

## ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Illogan Parish Council Community Office, Trevelyan Road, Illogan on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 6.15pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ekinsmyth (Chairman), Cullimore (Vice Chairman), Crabtree, Ford, Holmes (from point mentioned), Jobson, Ms Kemp, Mrs O'Donnell (from point mentioned), Miss Pollock (from point mentioned), Simmons (from point mentioned), Szoka, and Mrs Thompson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Rimell, Clerk; Miss E James, Assistant to the Clerk and 5 members of the public (1 from point mentioned).

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

### **APM24/05/1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hodge

There were no members absent.

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

### **APM24/05/1.2 RESOLVED to receive and approve apologies for absence from Cllr Lee Hodge.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Cllr Mrs O'Donnell entered the meeting at 6.17pm.

### **APM24/05/2 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM**

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

### **APM24/05/2.2 RESOLVED to receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and the Chairman to sign them.**

On a vote being taken on the matter there were 7 votes FOR and 0 votes AGAINST

### **APM24/05/3 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES:**

#### **i. CORNWALL COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Crabtree reported that:

"It does not seem like 12 months since I gave the last report and bearing in mind that Illogan is the largest part of my Division, Portreath has had far more issues in the last twelve months.

There is the constant challenge of trying to maintain our fields for agricultural use and leisure rather than housing. There has been speculation regarding potential housing developments at sites in Illogan and Park Bottom and I am keeping a close eye on these.

A public consultation started this afternoon on the proposed care home within the development known as The Barnyard.

Following on from planning there appears to be a large increase in the number of Planning Enforcement cases getting opened and, indeed, talking to one officer last week, they currently have 95 cases to deal with. Enforcement may be slow at times, however, one case recently where the properties were built incorrectly resulted in the developer referring it to the Planning Inspector, who, in turn, supported Cornwall Council in demolition.

The work has commenced for the roll out of the 20mph zones in Illogan and Park Bottom as the road markings for 30 were removed in the early hours of last Thursday morning; Bridge was the first place locally to get the signage and Portreath is nearing completion. The concentration of the scheme in Cornwall is around the residential areas and the cold fact is that if a child gets hit by a car at 30mph there is a 50% of getting killed, compared to 10% at 20mph.

Discussions are still ongoing over the parking restrictions in Coronation Road and I managed to suspend enforcement of the yellow lines whilst these are ongoing, and I am hoping that this may be resolved soon.

Anybody that walks around Tehidy Woods on a regular basis may have noticed the old kennels now have tarpaulins over them to try and save them from further deterioration whilst funding is obtained to restore them, and that the cottages are also getting restored. The Lands End Coffee Company, who now run the café in the woods, will be offering a pop up facility in North Cliffs Car Park from June until September. Parking in the South Drive car park was discussed in a meeting that I chaired a couple of weeks ago and it was mentioned that the introduction of marked parking bays could allow for up to another 15 cars to be able to park in there, which would ease the situation along the drive and the installation of bollards was also mentioned to reduce inconsiderate parking along South Drive.

Over the last three years my Cornwall Councillor Community Chest has provided a variety of clubs and organisations with grants totalling £9,000 and the next round of funding will be released soon. The disappointing fact is that a large number did not say thank you or submit the required report as per the funding application form criteria, and indeed some tried to bypass the system and submit a request to Cornwall Council without consulting with myself first. As a result of this, there will be careful vetting of applications and some groups will not be allocated funds, especially as the demand always exceeds the supply of money."

## ii. REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Ekinsmyth reported he had recently attended a meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee. He noted it was nice to see how well the Village Hall is doing.

**APM24/05/4**

### **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR THE 2023/2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

#### **Illogan Parish Fair Group**

The fair returned to Illogan in 2023 thanks to a small number of residents joining the original 4 members of the committee.

The decision to have the Fair day away from the School's Fete and Illogan Parish Council Fun Day helped residents to recognise the Fair as a separate event and gave us the opportunity to return to the Fair's original concept of providing our community with a free event with low-cost refreshments on offer. Keeping it an affordable day out for everyone.

Earlier this year the Committee was joined by more helpers willing to commit long term to not only the running of Fair day, but it's organisation. The committee therefore decided that it was time to formalise the group, making it a separate entity, and to have its funds held in its own bank account.

We are now the Illogan Parish Fair Group with our own constitution, Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and members. In future we will be able to pay for supplies and receive payments in our own name and we intend seeking funding for items for future Fair days.

