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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Illogan Parish Council
Community Office, Trevelyan Road, Illogan on Wednesday 20th May at
6:30pm.**

PRESENT:

Councillors Gary Cullimore (Chairman), Dave Crabtree (Vice Chairman), Anne Edwards, David Ekinsmyth, Graham Ford, Paul Holmes, Tara O'Donnell, Jean Pollock, Lee Simmons, Suzanne Simmons, Stefan Szoka and Maggie Thompson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Sarah Rimell, Clerk; Miss Charlotte Greenall, Assistant to the Clerk and 8 members of the public.

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

APM26/05/1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and appreciates the local organisations talking to the Parish Council.

Apologies were received from Cllr Miss J Simmons and Cornwall Councillor Mrs Susanne Desmonde, Cornwall Council.

APM26/05/2 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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APM26/05/3 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES:

a. Cornwall Councillors

Cornwall Councillor Cliff Crawford reported as follows:

Recently attended meetings including:

- 17th April: All member briefing
- 20th April: Modular planning training
- 21st April: Full Council
- 5th May: IT support, upgrading IT support
- 19th May: Full Council at County Hall, motions as follows: -

Overcrowding on school buses, deteriorating road markings, mental health in schools and freedom of expression for Councillors and code of conduct.

Issues raised to departments including parking across driveways, sand buildup on access in Portreath.

Speeding complaints and antisocial behaviour at local parks. Just a reminder to residents to report all anti-social behaviour, no matter how small, as this allows the local policing team to target areas.

I had two meetings this month with Geothermal at St Day which was very interesting.

b. Representatives from outside bodies

There were no representatives from outside bodies present.

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APM26/05/4 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR THE 2025/2026 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Old School Centre

Our 2024 to 2025 Financial Year proved to be a successful one, with just over £23,000 pounds raised, through room hire, donations, fundraising and Centre led activities and a grant of £3,000 from Suez. However, due to various Centre repairs and maintenance works, utility bill rises and the minimum wage increase we made a loss of £2000 last year. Then, in September, the year ended badly, when our Assembly Hall heater failed its gas inspection.

Our only option was to replace the heater, and as quickly as possible, especially as the cold months were almost upon us.

Our efforts to raise the £2000, required to purchase and install a replacement heater, received tremendous support from the community through donations, fundraising and a sponsored walk. We also received grants from the Mining District Fund, the Community Chest and of course Illogan Parish Council who awarded us £500. On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank you for supporting us, the monies raised meant that the new heater was installed in January and has been greatly appreciated by our many users and visitors.

Our weekly coffee mornings, Cornish/History Themed Talks and Exhibitions, Quiz and Bingo Nights are attended by many regulars from our Community and further afield. And we are continually attracting new people to come along as well.

As it was a busy year, our History Archive hasn't progressed much during the past 12 months, but we have recently started recording again and have several locals who are willing to assist.

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We have 13 regular classes and groups using the Centre during the week along with a further 4 regular private hires. During the past year we have also been booked for an Award Ceremony, training days, and family gatherings.

The Trustees are currently considering options to upgrade our toilet block. In February 2025, we installed new mains water piping thanks to a grant from Suez, however, our aging toilets and plumbing need to be replaced. This is especially important, as our weekly footfall has greatly increased over the past few years.

Following a review of our Risk Assessments, we have identified training needs for Volunteers, Trustees and Staff. To fund these, we are currently awaiting a decision on a grant application for funding for Food Hygiene, Emergency First Aid and Safe Guarding Training. We hope to be able to offer the training from June.

We are delighted to report that our volunteer numbers and supporters have increased to 39 over the past year. Their contribution to the success of the Centre was acknowledged in December during our annual informal Christmas gathering.

We are dedicated to providing a resource that is an integral part of the community and are constantly looking for ways to increase our income whilst ensuring we offer an affordable space. Illogan Parish Council's support has greatly help us to do this. Thank you.

