

ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Penwartha Hall on Wednesday, 16th May 2018 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Roberts (Chairman), Mrs Ferrett (Vice Chairman), Ms Cadby, Crabtree, Ford, Ekinsmyth, Holmes, Pavey, Miss Pollock, Szoka and Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Willsher, Clerk, Mrs Curtis, Administration Assistant and 9 members of the public

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

APM18/05/1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Ms Christie and Cllr Mrs Thompson

APM18/05/2 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 17th MAY 2017 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

It was proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr Ekinsmyth

APM18/05/2.2 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 17th May 2017 are received and approved and signed by the Chairman.

On a vote of Councillors being taken there were 10 votes FOR and 0 AGAINST. On a vote of the Public there were 3 votes FOR.

APM18/05/3 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES:

a) Police

No report had been received.

b) Cornwall Councillors

Cllr Ekinsmyth reported that the formation of a new County Council had taken place. It had been an exciting year and there were plans to go to Phase 2 of the devolution deal to get more powers into Cornwall, although there were concerns that this could be complicated by the outcome of Brexit.

Locally, there had been a number of planning issues, primarily the Glebe Field.

The budget had been a cause for concern and it had been necessary to increase Council Tax to support Adult Social Care. The Council were working hard to address the situation. However, there was still a £17 million shortfall to fill in the 4year plan. It had been necessary to face the fact that Cornwall

Council's budget was decreasing every year and the Council continued to seek ways to supplement it in future. However, at present there were no issues with the budget.

c) Illogan Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

A representative from the Steering Group reported that the pre-submission consultation had been completed; this was a 6-week statutory process. The Draft Illogan Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan would now be submitted to Illogan Parish Council and once their approval had been granted it would then be submitted to Cornwall Council for approval. There had been a mixed response, but the concerns raised had been addressed and it was hoped that these would be accepted.

Cornwall Council felt that this was a good opportunity to look at affordable housing and this area had been fully considered. The Illogan Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group were happy with the current situation and would be reporting back to Illogan Parish Council at their Planning and Environmental Services Committee meeting on 6th June and at the next Full Council meeting on 20th June.

The Chairman thanked the Illogan Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group for their hard work and commitment to the project.

d) Representatives from outside bodies

Cllr Williams reported that the Village Hall Committee met quarterly. He commended them for their organisational skills and hard work behind the scenes.

APM18/05/4 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AWARDED A GRANT BY ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL DURING THE LAST YEAR

No reports had been received.

APM18/05/5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Illogan School

The Headteacher explained that she had been seconded to the school in January and had had a wonderful time, the staff and children had been very welcoming. However, a new Headteacher would be starting in June. It had been an exciting year with many events and activities to enhance the pupils learning.

Illogan School was part of the Multi Academy Trust and as such had enjoyed partnership work with other schools.

The school was almost at full capacity, this would need to be addressed in the future given new properties which were being built in the area. The school had benefitted with streaming Year 6 for their morning lessons to prepare them for their SATs. The School would be welcoming 30 new reception aged children in September 2018 with another 12 children on the waiting list.

With the warmer weather the children had been able to get outdoors and maximise their outdoor learning. Visits this term had included a walk to Portreath Beach for the Early Learning Years; beach cleans for Years 3 and 4 and a forthcoming visit to Flambards to visit the Victorian Museum for Year 5. KS2 Camp would take place after half term when the children would be going to Delaware Outdoor Education Centre for a 2-night residential.

The Headteacher thanked the Community for their support and reminded the meeting of the forthcoming Summer Fayre on Saturday 23rd June.

Illogan Old School Centre

The Centre Manager reported that 2017 had been a difficult year for them. Support from local organisations enabled them to carry out their Electrics Inspection and Asbestos Survey successfully. Their Electrics inspection had been completed thanks to CO-OP funding, Cllr Ekinsmyth's Community Chest Grant and a local electrical firm who re-wired most of the Centre's electric sockets free of charge. The Asbestos Survey was paid for by a grant from Illogan Parish Council. Without this support the Centre would have been in financial crisis.

There had been a positive start to 2018 with new bookings for regular groups and training events. There were many groups meeting at the Centre with activities that were suitable for a variety of ages.

Last Autumn the Centre were delighted to have received CO-OP Community Funding of £848. This money had been raised by CO-OP members buying CO-OP branded goods in local stores. Some of the money raised would purchase a much-needed shed for the garden to store education and gardening equipment. The Centre were currently applying for funding to complete their overall garden renovation project.

The Robartes Arms Quizzers raised £170 from raffles held on the run up to Christmas. Some of this money had been used to purchase props for filming a 5-minute trailer advertising the history project – The Playground Years.

They were currently in the process of changing the Charity into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the help of 'Awards for All' Funding. The funding also paid for new windows in the Lounge Library room.

The Centre also successfully applied for Heritage Lottery funding for equipment to digitize images and to record oral history of past pupils of

the Old Illogan School. The 5-minute trailer film had been possible through the kindness of two Cornwall based film-makers who were giving their time free of charge and the involvement of current Illogan School pupils and ex-pupils in their later years. It was hoped that this would be available to view in the autumn and would be followed up with a documentary once funding had been secured.

The Old School Centre was looking forward to a busy and exciting year.

Illogan Parish Fair

The 2017 Illogan Parish Fair was another success enabling them to give four local causes a financial boost as well as enabling other charities to promote their organisations and to raise much needed funds. They were grateful for the support received from Illogan Parish Council and hoped to be able to count on that support again this year.