We continue to hope to raise sufficient funds on Fair Day to run the following year's Fair. Our fundraising still is via Commercial Stallholder fees, profits from refreshments and the sale of raffle tickets. Our entertainment, exhibitions and Horticultural and Domestic Show remain free entry to all except for a small fee for adult entries in the Show classes.

This year we are building on last year's event by offering more live music and exhibitions and we would like to thank Illogan Parish Council Councillors for offering to assist us on the day. Illogan Parish Fair is on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 11am to 3pm.

#### **The Old School Centre**

We would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Illogan Parish Council for the £500 grant to help pay for a replacement gas heater in the Centre's Lounge. This helped considerably, along with funds raised on our behalf by one of our hirers, to reduce the outlay from our reserves.

The Centre continues to hire out its rooms for classes, meetings, and parties.

Thanks to all our dedicated Trustees and Centre Manager, we continue to evolve our community offerings.

Our schedule of History / Cornish Theme talks have been well received, and we are currently in the process of identifying speakers and talks for next year's programme.

For over 18 months we have been running a Tuesday complimentary coffee morning and welcome 20 to 50 people who sit and chat over a cuppa and cake during our mornings.

Our monthly tabletop sales started in July 2023. Each month we have cooked meats, fresh fruit and veg and home baking on offer along with craft stalls and preloved items. Recently we have been offering bacon rolls and cheese toasties for our visitors and these are proving to be very popular.

Since Christmas, we have been putting on an entertainment evening once a month, alternating between a Quiz night and Bingo. Our next quiz is on the 24<sup>th</sup> May and our next Bingo is on the 28<sup>th</sup> June. These events are very well attended and, although we had thought only to trial them this year, due to their popularity we have decided they will be an ongoing part of what we offer.

We have been hosting a monthly 2-course meal for £15, single sitting using professional chefs. The Hideaway at Bridge has now taken these over and will be providing a chef once a month to cook a meal at the Centre. Lunches are a social event with everyone sitting at one long table so that, even if a diner arrives alone, they are sure to be able to enjoy a good natter whilst they eat. We are currently discussing with the Hideaway the possibility of offering barbecues in the Centre's Garden during the summer months.

Our History Archive is making headway again having been put on hold due to Covid. Whilst the Playground Years covers the old Illogan School, we are adding other collections of images and memorabilia to the Archive. This will be a slow process, and we will be looking for volunteers to help as time goes on.

We are currently putting together a wish list for the Centre and for the Archive in order to apply for grants. These projects include our WW2 Air Raid Shelter, getting the Archive online, restoring the Bassett Girls School sign, installing new water pipes to the Centre and the completion of replacement double glazing.

It has been a busy year, and we are looking very positively to 2024 and what we offer our community.

1 member of the public entered the meeting at 6.30pm.

### **Illogan School**

Illogan School currently has 202 children on roll and will have a full Reception class in September – we even have a waiting list.

In September 2023 Illogan School underwent an Ofsted Inspection and were joined by 2 Ofsted inspectors who undertook a range of evidence gathering activities. The inspectors concluded that Illogan is a 'GOOD' school, a benchmark that is high under the current Ofsted framework. We are delighted that the inspectors captured the many strengths of the school and recognised that hard work undertaken by all in the school community. We consider this an excellent achievement for the school and are exceptionally proud of all staff and pupils. I am delighted that the hard work undertaken by the Illogan staff has been recognised. I am particularly pleased that Ofsted recognised the journey of improvements since the last inspection, and we were able to move from 'Requires Improvement' to 'Good'.

Our school Parents, Teachers and Friends Association? (PTFA) have continued to be very busy raising funds for the school and organising events for our pupils. This has included a silent disco, the Christmas fayre, a jumble sale, Bags 4 School, Easter Bingo and Frozen Fridays. The Parents, Teachers and Friends Association? (PTFA) are currently busy planning the Summer Fayre, which will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. We would like to thank the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association? (PTFA) for all their continued hard work and support for the school. They have contributed to school trips, paid for all of the Trevithick Week activities, purchased resources and are currently in the process of buying large outdoor equipment for the playground.

There have been several sporting events taking place in and out of school. This has included: Girls Football sessions for International Women's Day, a swimming gala with other Crofty Schools, football matches and sports clubs. We have also taken part in fundraising activities such as the Santa Fun Run for Children's Hospice Southwest.

