



Annual General Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on 17.10.22. via video

Present:

Ryan Chamberlain (RC), Tony Pickup (TP), Dawn Surl (DS), Alison White (AW)

Apologies: June Anderson, Karen Trace (KT), Jenny Moore (JM), Caroline Wildish (unavoidable as the link sent did not work).

2 Members of PL24 Community Association were also present.

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.	<p>Minutes from the last AGM held on 18.10.21. which had already been agreed by email were formally approved.</p> <p>Matters arising were covered in the Chair's Report.</p>
2.	<p>Chair Report</p> <p>PL24 Community Association (PL24) has continued to try to meet the association's objectives over the last year. Although Covid19 is still with us and we have had volunteers that have had to isolate we have, thankfully, as an organisation been able to spend more time in the community; attending events at Cornubia Hall, holding monthly litter picks, occasional spruce ups, holding pop in sessions and attending the Par Tee. PL24's focus continues to be on improving the environment and quality of life for all living in and visiting our community.</p> <p>Thanks to our PL24 Litter Picks Lead, John Page, our events have continued to take place on a monthly basis and are well advertised on the Clean Cornwall site and by posters all around the community. A big thank you to all those volunteers that help put up posters. Thank you also to Sandra Butler who has volunteered to help admin our events. In October, John Page and new volunteer Linzi Bright also set up a PL24CA stand at a recycling event held at Recycle, Reuse and Resale where other organisations such as Cornwall Council were also present.</p> <p>This year PL24 has gotten involved with a Morsbags Project. The Morsbags project aims to reduce the use of plastic bags by encouraging people to sew bags for free and donate them for free at events. We have three volunteers from our membership who have offered to make Morsbags and we have purchased labels for the volunteers to put on the bags. Let us know if you would like some! If you make Morsbags and you do not know where to donate them, we would be happy to have them on our stands at events.</p> <p>As ever Alison White, our Secretary, has been busy behind the scenes completing Risk Assessments and streamlining the process so that PL24CA can access materials via the Cormac Volunteer Scheme. In June, Cormac supplied a tools trailer for the Spruce-Up of Polmear Orchard organised by Caroline Wildish and Judy Brereton. Cormac is also supplying paint for our most recent project – bench painting. There are now two refurbished, very</p>

smart, blue benches near the bus shelter in Moorland Rd, Par, courtesy of volunteer Mick O'Brien. Green benches in more rural locations are next on the list.

PL24CA is made up of volunteers from the local community and we are keen to support other groups wherever our volunteer capacity allows.

There have been continuing discussions with Par Track Ltd., Brian Sheen and others about the **Armillary Sphere** which is in need of renovation. This Summer PL24CA carried out a survey about the sphere's value to the community and this has led to 9 volunteers offering to help fund-raise and/or renovate the sphere. PL24CA will continue to assist Par Track Ltd and others who are now taking the project forward.

Friends of Par Beach have been leading on the **Time and Tide Bell** and PL24CA has contributed to the project by a one-off financial donation as well as by publishing regular articles on the project's progress in PL24 Magazine.

Cornubia Hall has been the venue for our Par based Litter Pick and also offered us the opportunity to publicise volunteering opportunities and PL24CA activities generally at various community events.

PL24CA aims to offer a forum for discussion and to promote community cohesion. We do this with volunteers working on our magazine, our website and our social media.

PL24 Magazine is produced and distributed by more than 25 PL24CA volunteers – a huge team effort. PL24CA has produced some bumper editions of 40 pages or more thanks to the efforts of all those who provide us with such entertaining and informative contributions. Picking up on local issues and concerns, we have included an interview with one of Cornwall's Dog Welfare and Enforcement Officers and poems and articles dealing with difficult subjects such as abuse along with signposting to various organisations able to offer support.

The magazine is available in 70+ places, in shops and businesses and outside in magazine boxes across the PL24 postcode and Lostwithiel. More than 300 magazines are delivered door-to-door too. We are very grateful to all the local businesses which cover our printing costs by paying for adverts and to John Elkington for all his efforts in this area.

Our **Facebook Group** continues to grow and a recent change to our rules means that local businesses can now advertise twice a week on Monday and Tuesdays. Our **Facebook page** continues to sign post people to our work online and offline, as well as sharing other local information.