The 2018 Parish Fair was coming together well thanks to the contribution of a dedicated team of volunteers. The interest shown by stallholders and exhibitors remained very good.

The Parish Fair had a reasonable financial safety net which had enabled them to improve signage and to invest in other resources which, it was hoped, would make for a consistently good experience. They had tried to ensure that the event was as inexpensive as possible so that all residents feel welcomed and could be a part of it.

The Committee would like to invite the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council to support the Fair at the opening and closing ceremonies and a formal invitation would follow.

Illogan Village Hall

Illogan Village Hall continued to provide a good space for the Community and was currently home to 13 regular user groups who provided community services and leisure opportunities for all ages. Due to careful management of expenditure they made a small profit each year but would be applying for funding in the year ahead to enable some bigger maintenance projects to be completed. It was hoped these would be supported by the Parish Council.

Thanks, were given to the Councillors who regularly attended their committee meetings and provided advice and guidance.

1st Illogan Scout Group

The Illogan Scout Group had great opportunities. The Cubs recently undertook a litter pick followed by the Scouts who did the same outside the Parish. This was 4 hours voluntary work and results of their efforts were visible. The group had grown to 60 and was almost full. Many activities were planned for the coming year including a trip to Italy for some of the older members of the group.

2 members of the public left the meeting at 7pm.

Harris Mill Village Hall

It was reported that the Harris Mill Village Hall Committee managed to obtain a Possessory Title on the Hall and field with HM Land Registry. This would enable them to apply for grants going forward.

They had managed to track down a sizeable sum of money belonging to the closed Blight Trust Charity which they believed they were entitled to. With Charity Commission approval they were in the process of applying for the money currently held in a dormant bank account to be transferred to Harris Mill Village Hall.

Once the financial position was clear they would be looking at the cost of repairs and renovation and applying for funding with a view to having the Hall back in use as soon as possible.

They thanked Councillors for their interest and for any support they may be able to provide in the year ahead.

Illogan Book Club

Annie Brown reported that the book club met monthly and currently had 8 members. They no longer meet at the Robartes Arms but at individual's homes on a rotational basis. Redruth Library provide a book list and five titles are chosen. There was no charge for this service and books were returned to the library. She added that the service they provided was excellent and enabled the group to read a variety of types of books which individuals would not necessarily normally read. This in turn lead to lively debates. The group was currently made up of women, but men were very welcome to join.

1 member of the public left the meeting at 7.05pm

Illogan Cancer Research UK

The first meeting of Cancer Research was held in Illogan in 1954 and over the following 60 years, until 2014, had raised a quarter of a million pounds. Over the last year they had held a number of fund-raising activities including the Big Breakfast; Pasty and Pud lunch; raffle tickets; Christmas Card/Christmas Fair and Christmas Carol Service. They had a stall at Illogan Fair and Camborne Fair and over the last year had raised a total of £19,006. Their next event would be a concert held at Illogan Parish Church on 27th July with Four Lanes Male Voice Choir.

Friends of Illogan School

The Chairman of the PTA reported that the school would have a new Headteacher in June and it was hoped that this would provide the school with some stability.

The Summer Fair would be held on Saturday 23rd June. The inaugural dance would leave from Illogan Park and end at the School. Music for the dance had been written by the Musical Director of Illogan Sparnon Silver Band and the children would be learning the dance after the half term. Road closures would be in place for the event.

The Penwartha Road Senior Citizens Social Club

A report was received from the Secretary of the Club. During the past year they had had a variety of activities including weekly Coffee mornings; monthly Bingo and an Art/Colouring group every Thursday. Pasty lunches were held at regular intervals throughout the year and coach trips to Falmouth and Newquay for lunch or cream teas were also held regularly. Sing-a-long afternoons with dancing were held to organist Les Graham. At Christmas time they usually had a coach trip to Wadebridge Garden Centre and this included lunch. Each year they invited a speaker to talk to them about their chosen charity and on New Year's Eve they had a social with raffles and bingo.

Illogan Green Ripple

Green Ripple was a community-based project about reducing household and small business energy consumption and lowering the carbon footprint for each and every home in the Tolvaddon area, starting in 2011/12.

It was funded as a sub-set of the then Government's sustainable energy project having been awarded £375,000 to carry out the project. It was managed jointly by Cornwall Council, Community Energy Plus and Illogan Parish Council. The initial project plan was enacted by the Cornwall Council Regeneration Team and local volunteers and once underway was managed by Community Energy Plus.

The original project covered all properties on Tolvaddon and offered residents and landlords a complete energy check followed by the opportunity to have solar panels installed to reduce the energy costs. It also covered the shop which was the hub of the project. At present there were 8 properties utilising the solar panels.

Since the project started many factors had changed and this had meant that for the last few years there had been little forward progress. The original community directors all moved out and a large amount of its funding was removed which caused it to lose staff. The Cornwall Council Regeneration Team was substantially reduced and support from that area was no longer available. The Board of Directors shrunk to one and development activity stopped.

The current situation could not be allowed to continue, but as the local resources envisaged no longer existed another way had to be found to manage the company's business, both back office and new development. It was regrettable that circumstances had totally changed but the original intention was for the benefits of the project to

“ripple” ever wider throughout our Illogan Community and there was no reason to give up on that objective now.

Spinal Injuries Association

A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 was available to view; please contact the Parish Office for further information.

APM18/05/6 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

No questions or motions were received from residents.

APM18/05/7 CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

The Chairman thanked all organisations for their hard work and commitment in the Community.

The meeting closed at 7.17pm

Signed

Date