Illogan Church

It has been a busy year for Illogan Church with the schools using the Church for both Christmas and Easter. Schools have also been studying the flora and fauna found in the Churchyard this year with the Churchyard kept splendid and organisers winning awards on its splendour. During the winter storms took a number of trees fell which led to damage to both fences and graves. The Life Church on Sunday afternoons are running well with up to 50 people attending. We look forward to hosting the Holiday club for summer.

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We currently have 204 pupils enrolled at school with 27 new children joining in reception meaning we are sustaining a good number. Illogan School has now become a corporate member of Redruth Rotary club. As part of the relationship with Redruth Rotary the Year 6 students have taken part in a new scheme the Rotary Community Award. Children have taken part in several activities including Rotary coming in and teaching them how to make wooden gliders enabling the students to learn a brand-new skill. Thank you very much to the Rotary.

We continue to work with schools in Australia becoming a tradition to lay the wreaths for Anzac Day. We are extremely proud to partnership with Curnow School in which we are a very united, one community and work closely together. This creates different experiences for staff and pupils including sing and sign assemblies. Children learning to sign from Curnow and experiencing communicating at some level together and having fun. This partnership has achieved new relationships with students showing patience and respect and understanding of other children needs.

We have also been fundraising for Penhaligon's Friends and choose this charity as a school with events such as non-uniform day.

We also participated in World Book Day with the event snuggle down and read. This included coming into School in pyjamas and leading to lots of reading opportunities.

The PTA have continued fundraising for the school to buy additional items. We thank the PTA for the work they do. The support this year has enabled us to give meaningful opportunities to work with any community group and strength that link and work with organisations and develop socially, academically and giving back to the community which we believe is very important. We are grateful for the ongoing support from communities and families.

Councillor Crawford entered the meeting at 6.38pm.

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Illogan Community Choir

Illogan Community Choir moved from St Illogan church to the Village Hall on 1st April 2025 as the choir had outgrown the space at the church. We have settled in well there & the space suits our requirements very well. The choir has continued to attract new members & has approx. 93 members on our books so we now operate a waiting list in order to manage this. The highlight of 2025 was our 10th Anniversary Celebration at Penventon Hotel in May. We had a number of invited guests who enjoyed a pasty supper and some entertainment which was provided by various members of the choir. Great fun was had by all. We enjoyed our socialising last year with a trip to the Royal Cornwall Show which was offered to us through Age UK. A summer social was very enjoyable & was held in the gardens at the village hall on a beautiful day in July; the choir & our members provided a sumptuous buffet.

To round off the year we had our Christmas party in December at Tehidy Golf Club. Throughout 2025 we performed at many events. We sang twice at Illogan School, for their July & Christmas fairs. Our summer concert last year was very well attended & the Saxy Maids were our guests. We raised a substantial amount for SSAFA & enjoyed a lovely evening. In December we sang at the Gold Centre Christmas Market & the Illogan church fair. We sang at St Illogan Church Christingle & of course had our own Christmas Concert with Four Lanes Male Choir which as always was a great success & we raised money for the Penlee Family Project, a local charity. In 2026 we were very pleased to be invited to perform at the Wesley Chapel in March by the West Cornwall Concert Band. It was a fun evening of show tunes and other well-known songs. We are currently in full practice mode with a busy summer ahead of events. Our own concert is on 21st July at St Illogan Church where we are very pleased to have Harry Glasson performing with us as our guest. He wrote 'Cornwall My Home' & writes & performs other songs also. The charity that will benefit from this concert will be Headway, brain injury association. We are also performing this summer at Illogan School Fair, Mount Hawkes 'Gig on the Green', Illogan Fun Day & the Parish Fair. As a choir we strive to be as inclusive as possible & we know that the choir is a lifeline to many of our members & we try to look after

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them. Thank you for your continued support through the past year, we are particularly grateful for the printing service your office provides for us.

1 member of the public left the meeting at 6.46pm.

