



# Annual General Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 via video

**Present:** June Anderson, Judy Brereton, Sandra Butler, Ryan Chamberlain, Jenny Moore, Dawn Surl, Alison White, Eve Winterbottom

**Apologies:** Linzi Bright

The AGM Meeting Draft Minutes are approved by email by Committee Members present at the meeting before being uploaded onto the PL24 Community Association website.

Item	Discussion notes
1.	<b>Minutes from the last AGM held on 16.10.23 were approved.</b>
2.	<b>Matters Arising</b> - none
3.	<p><b>Chair's Report - Ryan Chamberlain</b></p> <p>I usually end these reports with thanks to our secretary Alison White, whose sterling work means that our community association runs like a well-oiled machine. This year I'd like to slightly break with tradition and give my thanks to Alison upfront and then add to my praises, my thanks to Sandra Butler and Judy Brereton who have added their administrative expertise to our ranks. As a volunteer organisation it is the work of our administrator volunteers which means other volunteers can work on the ground in our community safely and efficiently. In this last year, Sandra has stepped into John Page's shoes as administrator overseeing our Monthly Litter Picks. Judy has led us in organising our Community Orchard Spruce-up, and maintaining the tree and planters at Hamley's Corner planters and opposite Par Station. Judy and Alison also organised our Volunteer Tea Party.</p> <p>Since the start of the year a litter pick has taken place every month apart from March which had to be cancelled. There are still two more litter picks scheduled for 2024: at Spit Beach in October and our final litter pick for this year at Par in November. We are pleased to report that volunteers have to date collected a total of 52 bags of rubbish from sites across PL24. The team would like to thank all volunteers that have taken part and we will be releasing details of our 2025 schedule early in the New Year. I'd like to take a moment to thank John Page for his hard work on our Litter Pick Team over the years. John has not retired his pick but has decided to focus his volunteering at St Andrews Road Nature Reserve and it is very much my hope that we will continue to work together in the future.</p> <p>This year after several false starts we finally got a chance to give the Polmear Community Orchard a Spruce up. Judy, after much liaising with Cornwall Council and Cormac, had Cormac cut the grass back so we could get to the trees. At the apple trees our volunteers dug away the turf and laid down fresh matting and bark chippings, hopefully giving the apple trees a</p>

lease of life for the next year. The event, although not widely publicised, had a few new faces and it is always a delight to work at such a beautiful spot with such a fantastic view.

This year for the first time we hosted a Tea Party and garden visit to Gardens Cottage in St Blazey for our regular volunteers. Our aim was to thank our many volunteers and give them a chance to meet each other as a lot of our volunteering is from home or on our own time. The Tea Party was a great success in July. Thank you to Sue and Roger for hosting; and thank you to Sue for agreeing to provide us with Gardening Tips for PL24 Magazine.

Alison has been liaising with St Blaise TC and CC to try and get more benches and has just been given the "go-ahead" from Cornwall Council which means that we can start applying for external funding to buy in more benches. If our funding application is successful, the next set of benches will go in green spaces in Old Roselyon and Penarwyn Rd, St Blazey. Mick O'Brien has started refurbishing and painting some Cornwall Council owned benches second time around, mainly in Tywardreath and Par Parish Council area. Thank you Mick. (If anyone spots a bench in need of TLC, please let us know on [pl24community@gmail.com](mailto:pl24community@gmail.com)).

Thank you also to our Website volunteers, Jo and Guy, who have been busy improving our website layout and creating a new poetry and photo gallery page: [pl24community.org/photo-gallery-poems](http://pl24community.org/photo-gallery-poems) Jo is posting photos and poem contributions from our website on a regular basis onto Facebook. Our hope that creating a little more social media content will bring more people to our website, which showcases our work, and hopefully attracts new volunteers. Thank you to all those that contribute poems and photography to our website and magazine. As someone who sees our Facebook analytics, I know that the photos and poetry are very popular.

