

PL24 Community Association (PL24CA) Minutes Committee Meeting held on 11.09.23. via video

Present: Judy Brereton (JB), Ryan Chamberlain (RC), Dawn Surl (DS), Karen Trace (KT), Alison White (AW), Caroline Wildish (CW), Eve Winterbottom (EW)

Members present: 2

Apologies: June Anderson, Sandra Butler, Jenny Moore

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 meeting held on 19.06.23 have already been approved.	
2.	Matters Arising and Information Update None	
3.	<p>Treasurer Report: transactions since last Committee / Working Group meeting on 24.07.23</p> <p>Opening Current Account Balance (23.07.23): £10,145.56</p> <p>Income received: All income relates to advertiser payments for PL24 magazine autumn edition. There are still outstanding invoices amounting to £470.</p> <p>Payments made: The largest outgoing was for the printing of the PL24 magazine autumn edition. We have also bought shrubs and bedding plants for the planter refurbishments together with a plaque and pins for the new noticeboards.</p> <p>Current Account Balance (11.09.23.): £9,218.76</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our financial year end is 31st August. The annual accounts for 2022/23 have been produced and sent to our volunteer auditor for his review. The auditor has acknowledged receipt and is hoping to review them in the next few days. • AW confirmed that most advertisers are paying in a timely manner. AW also complimented EW on the professional presentation of the full draft accounts, which John Elkington (JE) and AW reviewed before they were sent to the auditor. 	

4.	<p>Update on community consultation and liaison with other groups:</p> <p>The most common requests from the 4 pop-in sessions and members generally are linked to accessibility e.g. the desirability of acquiring new benches, particularly near bus stops e.g. at St Blazey Co-op/Middleway Surgery and improving the access to the beach.</p> <p>AW has continued – on behalf of PL24CA - to liaise with Friends of Par Beach (FoPB) about the beach accessibility issues and we understand that FoPB raised this with the Par Beach Management Group last week. In discussion, PL24CA committee members noted that the key issue is that pushing a wheelchair up and over the dunes is not feasible. Indeed, some said that they believed that it was not safe for wheelchair users to try and attempt to access the beach, particularly over the dunes. The eastern end of the beach from the Rashleigh Car Par has a flat access but the surface is sandy and not sufficiently stable for everyday wheelchairs.</p> <p>CW suggested possible interventions but how permanent they would be is another matter. AW said she believed that the first thing to do would be to ask a surveyor/engineer specialising in this type of challenge to undertake a survey. It was generally recognised that this would come at a cost and may not be feasible, but we will continue to raise this issue in response to requests from the local community. It was noted that there is a Par Beach Management Group which is chaired by Richard Parks and our understanding is that it includes: FoPB, the manager of Par Sands Holiday Par, Imerys, a TPPC rep, and one or two Cornwall Council reps. We would advise members and others in the community to raise any accessibility or other beach concerns with those on the Management Group such as FoPB and the Community Area Partnership (CAP). See details below.</p> <p>CW talked about the newly created CAP. The PL24 postcode falls in the CAP which covers St Austell, Mevagissey, St Blazey, Fowey and Lostwithiel, and has the overall designation of Cornwall South. CW said that the CAP is in the early stages of development and that it is likely that formal membership will be restricted to councillors. CW represents TPPC but will wear a PL24CA hat at this meeting too. CW is also on the funding panel for the CAP and will pass on any likely funding opportunities. Information on the CAPs is at: https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/ .</p>	
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	<p>AW noted that in PL24 Magazine, Cllr Pauline Giles urged people from the community at large to attend these meetings if at all possible, as this is the opportunity for the community to raise issues too. Sarah Scoltock, the new Community Link Officer, has reiterated this too, saying that residents are advised to contact their local councillors on any specific local issues, as the town and parish councils have representatives who attend the CAP meetings on behalf of their communities.</p> <p>The next meeting of the new Community Area Partnership (CAP) is on Monday 2 October 2023 (6.30pm-8.30pm, St Ewe Village Hall, PL26 6EY). It is also possible to join the meeting online via Microsoft Teams which can be downloaded for free. Information on how to do this is at: https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/community-area-partnerships/cornwall-south-kemeneth-kernow-soth/</p> <p>The agenda for the next meeting will be posted online in due course.</p> <p>Sarah Scoltock, the new Community Link Officer has asked that if members are intending to come to the meeting venue, that they should if at all possible let her know in advance, so that she can ensure there is enough capacity to hold all the attendees. Sarah's email is: Sarah.Scoltock@cornwall.gov.uk</p> <p>AW will contact Sarah Scoltock, the new Community Link Officer, to clarify whether members of the public will have the opportunity to ask questions, make comments during the meeting.</p> <p>CW suggested that it might be appropriate to ask Sarah Scoltock to visit PL24 at some stage, so that she has the opportunity to get to know the area. It was agreed to consider how best to manage this at a later date.</p> <p><i>Note: Desalination plant proposals</i> The desalination plant proposal will no doubt feature on the CAP, the St Blaise Town Council and Tywardreath and Par Parish (TPPC) Council agendas at some point. So, please do check the CAP link and the relevant council websites for the agendas of upcoming meetings and/or email any queries/comments you have to councillors and/or attend to raise the issue in person.</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>Raise issues with local councillors on-going</p> <p>All to note Information re: CAP</p> <p>All invitation to SS to be on WG agenda</p> <p>All to note</p>
5.	<p>Noticeboards update and funding opportunities RC and JE have put up the new noticeboard by the Village Hall in Tywardreath. There is a minor adjustment to make to the door. The second noticeboard did not arrive, so JE</p>	<p>RC/JE Biscovey Noticeboard</p>