Cancer Research

Last year for Illogan Cancer Research was very stressful with a change in banks now having monthly bank charges and several changes made by Cancer Research headquarters. We are currently a team of 13 people all aged between 70 and 80+ so we are looking to advertise for new recruits. We had a very successful plant sale in May with just under £2000 raised and coffee morning and will be attending Camborne and Illogan summer events. Overall, for this year we have sent £6,102.84 to Cancer Research.

Illogan Parish Fair

Thank you for your continued support for and to Illogan Parish Council for the grant towards signage for the fair. This year's Parish fair was a great success. The aim of the event is to provide an affordable inclusive event for the whole community. The porch of the Church was filled with families and friends enjoying themselves with a real sense of community. The attendance was strong and atmosphere vibrant and a positive outcome from the whole event. The grant towards signage made a real difference with guiding visitors between Illogan Church and Manningham which improved flow of the whole event. This year's event took place across four historic buildings in Illogan with live music, entertainment, domestic show, classic cars and cream teas. Illogan Sparnon Silver band played with the marquee providing valuable shelter and space for displays. The Old School Centre was a lovely space for people to pause and reflect on Village art with Flying Start nursery opened its doors for children and families. Overall, there was 26 stalls and exhibitors with an ice cream stall run by the fair via donations from local supermarkets and raised £166 for the event. Other events during the day included trophy raffle and scarecrow competition. Overall, the cost to put on the event is £1200 with an

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income of £2500. From this income a donation of £250 was given to the four venues who participated in the event to put back into the community. Currently 2 years' worth of operating costs are in reserves for sustainability due to outside events and weather. Onto the next one on the 1st August.

Illogan Sparnon Silver Band

This is the best year ever had for Illogan Sparnon Band with promotion. We would like to thank Illogan Parish Council for the new music stands grant which now means all music stands can be carried in one box! Last year we attended two concerts at the Parish fair and the school summer fete and booked in for a further two session this year at the Parish fair. The best Christmas period was had with several local events. This years 50th anniversary concert is also planned for the summer season in September. Summer season does start a week on Saturday followed by Hayle carnival and the summer events and Christmas events to follow. Thank you to everyone locally for their continued support.

Illogan WI

Illogan WI have enjoyed another successful year with the current membership standing at 40. We meet twice a month, on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday, at Illogan Village Hall, starting at 7.30. On the 4th Wednesday we hold our committee meetings.

See below for a copy of my Annual Secretary's Report, included for presentation to the Parish Council at their Annual Meeting.

When I make a start on compiling my annual report my mind immediately goes blank – whatever were we doing this time last year?! However, a quick glance at my copy of the programme and it all comes flooding back and I think, can it really be a year since.....

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I can see that last May we had two excellent speakers – one from the Cyber Protection unit and the other from the St Agnes Head Coastwatch team. Two very different subjects but both giving us plenty to think about.

In June, with summer gardening on our minds, Chrissy gave us a horticultural talk on the theme of potager gardening and later in the month we once again enjoyed our picnic & paddle at Godrevy.

For the first of our July meetings, we had a visit from a young lady, Flotsam Flo, who gave us a candid account of her life's ups and downs as well as demonstrating some of the unique items that she creates from difficult to recycle materials such as wetsuits, life jackets and inflatables. At the second meeting we had a more traditional craft demonstration from 2 ladies from the Spinning & Weaving West Cornwall Guild.

After our usual holiday break at the beginning of August, we were quite likely in need of some gentle exercise which was duly delivered in the form of some chair yoga.

September saw us showing our creative side with the first of two of Lynn's art sessions, this time having a go at glass painting. This was followed by our annual coach outing, this year to a new Cornish attraction, The Story of Emily, where we learnt about the pioneering life of the Victorian lady Emily Hobhouse and her amazing work supporting women and children in South Africa during the Boer Wars.

Our autumn and winter meetings are always very entertaining and sociable, and we got off to a good start on the 1st October with our Harvest Supper. For the second meeting – St Illogan Feast - we were once again entertained by local historian David Thomas, this time with a talk on local railways.

