

PL24 Community Association (PL24CA) Minutes Committee Meeting held on 08.04.24. via video

Present: June Anderson (JA), Judy Brereton (JB), Linzi Bright (LB), Sandra Butler (SB), Ryan Chamberlain (RC), Jenny Moore (JM), Dawn Surl (DS), Alison White (AW), Eve Winterbottom (EW)

Members present: Louise Holman (LH)

Apologies: Belinda Raymond

CC: John Elkington (JE)

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? |
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| 1. | Minutes from last meeting held on 08.01.24 had already been approved. | |
| 2. | <p>Matters Arising and Information Update</p> <p>A PL24CA member contacted PL24CA to say that the defibrillator at the New Inn in Tywardreath isn't working. It seems the New Inn does not deal with the defibrillator at all and it is looked after by someone else. AW now has the contact details of the "defibrillator guardian", so that in future any query will go to the correct person. In fact, the defibrillator was checked on 26th March and declared "Emergency Ready". One issue is that the defibrillator finder is not always updated in a timely manner e.g. the New Inn one was showing as out of action more than a week after the check and that might still be the case. It is probably a case of it taking some time for the website defibfinder.uk to be updated.</p> <p>AW has a list of items for which PL24CA might seek external funding but would welcome more ideas. Benches have been requested in a number of places and there has been mention of maybe one more notice board in the style of the one at Par Station. AW asked whether the Rashleigh Car Park might be a suitable spot. LB said she thought it would be given the number of people who go to the beach. The board would need to be redesigned slightly as the starting point would be different RC wondered about having a PL24CA board there too. AW will aim to seek permission from the Rashleigh Estate and funding for all the above later in the summer.</p> | |
| 3. | Treasurer Report: Transactions since last Committee / Working Group meeting on 04.03.24 | AW on-going |

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| | <p>Opening Current Account Balance (01.03.24): £5,401.73</p> <p>Income received: All income relates to advertiser payments for PL24 magazine - both for the spring edition and annual subscriptions. We continue to receive interest on the savings account amounting to £3.32 this month.</p> <p>Payments made: In this period, we have had no expenditure.</p> <p>Closing Current Account Balance (08.04.24): £7,649.73</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 £3,011.77 reserve in an immediate access savings account attracting 1.3% interest payable monthly. <p>RC thanked EW for her report.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Climate and Environment Alliance</p> <p>Facilitated by Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum, the alliance is composed of a wide range of groups and organisations including Exeter University, The Eden Project, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Community interest Companies (CiCs) and a very few, smaller community groups like PL24CA. Cornwall Cllr. Martyn Alvey, Portfolio Holder for the Environment and Climate Change also attended along with a couple of Cornwall Council officers. The meetings are certainly a useful source of information. All those attending were asked to bring the attached Climate Emergency Declaration to the attention of their members. This is seen as the first step in establishing the credentials of this new structure – the Climate and Environment Alliance. There was some discussion as to whether PL24CA should sign the declaration but in the end it was agreed on the understanding that we might withdraw if the alliance became political in nature. AW said this seemed unlikely given the breadth of organisations involved.</p> <p>During the meeting last week, those present divided into 4 sub-groups. AW was not in the group discussing possible Case Studies, but that group has suggested that PL24CA collaborate with The Eden Project to produce “an in-depth study on Eden/PL24CA as place based organisations in one location showing the important impact of both small and larger organisations.” AW will liaise with Charles Sainsbury (Energy and Sustainability) at Eden about this.</p> | <p>AW Sign doc. Liaise with Eden</p> <p>Before next meeting</p> |

