

**Notes from the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ELECTORS  
held on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 held at St Mary's Church Hall.**



Present: Councillors Mr. I. Stewart, Mr. S. Goodwin, Mrs. S. Nash, Mrs. G.Tull, Mr. J. Tull, Ms. J Parker, Mrs. V. Webb & Mr. M. Hitchen  
Cornwall Councillor Mrs. D. Crabtree  
PC Murry Styles  
11 members of the public  
Lucy Jose - Clerk to the Council

### **Welcome**

The Parish Council Chairman, Cllr. I Stewart welcome everyone to the meeting and explaining the emergency procedures for the evening.

### **To receive apologies**

Apologies were noted from Cllr. Symonds.

### **To receive the Chairman's Annual Report on the Parish Council**

The Chairman addressed the meeting highlighting the work of the council during 22/23.

**Annual Report:** A summary of the year 22/23 written by the Clerk, available on the Parish Council website and in print upon request.

**Royal Occasions:** Starting with the Queens Platinum jubilee last Summer where we co-ordinated our activities with the Portreath Improvements Committee (PIC) to celebrate that by providing the beacon. Then just a few months later, there was the passing of the Queen, where we had the condolence book, in the church for everyone to leave a message. Since then, we have purchased and installed a memorial bench on the tramway leading up to Bridge. On a happier note, most recently, we had the Coronation of King Charles and once again we co-ordinated with the PIC and provided the free bunting to decorate the streets and coronation mugs for the children of the parish.

**Youth Engagement:** Working with PIC, we've held a series youth engagement events to research things that our young people would like to do. From this there have been some taster sessions of Band practice, table tennis and rugby. We have managed to organise the services of Action for Children who will be providing qualified youth workers to run a weekly youth club.

**Anti Dog Fouling Campaign:** We ran a poster design competition with the primary school as part of our anti dog fouling campaign. Signs were made up of the winning design and placed in some of the known "hot spots" which seemed to have a good result and more of these will be posted shortly in some more areas.

**Warm Welcome Portreath:** When the cost of living crisis hit us last Autumn we started a weekly drop in session with hot drinks and cakes. As well as giving people a warm space to come to, it has become very successful as a social meeting place and so we have decided to continue these until at least the Spring of next year. These are held every Thursday morning in term time between 1030 and 12. Everyone of all ages are very welcome.

**Remembrance Parade:** In November we held the Remembrance Parade and service which, as ever, was very well attended. I would like to offer our special thanks to the Illogan Silver band for providing the musical accompaniment and to the PIC for their generous contribution towards the costs.

**WAAF Site:** Following a very long period of negotiation between solicitors we signed an option agreement with a firm of developers to investigate the feasibility of building affordable housing which is sorely needed in the parish on the former WAAF site at Cambrose. Specialist surveyors have been carrying out the various required surveys on behalf of the developers and we await the results of these. Should an acceptable scheme be presented, then there will be a full public meeting to fully describe the proposals. Eventually, if a planning application is made and approved, the housing will be built and when complete will be managed by Coastline Housing as 100% affordable housing in perpetuity.

The Chairman thanked the Portreath Preschool Committee providing the refreshments for the meeting. The Chairman encouraged attendees to donate generously for these to assist them in raising funds for the wonderful school they provide.

**Chairman's observations on the Councils finances.** There being no audited accounts at this time the Chairman will present observations on the Council's finances.

The Chairman summarised the council's finances highlighting:

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- In the year 22/23 the council ended the year with healthy reserves. This was due unbudgeted income from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), Portreath Association LTD (PAL), donations, insurance claim and VAT reclaim.
- For the 23/24 budget Councillors felt the need to increase the precept by 9.45% to allow for a inflation and other planned expenditure. Whilst the percentage figure seems high – in actual terms it was a rise of less than 20 pence per week to an average Band 'D' property.
- The Council will start budget planning for next year towards the end of September. If parishioners have any suggestions of areas the council should focus their finances, please do let us know in good time.

**To receive the Report of Cornwall Councillor David Crabtree**

Cllr Crabtree gave an update on their last 2 years in the role of decisional member for Illogan and Portreath.

**To receive the accounts and reports of the local registered charities and local organisations.**

Verbal reports were given by:

- Portreath Improvements Committee (PIC)
- Stitch Club
- Portreath Preschool
- St Mary's Church
- Bridge Residents Coffee Morning
- Devon & Cornwall Police

The meeting took a 20-minute refreshment break and continued with the reports from:

- Fairtrade – Portreath
- Portreath CP School
- Warm Welcome: Portreath
- The Youth Engagement Working group
- Portreath Surf Lifesaving Club
- Love Portreath CAN

The Chairman listed several other parish organisations that had been unable to attend.

**To consider motions of which written notice has been received**

None

**To receive motions from the meeting**

None

**Close of Meeting**

Parish Council Chairman Cllr. Stewart thanked everyone for their attendance and participation, commenting on the wealth of variety of organisations there are within the Parish. The meeting closed at 20:36.