In November we held a film night with the showing of the Cornish classic, Fisherman's Friends. The end of the month saw us celebrating our 96th birthday with a meal at Tehidy Golf Club.

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On to December, and we spent a really lovely evening making Christmas wreaths which put us in a festive mood in time for the following week when we enjoyed our Christmas party evening.

Another break in January and then we had an unusual theme for our talk on the 21st. We had another visit from the Lady Time Traveller and this time her talk was on the history of fairy tales – quite macabre!

In February some volunteers from St John Ambulance attended and gave us a demonstration of CPR, which tied in with the current WI resolution of Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers. For our second meeting we decided to have a lunch at the Gold Centre and despite it being a bit hectic due to it being half term we all enjoyed the opportunity to chat and catch up.

Lynn led us for our second art session at the beginning of March, and we had a great evening, this time painting designs on beach pebbles. It's always very rewarding to see what we can achieve – especially for those of us who would say that "we can't do that"! Our second March meeting was one of our annual highlights - our Spring Flower Show. As ever, the hall looked and smelt gorgeous with all the entries and exhibits – thank you to everyone who took part. As well as judging the entries, Chrissy Ching also gave us an interesting talk about Hydroponics. It was a lovely evening.

At the first of our April meetings, we had a craft evening where we made "surprise boxes" as demonstrated by Ann Haverly and Ann Bird. Our WI year finished with a social evening and beetle drive.

As well as our twice monthly meetings other significant events during the year have included the RCS, where our extremely talented team produced another stunning competition entry and we were delighted to be awarded 3rd place – well done ladies. At Illogan Fair in August, we had our usual stall and raised £350 for the Women's Refuge. In May we served refreshments at the council VE Day lantern lighting ceremony, and we also took part in the Remembrance Day

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parade in November. Also, 2 events showcased our knitting skills - Illogan in Bloom, for which a lovely post-box topper was crafted and the new village venture of a Christmas walk-through "Light Up Illogan" - depicting the 12 Cornish Days of Christmas - our input was "8 Cornish pasties", which was displayed appropriately in the window of the Cornish Oven.

Lynn's walks have become a firm fixture and there is now a full monthly programme available. As Lynn herself says "some are a short stroll and others are a strenuous day's hike, whatever it is there is always a lot of chatter and laughter." I would also add that there is usually an opportunity for some refreshments along the way!

Another way in which we are involved in local life are Lynn's monthly river reports on testing of the Upper Red River, which she started 3 years ago in response to that year's WI resolution "Clean Rivers for Wildlife & People".

As our numbers increase it is very uplifting to share our time, skills and knowledge but always at the forefront is our friendship and sense of community.

Red Choughs Walking Netball Club

The Red Choughs Walking Netball Club continues to thrive, with several new members joining in recent weeks and a growing sense of momentum within the group.

We recently enjoyed a friendly match against St Agnes, which ended in a well-earned 16-16 draw. It was a brilliant showcase of teamwork, energy, and the inclusive spirit that walking netball is known for.

This spring, the club moved to its new permanent venue at Carn Brea Leisure Centre, where sessions now run every Thursday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Although even with a discount for regular use, the hire cost is higher, we have only needed to increase subs by £1, and the new

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location has proved far more convenient, practical, and visible within the community. The improved facilities and central setting are already helping us attract new interest.

We are always keen to welcome more members — whether returning to netball and wanting a slower pace or trying it for the first time. Sessions are £5 per week, and the atmosphere is friendly, supportive, and open to all. Contact us via Facebook or email us at redchoughswalkingnetball@gmail.com

Illogan Food & Craft Market

The Illogan Food & Craft Market has continued to grow significantly in both attendance and popularity throughout 2025. Since 1st March 2026, the market has successfully operated every Sunday, with overwhelmingly positive feedback received from the local community regarding the increased frequency and consistency of the market.

