

ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Penwartha Hall on Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 6.30pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Willsher, Clerk; Mrs D Webb, Cornwall Plastic Pollution Coalition; and 5 members of the public.

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

APM19/05/1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received; all members were present.

APM19/05/2 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM DELIA WEBB ON BEHALF OF THE CORNISH PLASTIC POLLUTION COALITION

Mrs Webb explained that she volunteered with the Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition. There was an army of volunteers across Cornwall who had been cleaning beaches and monitoring wildlife for many years. Cornwall had been completing this work long before it became as highly publicised as it currently was. There were 2 volunteer groups locally to Illogan; Smartie Lids on the Beach and Love Portreath.

She showed a picture of a beautiful beach with clear sand and then showed a picture of the same beach covered in litter that had been left by beach users and washed in on the tide.

Everything on display and the photographs she used for her presentation had been found and photographed locally on Cornish beaches. Not all the items found were what people would usually think of as single use items.

There was a significant onslaught of litter deposited on beaches during winter storms. All the groups helped each other to clean the beaches when it was needed and there was too much litter for an individual group to deal with.

During a 4-month period the groups collected bottle tops, they counted them and made them into a chain so that they could measure the length. There were 66,000 bottle tops collected and the chain measured 1.1km long.

Sand toys such as buckets, spades, tents, windbreaks were being purchased used once and left on beaches. This was totally avoidable, and these items should not be treated as single use items.

In a 2-month period 67 items of abandoned clothing was collected from one beach; some of the items were soiled but most were just wet and sandy.

Dog waste in bags and children's nappies were often found buried in the sand. This littering was being completed by adults.

It was not just visitors to the area that were littering, unfortunately it was locals too. Some visitors wanted to help and participated in litter picking events whilst on holiday.

The British Diving Marine Life Rescue consists of volunteers who helped wildlife when they were in need. These volunteers witnessed first hand the impact on the precious wildlife such as seals, porpoises etc of plastics and waste in the sea. All instances of rescue were recorded and photographed for evidence. Birds, seals, dolphins etc had been found tangled in fishing netting, balloons, nappy wadding etc.

All materials that were in the environment when they shouldn't be were harmful to wildlife.

There was research completed studying seal entanglements in fishing gear over a 12-month period. 51 tonnes of fishing gear were removed from entangled seals from 147 different locations. Cornwall had the highest rate of grey seal entanglement in the world.

The Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition completed beach cleans, scientific research, published journal articles and attended schools to educate children. They were due to release an article on plastic glomerates shortly. Plastic glomerates looked like rocks but were plastic, they were formed from the incineration of plastic that then became weathered.

There had been investigations on plastics in the food chain and it had been confirmed that plastic could pass through the food chain. In a study held it was found that 36% of locally caught mackerel fed to seals at Gweek Seal Sanctuary contained plastic and when the seals ate the mackerel there was evidence of plastic in the seals faeces. Plastic was also present in shell fish. The animals at the top of the food chain such as whales were absorbing most of the plastics and would experience symptoms first.

About 1,500 containers fell from ships each year excluding ships that sunk. Container ships were the size of double decker buses and each container was full of items. When the Tokyo Express container ship sank in 1997, one of the containers had 4.8million pieces of Lego in it; beach cleaners were still finding pieces of the Lego.

Statistics of the volunteer groups that kept data was shown. 8,439 volunteers gave 48,066 hours and removed 6,127 bin bags of rubbish which equated to about 61,270kg of rubbish. Local groups should be celebrated.

We needed to stop plastics and other harmful materials from getting into the environment. There were lots that could be done including reducing plastic use through re-usable items such as cups etc. There were some items available that claimed to be biodegradable, however, when investigated fully, they were only biodegradable in industrial composters;

if they were not put in an industrial composter they behaved the same as plastic.

Plastic items and other materials did not behave the same in the sea as they did on the ground.

Mrs Webb had visited the incinerator, she said that the scale was incredible; the hopper was 3 storeys high. During the sorting process you could hear glass breaking and see plastics. It was astonishing the volume of waste created during the out of season time and the amount of waste thrown into the general waste that could have been recycled.

She did a lot of work with schools such as science, art, talks about wildlife and the children were enthusiastic and understood the harm of plastics in the environment. It could be difficult as some children were getting mixed messages from the presentation and the adults in their life. A slogan created during a primary school art project was 'balloons fly, animals die'.

A monster munch packet had been found recently intact, it was advertising the Back to the Future films and had a readable expiry date of 3rd May 1986.

A member of the public reported that a resident of the Parish was the first person to record plastic glomerates over 25 years ago.

Cllr Ford showed Mrs Webb 2 cups he had collected recently that implied that they were compostable, however, that was not the case. Mrs Webb said that consideration needed to be given to the products being purchased, what would happen to them once they were used and that there needed to be appropriate waste streams.