PL24 Magazine goes from strength to strength. The magazine has continued to thrive and make a surplus, despite increased printing costs and ad prices that are unchanged since 2021. The surplus will be slightly less than in previous years - a few businesses have stopped advertising, and others have taken up the offer of an annual subscription and benefited from a 10% discount. However, we continue to attract new advertisers. We have also continued to produce a 40-page magazine for most editions (36 pages in March 24), with 8 colour pages and high quality local content which continues to draw very positive comments from readers. As an additional benefit to advertisers this year, we are now automatically adding their details to the business directory on the website, with the help of website volunteers. A big thank you John Elkington for his work on the magazine. Everyone who reads it is full of high praise for its content and I believe it helps to bind our community together.

	<p>This year PL24CA has signed up for the Climate and Environment Alliance. It is clear from conversation with our members and volunteers that the climate and our local environment is at the forefront of our minds. This is a new alliance, and it's clear that we're one of the smallest affiliates but it's our hope that an alliance will allow us to get our voices heard and work with larger partners to achieve our aims.</p> <p>At our last meeting our committee happily agreed £500.00 to the proposed purchase of a defibrillator for Par Beach. This is about a third of the cost but we understand that the majority of the rest of the cost has been met and we were only too happy to help. Thanks to Jenny Tagney of FoPB and the Par Beach Management Committee for making us aware of this initiative.</p> <p>I'd like to end this year's report with thanks to our treasurer Eve and all our committee members. It is the oversight of a great treasurer and an experienced committee which allows for our other volunteers to do their work, without which our community wouldn't have numerous new benches, an orchard, monthly litter picks and a fantastic magazine.</p> <p>Following Ryan's address, the rest of the committee expressed their thanks to Ryan for chairing PL24 Community Association.</p>
4.	<p><b>Treasurer Report – Eve Winterbottom</b>  <b>14.10.24 Treasurer Report for AGM year ended 31.08.24</b>  The accounting year for PL24 Community Association ends 31st August</p> <p><b>Opening Current Account Balance (01.09.23):   £10,132.73</b></p> <p><b>Income received:</b>  The income received by the Community Association this year came almost entirely from one source: revenue for advertising in the quarterly PL24 Community magazine. During the course of the year, the committee decided to place some funds in a deposit account to ensure that a minimum reserve of £3,000 was maintained. In this accounting year, since its opening in November '23, this account attracted interest of £27.65.</p> <p><b>Payments made:</b>  By far the largest expense relates to the printing of the four editions of the PL24 magazine. Last year, we had received a Cornwall Council community fund grant for refreshing the planters around Par the bulk of which was spent in the current accounting year. Apart from that, we have made other annual expense payments for the hosting of the website, software for the magazine formatting, video conferencing subscription for meetings, insurance for public events and sundry payments for stationery and phone costs.</p> <p><b>Closing Current Account Balance (31.08.24.):   £7,540.73</b>  <b>Closing Savings Account Balance (31.08.24.):   £3,027.65</b>  <b>Total .....   £10,568.38</b></p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The annual accounts have been scrutinised by an impartial auditor and their accuracy has been verified.</li> </ul>

	The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved and the committee thanked Eve for her work in this area.
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Election of Committee Members</b></p> <p><i>Proposal: To re-elect Dawn Surl as a Committee Member</i>  <i>Proposer: Alison White Seconder: Jenny Moore</i>  <i>Carried unanimously</i></p> <p>Although Dawn is moving across the "border" into PL25, she has kindly agreed to continue on the committee.</p> <p><i>Proposal: To elect Linzi Bright as a Committee Member</i>  <i>Proposer: Ryan Chamberlain Seconder: Alison White</i>  <i>Carried unanimously</i></p> <p>Linzi has been a stalwart on the Litter Pick team and the committee was delighted that she is happy to continue on the committee on an elected basis.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 18.47</p>

**Date of next meeting: October 2025, exact date tbc**

**Location: by Zoom**