The market has become an important weekly destination for residents wishing to purchase locally grown and produced fresh produce, handmade goods and artisan products. Community feedback indicates that the market is viewed as a valuable addition to village life, encouraging residents to shop locally and support independent businesses.

A key focus throughout the year has been improving trader variety. By rotating traders regularly, the market has been able to offer visitors a broader range of products while also providing more opportunities for small businesses to showcase their work. Several regular traders are businesses based within Illogan Parish, helping to support and promote local enterprise directly within the community.

One of the most successful events to date was the Easter Market, which achieved the highest attendance figures since the market began. The event made full use of the outdoor grassed areas to accommodate additional traders and community activities. Alongside the market, a free Easter Egg Hunt was organised for local children, fully funded by the market itself. Over

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200 Easter eggs were distributed, alongside free craft activities which were extremely well received by families attending the event.

Looking ahead, the market continues to expand its community offering. A Community Dog Show is planned for 31st May 2026 in support of local dog rescue charity Help 4 Hounds, alongside various other seasonal and community-focused events intended to increase footfall and encourage wider community participation. However, the core aim of the market remains bringing the community together on a regular basis and making positive use of the excellent local facilities available within Illogan.

Future Projects & Development

A future project currently underway is the development of a dedicated Illogan Market website. The website will act as a central source of information for visitors and will also showcase the market's traders, helping to further support and promote local businesses. This work is currently being undertaken by a graphic designer based within the village, continuing the market's emphasis on using and supporting local talent wherever possible.

The market has received two concerns relating to parking and congestion. However, overall visitor feedback has remained positive, with many attendees happy to park nearby and walk where required. The market has actively promoted walking from home where possible and has suggested parking on the Broad Lane side of the park to help reduce congestion near the main entrance.

Going forward, the organisers would welcome opportunities to collaborate further with Illogan Parish Council on future community events and initiatives that continue to support local businesses, strengthen community engagement and maximise the use of local facilities for residents and visitors alike.

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We also warmly welcome increased attendance, participation and engagement from Parish Council members at future markets and community events.

Light Up Illogan

A quick update on Light Up Illogan, since Christmas we have not met, as there has been no need. The FB page is still active with lots of new views. The dates are in the diary, in conjunction with The Clerk at Illogan Parish Council for the 2 wreath making workshops for the 3rd and 4th of December. There will also be a lantern making workshop in November in order that children outside of the school can also take part in the lantern parade together with the children from the school. There will also 12 days of Christmas this year which will hopefully be on display in and around the park. The next meeting is arranged for Monday 1st June where we will be discussing the repainting of the existing wooden Christmas Trees and decorations ready for this year and also where we can add to them. We are very grateful to the Parish Council and to the Clerk and Assistant to the Clerk for their ongoing support in this venture for the villagers in Illogan.

Illogan Handbell Ringers

We continue to meet regularly on Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4pm at St. Illogan Church. Ringing takes place upstairs on the mezzanine floor, occasionally we ring in the Parish Room. Music making and enjoyment continues to be our goals.

Presently there are 7 active ringers. We gave one concert in Camborne at the All-Saints Community Centre Tuckingmill, for the memory Clinic.

At our annual review meeting in October 2025, we agreed the minutes of the previous meeting. At the end of the accounting year 30th June 2025, the balance of monies in the Handbell Fund was £205.01 and cash in hand was £55.90. Frances Oates was re-elected as



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secretary. Linda Williams in charge of music and Pat Owen as treasurer. John Sansom was reappointed as Examiner of Accounts.

APM26/05/5 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

There were no questions or motions from the residents.

APM26/05/6 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Well thank you to everyone who has given reports and comments to the Council. I think it's very important that we all work together, the Parish Council is here to help, give guidance and to support you all. When we work together the only winners are Illogan Parish and its community. So, I ask you to use your Parish Council, keep in contact and talk to the Parish Councillors and Cornwall Councillors. We are here to help. Thank you.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.07pm

Signed

Date