Cllr Mrs Roberts thanked Mrs Webb for her presentation

It was proposed by Cllr ,Ford seconded by Cllr Ekinsmyth and

APM16/05/2.2 RESOLVED that Mrs Webb from the Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition was given a formal vote of thanks for her presentation.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Cllrs Ms Cadby, Holmes and Miss Pollock entered the meeting during this item at 6.35pm.

Cllr Mrs Ferrett entered the meeting during this item at 7.01pm.

APM19/05/3 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH MAY 2018 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

It was proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr Crabtree and

APM16/05/3.2 RESOLVED to receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 16th May 2018 and the Chairman to sign them.

On a vote being taken on the matter there were 10 votes FOR and 0 votes AGAINST.

APM19/05/4 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES:

a. Cornwall Councillors

Cllr Ekinsmyth reported that it was the 10th anniversary of Cornwall Council becoming a unitary authority and the 2nd full year of this council term. Life had settled down to carrying out the many statutory and other responsibilities on behalf of the people of Cornwall.

Although the finances available from Government in the form of Rate Support (RSG) continued to fall, Cornwall Council had continued to manage the budget as agreed in the 4-year Business Plan and were still looking to make up the shortfall of £17m in this period. The Rate Support (RSG) would cease completely in 2020 and would be replaced by full business rate retention with an equalisation grant to make up any shortfall, other specific grant funding and the Council's own income generating activities.

Despite the attention of the Government being elsewhere recently several additional statutory responsibilities with accompanying costs had been imposed. All these issues were detailed in the Cornwall Council Financial Report and updated Business Plan.

This had seen the continued reduction in some of the services previously provided to Illogan and the gradual shift across to local responsibility of many of them, this would continue as the reduction to 87 councillors in 2021 took place.

Looked at nationally it was possible to see the financial difficulty that many Local Authorities found themselves in, including our nearest neighbour.

This had not been the case for Cornwall and the increase in Council Tax was kept below the maximum allowed by the Government cap. Members considered it more important to keep the rate lower in view of the lower than national average income of Cornish residents. The downside to this was that the reserves had been depleted further in the short term.

Despite the overall financial difficulties, he mentioned four major achievements this year:

1. The Adult Social Care Directorate managed to come in under budget whilst improving the service. This was due to the changing organisational operation. This was the first time for many years this had been achieved.
2. Children Services Directorate had been specified as one of the best in the country whereas it was a 'failing' service only a few years ago. The launch of the integrated Directorate, "Together for Families", giving enhanced access for education, health and social care services across Cornwall was about to be launched.
3. All Council employees were being paid the Foundation Living Wage and the Council was providing £10m to help Cornish households cope with the rising cost of living.
4. Cornwall was the top authority for the provision of affordable homes and had made huge strides in reducing rough sleeping.

Cllr Ekinsmyth's time had been divided between service on various committees as follows: Audit, Customer as Support Services Overview and Scrutiny, Electoral Review Panel, West Planning Committee, Miscellaneous Licensing, and as a substitute member of several others (all committees were listed on the Cornwall Council website together with attendance record). He was also on the Camborne, Pool, Illogan, Redruth Community Network Panel and a Governor of Cornwall Adult Education Service.

He was also a member on behalf of the Council on the Coast to Coast CLLD. He was a serving Governor of Illogan Primary and Curnow Special Schools and a member of Illogan Parish Council.

Within the Division much of his attention had been on planning issues and the completed Illogan Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan should be of great assistance in the future.

Highways issues, parking, speeding and anti-social behaviour continued to demand attention and when we found our way around financial issues should produce action. Following a briefing from the Safer Cornwall Team, he hoped to bring forward community-based solutions to highways matters shortly.

One disappointment was the loss of the Glebe Field but with the co-operation of Coastline Housing there should be some planning gains possible, not least on the adjacent highway and the junction with Bridge Hill. The community open event arranged by Coastline Housing would give the final opportunity to influence the development.

b. Illogan Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

There was no report

c. Representatives from outside bodies

There was no reports.

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TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AWARDED A GRANT BY ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL DURING THE 2018/2019 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Illogan School PTA had a good year and were very active. The PTA had helped the School purchase a new stage. They had held the Illogan Summer Celebration which included a new dance to new music from Illogan Park to the School, once the dance arrived at the School the Summer Fun Day commenced. This year they are trialling combining the Summer Celebration and Summer Fun Day with Illogan Parish Fair. The event would be bigger than ever with over 100 attractions.

2 members of the public entered the meeting at 7.23pm.

APM19/05/6

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR THE 2018/2019 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Illogan School

The Headteacher of Illogan School was delighted to attend her first Annual Parish meeting and was proud to represent the School. She took up her post last June, so had nearly seen one year at the School.

