

ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Penwartha Hall on Wednesday, 18th May 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Pavey (Chairman), Mrs Ferrett (Vice Chairman), Crabtree, Ford, Ekinsmyth, Mrs Loxton, , Mrs Roberts, Mrs Thompson, Uren and Williams. Councillors Szoka, Ms Cadby, Holmes and Miss Pollock (all from points mentioned)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Willsher, Clerk; Mrs Jean Curtis, Administration Assistant and Fourteen members of the public (from and until points mentioned)

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

APM16/05/1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies - None

Absent - None

APM16/05/2 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 20TH MAY 2015 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

It was proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr Mrs Roberts

APM16/05/2.2 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th May 2015 are received and approved and signed by the Chairman.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

APM16/05/3 TO PRESENT THE RAY UREN AWARD

Councillor Szoka entered the meeting at 6.34pm.

The Ray Uren Award was presented to Andrew Baker. Andrew had been a member and stalwart of Illogan Rugby Club for the last 45 years and during this time he had worked tirelessly for the Club.

APM16/05/4 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES:

a) Police

There was no report from the police.

b) Cornwall Councillors

Cllr Ekinsmyth reported that he attended the Cornwall Council Annual Meeting. Ann Kerridge was returned as Chairman of Cornwall Council and John Pollard was returned as Cornwall

Council Leader. Cornwall Council became the first Unitary Authority to be handed local power; if the first stage went well there could be further powers devolved.

Cllr Ekinsmyth reported that Cornwall Councillors had an annual community chest budget of £2,000 available to local charities and local groups; although only small amounts were available he encouraged local organisations to contact him and apply for a grant.

The government and Cornwall Council were keen on localism and devolution; Cllr Ekinsmyth felt that Illogan Parish Council should be taking responsibility for their 'green open spaces'.

c) Representatives from outside bodies

No representatives from other bodies attended the meeting.

APM16/05/5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AWARDED A GRANT BY ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL DURING THE LAST YEAR

Andrew Mills representing Camborne Youth Band and Camborne Town Band Society provided his report. He explained that young people from the age of 7 to 21 played in the band and this not only enabled them to learn to play a musical instrument but also provided them with valuable life skills. He reported that the Youth Band enjoyed playing at the switching on of the Christmas Lights and thanked the council for the opportunity.

APM16/05/6 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

During this item Councillors Ms Cadby, Holmes and Miss Pollock entered the meeting at 6.55pm.

One member of the public entered this meeting during this item at 7.20pm.

One member of the public left the meeting at 7.19pm and a further two members left at 7.20pm.

Jill Seymour reported that the Book Group no longer met in the Robartes Arms and now met in individuals' homes. This meant that they were unable to put up a sign to encourage people to come and she wondered if there was a way of advertising the club to ensure it continued to flourish. It was agreed that this would be advertised in the Parish Council magazine and on the website and would include contact details. Jill thanked the Council for their help.

Steve Turner reported on the use of Illogan Village Hall. There were a number of building issues but despite having some funds, additional funding would be needed as major repair work was required and this was likely to cost in excess of £30,000. Although the Hall was generally a safe and welcoming environment there had been a couple of recent

issues. 'No Parking' cones were stolen but later recovered by the police; no arrest was made. There had been a couple of recent instances where it was thought the community shelter was being used for the occasional smoking of marijuana; the police were aware. It was noted that the older teens and young adults had no facilities to support or engage with them. The facilities at the Village Hall continued to be used by a broad range of groups. It was a key supporter and was also the location for the Illogan Parish Fair. The Committee of Illogan Village Hall expressed thanks to those who used the facilities and also to Illogan Parish Council for their support.

Jeanette Tapping reported on the use of the Old School Centre formerly the Wellbeing Centre. She reported that they now had a new website. They had a high number of bookings last year, however this had recently declined as a number of regular groups had relocated to other venues. This had created a number of issues in relation to cash flow although this was currently being offset by community grants and donations which had been received. However she was pursuing a number of avenues in an attempt to gain further revenue. She reported that the catering facilities had been upgraded and a new oven and fridge had been installed.

Jeanette also reported on the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group which comprised of 3 Councillors and 6 members of the public. They attended a training course and felt this had been very useful as it had enabled them to gain the right skill set to move forward. She thanked Sarah Willsher for her involvement at the recent meeting but accepted that her involvement and the implications of the amount of work required in the future needed further consideration. It was agreed that this would be discussed at a meeting to be held on Tuesday 24th May at 7pm.

Gerald Hawes reported on the work completed by the volunteers at Tehidy Country Park, led by Cormac Solutions. The volunteers met twice monthly and maintained the park to a high standard. It was noted that the Rose Garden was currently looking beautiful and this was confirmed by Cllr Mrs Roberts.

Paul Simons provided a report from Illogan Park RFC whose 50th anniversary was next year. The club was self-funding and reliant on sponsorship. They had undertaken a number of charity events and raised money for local charities including the Air Ambulance. He thanked Councillors for their involvement.

A report was received from Pam Thomas, Chair of the Friends of Illogan School. They provided a newsletter outlining the work undertaken during the past year. They were a small team of volunteers and were looking for help to enable them to proceed with events planned. The team worked very hard with staff and arranged regular events to raise money for the school.

Janie reported that Allsorts was a self-sustaining Community Arts and Crafts Community Group for anyone local who was retired, disabled,

lonely or isolated. Over the past year they had enjoyed a number of visits and the Illogan Parish Fair where they managed a stall. They partially financed 3 friends to exhibit their works at the 'Lander Gallery' Spring Open Exhibition.

Jackie Robinson reported that it was just over a year since the Illogan Community Choir was formed. During the year it has continued to grow and they had sung at a number of events. They had a varied repertoire so there was something for everyone. They were looking forward to continuing to contribute to village activities and continued to welcome new members, particularly men.

Ros Powers, Deputy Headteacher, at Illogan School reported that the vision of 'Two schools, one community' was thriving. On 1st October both schools welcomed the wider community as they celebrated their grand opening. In the Autumn Term the cycle track was completed and staff and students were trained how to use it safely. The summer term would bring a number of activities as pupils in Year 6 prepare to leave ready to begin their secondary school journey.

iSight Cornwall provided a newsletter in relation to their services for people with sight loss. Please contact the Parish Council office if you would like further information.

Penwartha Senior Citizens Social Club was a charitable organisation formed to promote social and charitable events. It holds a number of activities each year and meets regularly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

APM16/05/7 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

Concerns were raised by a number of the community about the possible loss of Glebe Field as the current owners, the Church, planned to develop it. It was reported that a motion had been received requesting that the Council completed a Community Right to Bid application for the land. There was concern that the Church failed to consult the community appropriately.

Illogan Parish Council were opposed to building on the land and this had been referred to an emergency Planning Committee to be held on Tuesday 24th May at 7pm. It was understood that Cornwall Council had a meeting on 31st May and this issue was likely to be on their agenda.

A community right to bid was discussed and it was agreed that an application needed to be completed and presented at the next meeting.

This was proposed by Michael Wilson and seconded by Councillor Ford.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Concerns were raised in relation to the open space at Valley Gardens. Councillor Ford reported that this was already in hand and would be discussed further at the Planning meeting on 1st June.

APM16/05/8 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman thanked all those attending and for their involvement.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed

Date