

# Minutes for the Extraordinary MEETING of PORTREATH PARISH COUNCIL held on the Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 6:30pm



Present: Chairman Mr. I. Stewart, Councillors Mr. C. Matijasevic and Mr. D. Ilett,  
Brigid Clarke - Portreath CAN  
Lucy Jose - Clerk to the Council  
1 member of the public

This meeting was held virtually in accordance with *The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020*.

## **8714 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting explaining that following Portreath Parish Council declaring a Climate Change Emergency at their meeting in March, Portreath Climate Action Network (CAN) had been formed, headed by Brigid Clerk with Cllr. Symonds as the representative of this council. The Chairman informed the meeting that a Climate Action Plan had been drawn up by the members of the Portreath CAN for consideration at this meeting.

## **8715 To Receive Apologies**

The meeting noted apologies received from Cllrs. Hitchen and Kendall due to work commitments, Cllr Jose due to family commitments and Cllr Symonds due to ill health.

## **8716 To receive Declarations of interest**

None

## **8717 To receive presentation from Portreath CAN of the Climate Action Plan (CAP)**

Confirming that everyone present had read a copy of the document the Chairman invited Brigid Clarke to address the meeting.

Ms Clarke addressed the meeting explaining how the CAN had been set up and the difficulties faced during the COVID 19 pandemic. Ms Clarke informed the meeting that due to being unable to meet at the beginning of the project that she had worked on the CAP using many examples of good practice and information from other similar groups and once a draft had been achieved worked with the members of the CAN to come up with the draft before the meeting today.

Ms Clarke explained that other community organisation had been involved, particularly #Love Portreath and that there may be changes to the name of the group moving forward.

Looking to the CAP document Ms Clarke took members through the first few pages and talked with members of the key goals of the CAP from declaring the Climate change emergency to the formation of the CAN group from and bringing to the attention of councillors where the project was at now stating that the council must now take responsibility of the impact of council decision with regards to the Climate Change emergency, checking that decisions of the council would not have a negative impact.

Ms Clarke drew the attention of councillors to the short-term actions suggested in the document. Councillors discussed the suggestions and concurred that most were achievable, and gave examples of where some had already been met and some that the council were currently working towards. Cllr. Ilett expressed concern that some of these points may not meet with the financial regulations of the council. Ms Clarke concurred that procurement may have to be looked into and members agreed that the Financial Regulations should be reviewed to work these policies in where permitted.

Moving through the document to the medium, and longer-term goals Ms Clarke summarised each policy individually. Members were generally happy with the wording for each policy, but agreed several places where wording should be amended.

**Policy 1:**

Members debated working with other local organisation and parishes and agreed that working together could be beneficial for all parties, Ms Clarke exemplified some local parishes that we could work with who already have good initiatives that that could be tapped into.

Councillors expressed concern at the wording used regarding engaging with national government. Following discussion, it was agreed that this would be replaced with the words 'national organisations' as it was felt that engaging with central government was the job of the unitary council.

**Policy 2:**

Councillors agreed that there were no amendments necessary for this policy.

**Policy 3:**

Members discussed streetlighting and the suggestion for it to be turned off overnight. Several solutions were discussed and the council agreed to look at this action moving forward. Again, Councillors expressed concern at the wording used regarding engaging with national government. Amendments were agreed to replicate the wording 'national organisations' from policy 1.

**Policy 4:**

Members debated action taken to reduce the greenery adjacent to the toilets, Ms Clarke commented that this was a decision that could have been better considered with policy 4 in mind. It was noted that the parish council own and manage very little greenspaces or play areas and the wording for this section was amended to read 'will work with Portreath Improvements Committee (PIC) and Cornwall Council to' where reference to council owned land and play areas is mentioned.

**Policy 5:**

Relating to all policies councillors concurred that the wording 'it will' should be replaced with 'it will strive to' as that was recognised that stating 'the council will' could cause issues where some suggestions were not achievable.

With regards to the requirement that all new buildings having sufficient charging points to meet future needs, members requested that this be reworded to say that they would 'support new buildings that having sufficient charging points'

**Policy 6:**

Councillors reminded Ms Clarke that they owned very little property in the Parish and that they would be unable to meet the requirement to host occasions such as local produce markets and that rewording was required to say that the council would support such initiatives.

**Policy 7:**

There was lengthy debate on the importance of engaging with the young people in the parish. Suggestions included a regular youth café and a youth council. The Clerk agreed to contact Redruth Youth Council to discuss this possibility.

The Chairman thanked Ms Clarke for the presentation and her hard work, these thanks were echoed by members. Ms Clarke commented that the CAN would be able to advise the council on actions and that it should not require a heavy additional work load for members. Ms Clarke

**8718** To consider recommendations from the Climate Action Plan, authorise any actions and consider associated expenditure

The Chairman proposed that with the amendments agreed earlier in the meeting Portreath Parish Council adopt the Portreath Climate Action Plan. This was seconded by Cllr. Matijasevic, put to the meeting and carried.

Ms Clarke agreed to circulate the amended document to the council and the CPIR climate action group. The Clerk agreed to advertise the adopted plan on the website and on the social media pages. The Clerk informed the meeting that a page would be set up and dedicated the Climate Change on the Parish Council website.



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**8719 Any matters that the Chairman deems urgent**

None

**8720 Close of Meeting**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 19:46.

7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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Chairman – Cllr. Ian Stewart

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