Illogan School was a vibrant happy place with 218 pupils on roll. They had one class per year group and had a full class of Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) pupils joining in September 2019. They had an increasingly strong Governing Body who supported and challenged the Headteachers leadership to ensure increasing impact. Illogan School was supported by a very committed PTA. This body worked tirelessly to plan and carry out events to bring together the community and to support the School financially in times of ever reducing budgets. They were excited about the forthcoming Summer Fayre and hoped everyone would join them there.

The Schools motto was – Aspire, Believe, Create and Dazzle.

The School held an Aspiration Week which was advertised in the Illogan Review where they invited in community members with interesting jobs. During the week they welcomed a GP, a Barrister, charity workers, a housing worker, a speech therapist amongst many others. They aimed to inspire the children to aspire to aiming higher in their education with the belief that they could achieve whatever they wanted.

Every child in key stage 2 had had swimming lessons this year which was new at Illogan School. Children who had never visited a swimming pool

could, within a few weeks, swim a few metres. Soon children in years 5 and 6 would be heading off on residential visits and making life long memories.

The School believed in the potential of their children. The Headteacher had established a system of pupil leadership with prefect and playground buddies to enable the children to take on major roles in the school. The prefects played a key role, showing visitors around the school and answering questions from prospective parents and receiving excellent feedback.

They believed that their unique position in sharing a site with Curnow School gave the children a wonderful chance to learn about children with disabilities. They were holding their first ever inclusion day in July where children of the same age from each school would work together on appropriate activities. The aim was that the children would know each other as people, not as a sum total of their abilities.

They helped their children be creative. The year 5 class were all given brass instruments and weekly tuition in the autumn term. They were working with an artist this term to create art work with plastic they had retrieved from the beach. They had secured Arts Council funding to help them work with the Hall for Cornwall outreach workers with the aim of creating an original piece of theatre to be performed in July. Children were using a book with an environmental theme to write their own narrative. They looked forward to inviting members of the community to join them at their performance.

Ultimately the children of Illogan School continued to dazzle. Anyone who witnessed their dance through Illogan last June would agree. Children who dazzle are celebrated weekly in the Friday assembly, for their behaviour, for their attitudes and for their excellent academic efforts. This week their oldest children were taking part in national tests calls SATs and they had dazzled them with their hard work and determination to succeed. The Headteacher had also been dazzled by the resilience of the children affected by the Bridge Road fire and the generosity of the community to help those who had lost so much.

The Headteacher was excited about her role at Illogan School supported by a wonderful community of teachers, support workers, parents and amazing children. She thanked the Council for inviting her to this meeting.

All-Sorts

All-Sorts were ticking along and thanked the Council for their support including articles in the Illogan Review. A few regulars had passed on through illness and a few new people were attending. It was free to attend, and all art materials were supplied. They were self-sustaining through donations. Last year they had a day at Penlee House including a tour and introduction to Lamorna Birch paintings and artists. This year they hoped to enjoy another informal get-together. It was a nice little group that offered the opportunity to sustain community links.

Illogan WI

At the end of 2018, there were 30 members. Activities held during 2018 included:

- A visit to Ravenswell – Supporting Wildlife
- The Spring Flower Show
- Stories of the history of Hayle
- Cornish dancing
- Talk by the Fisherman’s Mission
- An evening with Illogan Community Choir
- Royal Cornwall Show
- A cake bake with proceeds going to Children’s Hospice Southwest
- A meal at the Princess Pavilion
- A picnic in the hall and social evening
- A stall at Illogan Parish Fair
- A coach trip with Carn Brea WI to Buckfast Abbey and Tavistock
- A day trip to St Ives on the train from Lelant
- A painting presented to Flicka Donkey Sanctuary
- A talk about Healthy eating/living
- A visit from Cornwall Blood Bikes
- A talk about antiques
- A harvest supper
- The celebration of Illogan Feast with a local historian and their photographs
- A talk on Plant Hunters
- A celebration of their 89th birthday with a meal at Rosewarne Manor
- Christmas crafts
- A Christmas party evening with carols and food
- A visit from Prickles and Paws

The quiz team ended the year coming joint second out of 24 teams at the quiz organised by the federation.

Penwartha Senior Citizens Social Club

Activities during the last year included coffee mornings, bingo, cards, adult colouring group, dining out, cream teas and entertainment in the Hall by a variety of singers.

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TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

A member of the public asked:

'Can the following be considered by Coastline Housing and supported by the Illogan Parish Council? For the open space to be larger and to be situated at the front of the development so villagers feel comfortable using it. This means losing 4/5 properties. I understand this will meet resistance from Coastline as it will affect their profits however it is in the interest of the village which is yours and our priority.'

The Clerk responded that the Council would bear in mind the comments made when the application for The Glebe was submitted. The Council could not comment at this stage in case they predetermined themselves and they would then not be able to comment on the application when it was received. The Clerk would email Coastline Housing and raise the comments made by the member of the public and ask them to have a response ready for the public consultation being held on the 28th May.

APM19/05/8 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman said that the Council would help the victims of the fire in Bridge Road any way they could.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.33pm.

Signed

Date