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| 5. | <p>Polmear Orchard JB went to the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council meeting to update them on the orchard as it was on the agenda. JB has met with the Steward and they are hoping to cut the grass very shortly as soon as the weather allows. Two more cuts are planned for later in the year. SB will let JB know if she spots any Cormac vehicles. JB has a list of people who have helped with spruce-ups in the past and will contact them when a date or dates can be agreed. JB said there is quite a bit to do now, so suggested one session on a Saturday and one late afternoon/evening, so as to make it as easy as possible for others to join in. All agreed this was a good idea. Spruce-ups will be advertised on Facebook as will pop-in events going forwards.</p> <p>AW will email round committee availability for pop-in events at which people can find out more about PL24CA, but this will not be until May now. JB and Belinda Raymond are continuing to make Morsbags out of recycled material to be given away at events and they are proving very popular. Louise Holman said she might be able to help too. JB and AW will also liaise on a regular volunteer event, again to be held probably in May or June.</p> | JB/AW spruce-ups Pop-ins Volunteer event May/June onwards JB liaise with LH re: morsbags |
| 6. | <p>Equipment Storage RC is discussing the equipment storage possibilities with John Page of Friends of St Andrew's Wetlands Reserve (FoSAWR). It seems Cornwall Council (CC) might allow storage to be put close to the reserve; and the thought is that ideally FoSAWR equipment will be kept separately from that of PL24CA. RC will take a look at the possible site. CC are giving away items for free from the Dulcoath Council Offices which are closing. AW has expressed an interest in any storage they may have suitable for PL24CA and FoSAWR equipment. They will not be confirming whether items are available until May. AW has also contacted Rebecca Dickson from the Cormac Volunteer Scheme who has offered a metal storage cabinet. RC's preference would be for something like a Motorcycle shed which is not too large. JM suggested asking whether anyone has any lockable storage available for free which is also accessible 24/7. RC will post on Facebook.</p> | RC Ongoing discussions ASAP |
| 7. | <p>Facebook RC said that he and Tamsin have reinstated the need to ask for permission to join the group, as they seemed to be seeing what might have been "bot" type advertising etc. There are circa 10,000 people, so it is proving popular.</p> <p>Website AW reported that two volunteers have continued to help with the website. The business directory has been updated; and the gallery is being re-jigged, so that a lot more photos will be up soon. All the poems received for the magazine have been illustrated and it is hoped to put an index on the website, so people can then follow a hyperlink</p> | All to note Website content and Social Media savvy volunteers needed |

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| | <p>to a specific poem in a shared folder on the pl24website drive. EW asked whether the intention is still to look at moving away from SiteBuilder. AW said that she and JE think that we will stay as we are. The thought was prompted by a steep rise in costs a couple of years ago, but the increase was less last time. In addition, one of the volunteers has looked at a lot of alternatives but it has become obvious that moving would take a lot of time and effort as SiteBuilder does not allow for easy exporting of the content. The question was also raised as to the role of websites given the growth of Social Media. RC asked whether advertisers in the magazine valued the Business Directory and AW said she thought they did as an added extra. RC said he does use it himself sometimes and that he thinks it is good if Facebook users can be directed to the website e.g. if someone is looking for a carpenter, send them to the Carpenters in the Business Directory. It may be the same could happen with other content. It may be that one of our current volunteers could help out with this longer term, but of course it is always reliant on people's availability to help. Any offers from Social Media savvy volunteers and content writers for the website would be welcome!</p> <p>PL24 Magazine</p> <p>The Magazine continues to prove to be popular with paper copies disappearing rapidly. If anyone does spot any over anywhere, they can be dropped off at the St Blazey Co-op or let us know and we will pick them up. We are very grateful to all the local businesses who continue to cover the printing costs and contribute so much to our community by doing this. It is much appreciated by all. A reminder that we do of course put the magazine online too at:</p> <p>https://pl24community.org/pl24-magazine</p> | |
| 8. | <p>AOB PL24CA is always happy to help support St Blaise Feast and Fete (with which many of our committee members are involved). There is a meeting about next year's event (in February 2025) this coming Thursday 11th February at 6.30pm in the Railway Club in Station Rd. St Blazey.</p> | |

Date of next meeting open to members: Monday 17th June 2024 at 6.30pm

Location: by Zoom

Topic: PL24 Committee Meeting

Time: Jun 17, 2024 06:30 PM London

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