's entrance at St Blazey Co-op bus stop in Middleway. The clerk will ask St Blaise TC if they are willing to take this on if CC allows one to be sited on the pavement. Other members have suggested another sign and map like the one at the Railway Station. It would need to be in a well-frequented area, somewhere away from the Station. One suggestion is to ask whether the Rashleigh estate would allow one in the large car park at Par Beach.</p> <p>The most common requests from members are linked to accessibility e.g. the desirability of acquiring new benches and improving the access to the beach. AW did start talking with FoPB about access to the beach, but the proposed desalination plant has now risen to the top of the priority list, so this is on-hold at the moment.</p>	
3.	<p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>Transactions since last Working Group meeting on 20.11.23</p> <p>Opening Current Account Balance (20.11.23): £9,605.21</p> <p>Income received: All income relates to advertiser payments for PL24 magazine winter edition. There is still £200 to be collected.</p> <p>Payments made: In this period, we have renewed our membership to the Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition and paid for the printing of the winter edition of the magazine. In November, we opened a savings account to hold surplus funds into which interest is paid monthly on the 11th of the month (£2.03 received in December '23).</p> <p>Current Account Balance (08.01.24): £6,482.21</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our financial year end is 31st August each year. The annual accounts for 2022/23 have been produced and verified by the independent informal auditor prior to the AGM in October. • We are holding £3,002.03 reserve in an immediate access, savings account attracting 1.3% interest payable monthly. 	
4.	<p>PL24 Magazine Report</p> <p>The turnover on advertisers is in line with last year as we lost and gained a few. Printing costs have risen by about £100.00 an edition and many more advertisers have taken advantage of our 10% discount for subscriptions. But we are still operating within our parameters that we should aim</p>	

	<p>to cover costs + £100.00 per edition. There have been many compliments about the front page of the Winter edition which had no border and showed the Treffry Viaduct. Depending on the photograph chosen for future editions, this format may well be repeated in future. RC thanked JE and AW for all their work on the magazine. All agreed that it is PL24CA's lead asset and not only gives a voice to our community group but to other groups and individuals in the community as well.</p>	
<p>5.</p> <p>Campaigns Update</p>	<p>Lots of PL24CA members contacted GWR in support of making Par Station Accessible to all and we are delighted that GWR has been successful in their funding bid. See: https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/council-approves-mid-cornwall-metro-scheme/ar-AA1lrYgX</p> <p>A new accessible footbridge with lifts will be built at Par, which is the junction for the Newquay line.</p> <p>PL24CA members also supported an application by PL24CA to make the Station Path a public right of way; and Cornwall Council is in the process of dealing with this. Recently, PL24CA was asked by MPower Kernow CIC whether we would support their application for funding, so that their apprentices could upgrade the path surface' and we were delighted to do so. So, it is now a question of waiting to see if the MPower Kernow CIC bid is successful and whether Cornwall Council (as the landowner) will give permission for upgrading the path.</p>	
<p>6.</p> <p>Encouraging new Committee Members</p>	<p>PL24CA is very appreciative of all the positive comments we receive about the new benches, the magazine, the spruce-ups etc. and we are always interested in hearing from potential volunteers. In particular, PL24CA would welcome some new committee members with ideas on how we might develop what we do. It was agreed that in the spring – starting during the first week in March when the new Magazine is out – some committee members will go out into well-frequented places and publicise what we do i.e. like the summer pop-ins but not necessarily on fixed dates. JB has the flyers and business cards so we can hand these out. We can also put a piece in the Spring edition of the magazine and on Facebook about how we will be out and about. We will also be looking at a re-run of our coffee and cake get-together for regular volunteers which we unfortunately had to cancel in October because of rising Covid numbers.</p>	<p>AW/JB pop-ins info for magazine by 14th Feb or earlier if possible.</p> <p>AW/JB regular volunteer get-together ASAP</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>Social Media</p>	<p>RC reported that Facebook has introduced a new algorithm which is supposed to act as an Admin Assistant, but it appears somewhat random as to which posts it accepts</p>	<p>RC</p>

	and which it turns down. RC will look again at marketing our magazine advertisers on Facebook.	Facebook ASAP
8.	<p>Website</p> <p>After some discussion, it was decided that we would postpone making a decision about whether we move from SiteBuilder. It has become apparent that we would need to employ some-one to design the website for us, as we are looking for some add-ons which are potentially more complex e.g. a search facility. Ideally, we would also wish to do more than just upload simple documents i.e. we would want to be able to change some aspects of the design, format etc. ourselves without recourse to the original designer. This is not a service which all designers will offer, so would take some research. AW expressed concerns that changing the website could become very time-consuming (as happened with the Information and map board) and that careful management of the process would be required to ensure that the costs don't run away with us. It was agreed to review the situation in 6 months' time. In the meantime, we will see if we can improve our current website (SiteBuilder) and explore how flexible it is as regards uploading photos for example. We will also continue to create a back-up version of the site the pl24website@gmail.com google drive and this will include screenshots. At the moment, SiteBuilder has increased our current plan price by relatively little since last year, so it may be that they have realised they now need to be more competitive.</p>	AW/RC/JE By Sept 24

Date of next Committee Meeting: Mon 8th April 2024 at 6.30pm

Location: by Zoom