	<p>contacted the suppliers and a new one is being made. As soon as it arrives, it will be put up in Biscovey. Community groups are welcome to post notices about upcoming events on PL24 Community Association boards. We are grateful to Imerys for awarding us over £1000 for the purchase of these noticeboards.</p> <p>Other possible locations for new noticeboards were suggested, such as by the shops in Polgrean Place and by Middleway Co-op. AW has contacted Ocean Housing and Cornwall Neighbourhoods 4 Change to ask about their plans for Polgrean Place but has yet to receive a response. AW will continue to look out for funding opportunities as time allows. All suggestions are welcome for other improvements, and any assistance with applying for funding would be appreciated. Please contact Alison at pl24community@gmail.com if you would be interested in helping with this aspect.</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>AW + All Applications for funding On-going</p>
6.	<p>Orchard and planters</p> <p>JB and JE met with the Site Manager for Polmear Community Orchard and agreed a mowing schedule of 3 cuts a year. This will include cutting round the base of the trees and removing the grass, so that the trees can be maintained easily and safely in future. The autumn cut has not yet taken place.</p> <p>The grass has been cut and weeds removed from the grass verge next to Hamley's Corner (at the intersection of Eastcliffe Rd., Polmear Rd. and Par Green) in Par. The PL24CA crab apple tree and planter are looking good and a plaque has been put up saying that PL24CA volunteers are helping maintain planters in this area.</p> <p>JB, AW and JE have agreed a planting plan for the 2 large Cornwall Council (CC) owned planters on the island at Hamley's Corner. The aim is to have some evergreen plants and colour for much of the year. The first plants have been ordered. More will follow and it is hoped that CC might be able to supply some, particularly bedding plants. RC said that there had been a lot of positive feedback on Facebook after the first of the planters was cleared by volunteers.</p> <p>Thank you to Cllr Andy Virr for funding these improvements from his Community Chest and to Personal Choice for being willing to provide water as necessary. JB's efforts are much appreciated, not only in terms of liaison with the Cormac Volunteer Scheme but also as regards all the time she is spending on planting, watering and maintaining the planters and trees in this area and in the Community Orchard.</p>	