The PL24CA website is slowly developing and PL24 Magazine is now online. If anyone is interested in helping out with the website by writing and/or uploading content, please get in touch! You need to be relatively confident with technology but no coding skills are required and we are a small, supportive team. Also online our local directories of business, groups and charities continue to grow, hopefully leading people to the services they need.

We aim to respond to individuals. Over the summer, we held 4 '**drop-in sessions**' at Par Track café where anyone could come along, raise concerns and share their views and we welcome emails too. We might not be able to

	<p>solve everything but we will try and help where we can and we do lobby for change.</p> <p>This year, PL24CA was alerted to a GWR/Network bid for Access for All at Par Railway Station. If the bid is successful, lifts will be installed so that everyone can access every platform. Our media group jumped into action and GWR were delighted to receive all your emails and letters of support which they have submitted with their bid. Here's hoping it is successful!</p> <p>A meeting with SUSTRANS has led to the possibility of some infrastructure support for a walking route in Par. We will alert you when the public is consulted as to their views on which projects should be supported and we do hope you will vote for Par.</p> <p>As part of our aim to make PL24 more accessible we have started collecting evidence for upgrading the Station (or Railway) Path which runs alongside the railway lines between the station and Moorland Rd. If the path can be upgraded to a Public Right of Way, we might then be able to get external funding for improvements, such as re-surfacing and/or widening it. If you have ever used the path or still do on a regular basis, please help us by filling out a Public Path User Form. For information on this or anything else to do with PL24CA, just email us at: pl24community@gmail.com</p> <p>As Chair I would like to thank some committee members that have moved on this year. Tamsin Gunner-Chapman and Dawn Surl both worked hard for PL24CA in the roles as Vice-Chair and Treasurer. Thankfully, Tamsin has agreed to continue to help admin our social media and Dawn has agreed to stay on the committee. Fortunately, two committee members have stepped up into the roles Tamsin and Dawn previously held. Many thanks to Tony Pick up and Jenny Moore for volunteering to take on a bit more as Treasurer and Vice-Chair respectively.</p> <p>Finally, PL24CA is delighted to report that we have been successful in obtaining external funding for some new benches and a new PL24CA notice-board at Par Railway Station. A special thanks must be credited to Alison, who successfully applied for the funds.</p> <p>All in all it has been a very busy year. Ryan Chamberlain, Chair</p> <p>TP re-iterated RC's thanks to AW for her efforts over the year and AW passed on her thanks to Judy Brereton and Sandra Butler for all their help with the admin. AW also thanked RC for his role in chairing PL24CA and his involvement with various PL24CA activities including the monthly litter picks.</p>
3.	<p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>TP reported that PL24CA is solvent and it was noted that this was mainly due to the magazine income which has been very good over the last year. The draft accounts are to be found at the end of these minutes and will be audited in due course.</p>
4.	<p>Elections</p> <p>AW reported that KT and JM had both informed her of their voting intentions, as they knew they would not be able to attend the AGM. When it came to the vote, there was unanimous support for the proposals set out in the Agenda as regards committee membership elections.</p>

	<p>The members below were elected to the committee for a maximum period of 3 years i.e. until Autumn 2025 (whereupon they can stand again for election if they wish): June Anderson, Sarah Baker, Ryan Chamberlain, Jenny Moore, Karen Trace and Caroline Wildish.</p> <p>There was again unanimous support for the election of the members below to the roles indicated.</p> <p>Ryan Chamberlain was elected Chair. Jenny Moore was elected Vice-Chair. Tony Pickup was elected Treasurer</p>
5.	There were no questions and the AGM closed.

PL24 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST 2022

INCOME

Advertising	8089.00
Donations	<u>80.00</u>
Total Income	8169.00

EXPENDITURE

Insurance	157.00
Printing	5531.00
Stationery & Postage	104.05
Equipment	886.79
Donations	500.00
Subscriptions	10.00
Website	21.60
Zoom	143.88
Rebranding	150.00
Sundries	<u>193.00</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>7697.32</u>

SURPLUS YEAR TO DATE	<u>391.68</u>
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BALANCE AT BANK	<u>8479.86</u>
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