It was wonderful to see so many children and their families walking or riding to school recently. Everyone really embraced taking part in the 15<sup>th</sup> year celebration of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling, and scooting challenge. The challenge ran from the 11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March and was a huge success with lots of families continuing to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

Recently we had the delight of celebrating our annual Trevithick Week at Illogan School. It was a very busy time with every single child experiencing a range of Cornish experiences. These included drama and craft workshops, visits to Kresen Kernow to explore their artifacts room and learn about some amazing local heroes, including Rowena Cade, Henry Trengrouse and, of course, Richard Trevithick. The week ended with a Cornish choir coming and giving some Cornish singing lessons. The children learnt the national anthem and some Cornish shanties. These were performed to the children's families at our Trevithick Picnic.

Upcoming events include sports days, Illogan School Summer Fayre and Year 6 leavers.

## **Village Hall Management Committee**

Illogan Village Hall is pleased to report 11 regular users plus one-off hires make use of our facilities. A cross section of regular users include Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, Martial Arts, Local Autistic group, toddler group, WI and one of the venues for the Village fair. There are some time slots still available.

The hall is in a sound condition inside and out, providing a safe, warm environment for all the events taking place. Regular maintenance and inspection with relevant reports and certification is complied with, but some larger maintenance upgrades have been carried out in the last 12 months – resurfacing the car park, making good and repointing the front wall and replacing the windows and front door.

We are in a fairly safe financial position but will not be requiring or undertaking any further major upgrades or maintenance in the immediate future.

Energy costs have increased significantly for everyone. Electricity has nearly doubled, and gas has more than doubled for us. They are being monitored closely, options for more efficiency are being examined.

An increase in hire charges became relevant from 1<sup>st</sup> April, the first for a few years.

Cllr Simmons entered the meeting at 6.42pm.

## **Harris Mill Village Hall**

The Harris Mill Village Hall committee are grateful to Illogan Parish Council for its consideration and support of the planning application. The deadline is in a couple of weeks.

There is an ongoing need for financial support for the project to bring Harris Mill Village Hall back for community use as soon as possible.

Improved access to the site is a priority and is currently being worked on.

Cllrs Holmes and Miss Pollock entered the meeting at 6.45pm.

## **Grapevine Community Church**

Thank you to Illogan Parish Council for inviting us to report on our community activities for the previous year. Grapevine Community Church is an inclusive, independent, family focused Christian church run totally by volunteers, based at Broad Lane. Broad Lane Chapel has been our home for the last 21 years. Part of our vision is to serve our community in the best ways we can. We offer all our activities free of charge so they can be accessible to all in our community. These include:

**Youth.** We run two evening youth groups every week during term times which incorporate games, activities, refreshments, and snacks, catering

for children over the age of seven. A third youth discussion group also runs at our Sunday morning services.

**Children & Toddlers.** During term times two toddler groups run every Monday and Wednesday morning. Parents and carers attend with their children. Refreshments, biscuits, and snacks are provided for the children and carers. Children's clubs also run every Sunday as part of our worship services.

**Summer Holiday Club.** Every summer during late August we offer a week-long holiday club (mornings) for local children. We accommodate up to sixty children and provide, crafts, activities, songs, drama, and a show – all through volunteer support. This was very popular last year.

**Grapevine Cycle Club.** Anyone can come along and participate in this community club which runs on Saturday mornings and some evenings.

**Open Doors Coffee morning.** This Friday morning community provision is open to all. Besides offering refreshments, cakes, toast, and biscuits, there are also quizzes, book swaps, and newspapers to read. Over the year a selection of special needs students from Cornwall College have helped serve refreshments as part of their work experience. Participants at Open Doors also collect for Cancer Research.

**Vinecrafts.** This is thriving weekly Arts and Crafts social group where folks can chat, relax, and have a go at some crafts if they wish. This year Vinecrafts organised a Christmas Fayre with proceeds going to a range of local charities.

**Exercise and Dance.** Grapevine runs a biweekly dance and worship group on Saturday mornings and a Monday Hoop exercise group.

**Seasonal activities:** At Christmas and Easter we ran Craft mornings for children and their parents/carers. These are always very popular. We also distribute our Christmas knitted Angels every year at Christmas time for people to find and collect. They seem to have a great impact on uplifting the spirits of many at this time of the year.

**Gift bags.** Grapevine maintains a steady supply of gift bags which are distributed during the year to folks who are going through difficult times or just need cheering up. We also have some which we give to new mums.

**Hardship fund.** It is a very challenging time financially for many people. To help and encourage some, even just a little, Grapevine has created a small Hardship Fund to which folks in need can apply. Over the last year we've supported people referred to us by using this fund to purchase food, assist with transport, provide new clothing, replace white goods etc.