7.	<p>Litter Picks Litter picks continue on a regular basis and RC pointed out that the next one is at Spit Beach which is always fun. Meet at the car park at 10.00am on Sunday 17th September. No equipment necessary but bring your own gloves.</p>	<p>All to note Litter Pick 17 Sept Spit Beach</p>
8.	<p>PL24 Facebook Now that the busy summer season is coming to an end, RC is hoping to focus on Facebook along with other Social Media volunteers.</p> <p>PL24 Website Research is continuing into a different website builder/content management system. Meanwhile members are continuing to write content for the new website e.g. one member is illustrating all the poems which have been submitted for the magazine. Others are researching and writing about local walks and public transport. Once a new website builder is identified, and we have uploaded all the PL24CA information, we are considering contacting other community organisations and asking if they would like to provide any content and link into their Facebook pages and websites. RC added that he has put the Archive on his “to do” list and will be aiming to amend and update this in the autumn. The idea is to recognise what has been achieved over the years by volunteers and members.</p> <p>PL24 Magazine The magazine print run is currently between 2,000 and 2,500 copies depending on the season. We are grateful to all our contributors for sending in such interesting articles, photos and poems as well as notices for community group events. We are also grateful to all the businesses which support us via paid advertising and pay their invoices in a timely manner.</p> <p>One of PL24CA’s main objectives is to be a forum for discussion. The proposed desalination plant prompted a feature in the magazine which was presented in a balanced manner. Before the magazine was printed, PL24CA had received 19 questions from the local community and these were emailed to SWW with a request for comment, but only a bland statement was received. More questions have been emailed in to PL24CA since the publication of the magazine and these will be forwarded to SWW in due course. Recently, the most commonly asked question has been whether the desalination plant proposal will affect the Eco-Bos proposed development of Par Docks which includes residential accommodation and work spaces as well as a marina and hotel. AW has emailed this question to Imerys directly as they are a partner in the Eco-</p>	<p>RC Archive ASAP</p>

	Bos works. PL24CA has also emailed SWW suggesting that they hold a community engagement event ASAP. Copies of all of the questions compiled by PL24CA are available from: pl24community@gmail.com All agreed that PL24CA's position on the proposed desalination plant should be neutral unless anything significant occurs which changes the committee's viewpoint.	
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>CW suggested publicising a new initiative which offers funding for defibrillators. Organisations in England are being invited to bid for a share of £1 million of government funding to buy defibrillators for community spaces like town halls, local parks or post offices.</p> <p>The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is inviting interested organisations to register expressions of interest for its Community Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Fund. RC will post on Facebook. AW will also look into this.</p> <p>PL24CA is delighted to be able to support St Blaise Feast and Fete in early February 2024 by encouraging people to attend the AGM and volunteer to help. The St Blaise Feast and Fete Committee's AGM is on Tuesday 26th September at 7.00pm at the Railway Club in St Blazey. RC also offered to respond to any queries and requests for further information, so if anyone in the community would like to know more, please email Ryan at: pl24chair@gmail.com See poster attached.</p> <p>Since the meeting, Karen Trace has resigned from the committee for the time being. Karen has, however, also kindly offered to continue delivering the magazines.</p>	<p>RC Publicise defibrillators on Facebook</p> <p>All Encourage participation in St Blaise Feast and Fete</p>
10.	<p>PL24CA AGM</p> <p>The next meeting will be the AGM and proposals for this meeting are due in relatively soon. Please see notice below.</p>	All to note

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Please note that the AGM of PL24 Community Association will be held over Zoom at 6.30pm on Monday 16th October 2023. All members are welcome to attend the meeting.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Alison on pl24community@gmail.com for more information. New committee members are always welcome.

Members are also welcome to put forward any motions or proposals for the AGM and these should be with Alison by Saturday 23rd September 2023.

The Agenda and Zoom link for the AGM will follow at a later date.