



# Annual General Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 via video

**Present:** June Anderson (JA), Judy Brereton (JB), Sandra Butler (SB), Ryan Chamberlain (RC), Jenny Moore (JM), Eve Winterbottom (EW)

**Apologies:** Dawn Surl (DS), Alison White (AW)

No Members of PL24 Community Association were present.

**Note:** 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 and circulated to members.

| Item | Discussion notes   |
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| 1.   | <b>Minutes from the last AGM held on 17/10/2022 were approved prior to uploading to the website last year.</b>   |
| 2.   | <b>No Matters Arising</b>  |
| 3.   | <p><b>Chair Report October 2023</b></p> <p>The last year has been an absolutely outstanding year for PL24 Community Association. We have endeavoured to maintain the high standard of output which we have achieved in the past with our ongoing Magazine, community engagements, litter picks and spruce ups. But, on top of all that, we have achieved a lot more with three successful funding bids and a campaign to get our well-trodden "Station Path" recognised as a right of way.</p> <p>PL24CA has purchased and planted a crab apple tree on the grass verge at Hamleys Corner and is maintaining a small planter there too. John E is continuing to maintain the boat planter by the station and adding plants as necessary, purchased by PL24CA. Mike Blake kindly planted up the new PL24CA noticeboard planter outside the village hall in Tywardreath. Thank you to the committee at Tywardreath Village hall for allowing us to install the planter.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we haven't got to work in the community orchard this year. We had an event planned but our volunteers were let down. However, plans are underway so that we will not be let down again and it is our hope to tidy the orchard before winter sets in.</p> <p>This year we have continued to make headway in our battle against litter. The additions of Linzi and Sandra to the litter pick team have helped John and I to step back a bit but also made us a more resilient team. So thank you to Linzi for designing our new look poster, thanks to Sandra for supporting us with her admin skills and thank you to John Page for his role as litter pick lead. Next year may see a slight change in the way we administer our team but we are resolved to keep our community tidy.</p> |

Our free, community magazine has continued to prove popular and we are grateful to all the businesses who pay for adverts and cover the cost. We distribute between 2000 and 2500 to local places and it is also available on-line at: <https://pl24community.org/pl24-magazine>.

During the year, PL24CA made an application for the Station Path (between Par Railway Station and Moorland Road in Par ) to be upgraded to a Public Right of Way. This means that the path is now shown on the Cornwall Interactive Map. The evidence gathered included 30+ forms detailing the use of the path over 20 years plus, various photos and maps showing its existence and an extract from the Royal Gazette of 1877 asking for improvements to be made to the surface.

One of the objectives of PL24CA is to improve the quality of life for all in our community. Members sometimes email us or call us with suggestions and this year we also held four pop in sessions at Par Beach and Par Track cafe. The most common suggestions focus on improving accessibility e.g. by providing more benches next to bus stops and in green spaces so that people can rest whilst out walking. Mick O'Brien's professional painting skills have been much appreciated throughout the area, as he has refurbished and painted 20 Cornwall Council benches over the last year. There is no doubt that Mick's efforts on a volunteer basis have saved many of these from being taken away and not replaced by Cornwall Council.

Thankfully, we have been successful in most of our funding applications this year. A GWR grant allowed for the purchase of 7 benches: 1 at the Hamleys Corner bus stop, 3 at Par Track and 3 at St Andrews Road Wetlands Nature Reserve. A donation from Imerys has resulted in 2 new noticeboards: 1 outside the Village Hall in Tywardreath and 1 at the intersection of St Marys Road and Biscovey Road. Many thanks to the PL24CA member who has allowed us to use her wall. Cllr Andy Virr's Community Chest has also funded extra plants for the 2 large Cornwall Council planters at Hamley's Corner.

This summer we were delighted to be invited to the Par Tee on Par beach to celebrate the installation of the Time and Tide Bell. The Par Tee was a wonderful community event and we managed to hand out a lot of our Morsbags for free and engage with all the groups and "Partee- goers" at the event. Thank you to our PL24CA volunteers who make Morsbags from recycled materials, so minimising the use of plastic bags. Thank you too to Friends of Par Beach for bringing such a wonderful installation to our shore.

PL24 Community Association would not be what it is without all its volunteers. We have many members who help out on an occasional or regular basis . Not just those on the committee but also those who contribute to the magazine, help with the litter picks and the litter pick posters, attend events on our behalf and those that spruce up and muck in with their green thumbs. As Chair, I would like to thank you all for your hard work.

A special thank you to those four committee members who are leaving us this year. Sarah Baker, Karen Trace, Tony Pickup and Caroline Wildish. Each of them brought their own unique points of view to PL24CA and it's

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|    | <p>that diversity of viewpoints which makes us a strong organisation. I'd like to especially thank Caroline who has been with PL24CA for a very long time and her words of wisdom, local knowledge and level headedness will be sorely missed.</p> <p>Lastly, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Sandra Butler, Judy Brereton and Eve Winterbottom to the committee. Sandra and Judy have been working behind the scenes for at least a year now and it is only right that they have a say over our direction as a group. Eve is a returning committee member with experience as treasurer, so welcome back Eve, we know we're in safe hands.</p>  |
| 4. | <p><b>16.10.23 Treasurer Report for AGM year ended 31.08.23</b></p> <p>The accounting year for PL24 Community Association ends 31st August</p> <p><b>Opening Current Account Balance (01.09.22):       £8,573.44</b></p> <p><b>Income received:</b><br/>The income received by the Community Association comes from two basic sources; from revenue for advertising in the quarterly PL24 Community magazine and from a series of grants applied for to fund specific projects.</p> <p><b>Grants received and related expenditure:</b></p> <p>We received a grant from the GWR community fund in order to finance an information board at Par station and a number of durable public benches which have been installed at a number of locations including Par track, St Andrew's Road Pond and Hamley's Corner bus stop. A donation was also received from Imerys which has allowed for the provision of 2 further notice boards at both Tywardreath and Biscovey. Finally, we have received a payment from the Cornwall Council Community fund which is being used to improve and refresh planters at Hamley's Corner.</p> <p><b>Payments made:</b><br/>After the payments for the amenities provided for by the community grants, by far the largest expense relates to the printing of the four editions of the PL24 magazine. We also spent a sum of money on reporting on the station path beside the railway at Par in preparation for its adoption by Cornwall Council as a public right of way. Apart from that, we have made other annual expense payments for the hosting of the website, video conferencing subscription for meetings, insurance for public events and sundry payments for stationery and materials primarily for spruce-up of planters and benches around the area.</p> <p><b>Closing Current Account Balance (31.08.23.):       £10,132.73</b></p> <p><b>Notes:</b><br/>The annual accounts have been scrutinised by an impartial auditor and their accuracy has been verified.</p> <p>The Treasurer's Report was approved by all committee members</p> |
| 5. | <b>Election of committee members</b>   |

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|    | <p><b>Proposal:</b> To elect Alison White as Committee Member and Secretary<br/>Proposer: June Anderson Seconder Ryan Chamberlain</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> To elect Judy Brereton as Committee Member and Assistant Secretary<br/>Proposer: Ryan Chamberlain Seconder Dawn Surl</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> To elect Eve Winterbottom as Committee Member and Treasurer<br/>Proposer: June Anderson Seconder Jenny Moore</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> To elect Sandra Butler as Committee Member<br/>Proposer: Ryan Chamberlain Seconder Dawn Surl</p> <p><b>All members supported the above proposals.</b></p> |
| 6. | <b>No further business</b>  |

**The date of the 2024 AGM is to be confirmed and will be posted on the website in due course.**