**Church activities.** Every week we have a Sunday morning worship service and run our bible study groups, plus prayer times.

All our activities are free and publicised on our website, [www.grapevinecommunitychurch.org](http://www.grapevinecommunitychurch.org)

and our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/grapevinecommunitychurch](http://www.facebook.com/grapevinecommunitychurch)

We are so pleased to be part of the community of Illogan and want to contribute as much as we can.

Everyone at Grapevine Community Church thanks all the members of the Parish Council for their continued hard work and support.

### **Illogan Community Choir**

Just over a year ago, on April 18th, our new Musical Director, David Wingham, began to work with us following an unsettled period where we weren't sure what the future would hold.

David has really settled well and, as we have got to know each other, he is able to steer us through new pieces of music and support us as we approach concerts & other performances.

The choir committee has increased its members to 4, plus a treasurer to assist with the more formal structure that the choir now has.

We have a bank account, a constitution, an up-to-date risk assessment, all of which has been developed over the past year.

Through the past year we have performed joint concerts with Four Lanes Male Voice Choir and Redruth Amateur Operatic Society Trust. We are currently looking forward to a joint concert with "Hit & Miss" young Cornish acapella singing group in July.

Our concerts are always well attended & we are always able to donate good sums of money to charities from each concert. We have donated money through the past year to Dementia UK, Portreath Surf Life Saving Club, St Illogan Church. We also sang at last year's Parish Fayre and at a Christmas Fayre at Illogan Primary School. We generally get very good feedback from our concert audience.

We have regular informal socials after choir practise, a summer social which last year was held in Illogan Parish Council Community Room following the parish fayre. Our Christmas social was held at Tehidy Golf Club and was very much enjoyed by all. We are looking forward to a summer BBQ at the end of July which is being held at a committee members House.

Our membership remains steady at just over 50 members. We only have a very small bass/tenor section and would really appreciate any new male members that would like to join us.

We received a very generous grant from the Parish Council of £500 towards our music costs which we are most grateful for.

After a difficult start to 2023, we feel that we are in a strong position now for the choir to move forward and to grow in professionalism & reputation.



Thanks to the Parish Council for their ongoing support.

### **West Cornwall Concert Band**

The Concert Band over the last year has gone from strength to strength, with over 45 players now. The repertoire of the Concert Band has expanded along with the players and this year we have performed music from The Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables, Cats, Broadway Show Music, Glen Miller, The Beatles and many more film and show music, raising the standard slowly.

We have had many new players who have picked up their instruments after not playing for a long time and have joined the band and got back to playing and enjoying being part of a community band.

The Concert band has performed with many different groups and this year are doing a Charity Concert for Macmillan Cancer on Monday 20th May 7.30pm at Wesley Church where all proceeds will go to the charity.

We would like to thank you for allowing us to put an article in the Illogan Review as we have indeed brought in players from your area. We are really pleased with the progress of the concert band and feel that we are indeed creating an exciting Concert Band for the community.

### **APM24/05/5 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS FROM RESIDENTS**

There were no questions or motions received from residents.

### **APM24/05/6 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Cllr Ekinsmyth reported that:

"Let me start by thanking everyone who has come along tonight for their interest in the operation of the Council and informative and helpful reports and comments. It is important for the Council to hear what is going on in the community.

It has been a busy year on several fronts. With continued development in the park and community office and the adoption of a clear communication strategy. The quarterly Illogan Review and an active presence on social media has resulted in greater local knowledge and understanding of our activities.

Speaking of which, it has been all action on Community Events, masterminded by our excellent Committee and sterling volunteers. Our Illogan Fun Day was a new venture and involved a lot of hard work but the general consensus was very positive. We will be doing another this year and expect it to be larger than last year. Let's hope the sun shines as it did last year.

On the environmental front we have worked with keen volunteers arranging Litter Picks and are about to embark on a 'Purple Poo

Campaign' to help remind dog owners to pick up and put it in a bin. Look out for more information on this shortly.

We have encouraged and supported Community Groups and hope to do more of this going forward. All this and the normal business of the Council has proceeded alongside.

My personal thanks to all volunteers, group leaders, and helpful members and officers from other Councils in Cornwall, because we all need to work together to navigate the current difficulties. Finally, thanks to my fellow members of the Council and the staff who have made my job a very easy one."

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.59pm.

Signed .....

Date .....