

PORTREATH PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Monday 21st May 2018 from 6:30pm at St Mary's Church.

Present: Councillors Mr. S. Kendall, Mr. B Jose, Miss. L. Frazer, Mrs. T. Reynard, Mr. D Ilett and
Chairman Mr. C. Matijasevic
Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Duffin
35 members of the public

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting outlining the emergency procedures and thanking Portreath Preschool Committee for providing and serving the refreshments for the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were noted from Penny Platts and Cassie Pamplin

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

The Chairman addressed the meeting commenting that it had been a busy year for the council highlighting several of projects that had been undertaken since the last Parish meeting including:

- The Remembrance Parade, which was attended by The Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall.
- The retention and redecoration of the former public toilets and the success of the recent consultation looking for ideas as how the building could be best repurposed.
- The start of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, which now has steering committee in place and a bank of 29 volunteers to assist in the delivery of the project.
- The IT developments including the new website and social media outlets
- Community engagement including the new monthly 'Meet the Clerk' sessions

The Chairman explained to the meeting that members were elected in May 2017 and the majority were new to the role of councillor but all enthusiastic and keen.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that council meetings were open to the public, and that the public were most welcome to attend highlighting the public participation sessions at each meeting. The Chairman confirmed that meetings were held on the first Monday of the month at Portreath School. The Chairman followed by thanking the school for hosting Parish Council meetings.

Chairman's observations on the Councils finances.

With there being no audited accounts at this time the Chairman presented his observations on the Council's finances stating that the council currently held £48,000.00 with an annual turnover of approximately £48,000.00. The Chairman commented that a further £24,000.00 would be due in September which made up the second half of the council's precept for 2018/19.

The Chairman thanked Portreath Improvement Committee and Portreath Association LTD for their financial contribution to the running of the toilets, enabling opening over the winter months.

Resident, Mr Dennis congratulated and thanked the Parish Council for the successful completion of the new toilets commenting that they are much better than the previous facilities.

Report of Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Duffin

CC. Duffin addressed the meeting explaining of the formation of the Portreath Emergency Plan Team stating that they support the emergency services and agencies in case of emergency. Training had been undertaken by the volunteers and a practice of the plan was held in December 2017. The first tasking for the Group was on the 2nd January assisting and supporting the emergency services

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following the breach of the former coal yard wall. The group had been able to help with the evacuation of at risk properties and provide a rest centre for those who had been evacuated. CC. Duffin went on to explain the progress with the project to rebuild the former coal yard wall. Starting with a brief history to date outlining the initial response, the ongoing issue of ownership of the wall and the actions of the rebuild group to date. CC Duffin explained the group was made up of representatives of Cornwall Council, The Environment Agency, The Parish Council, The Portreath Improvements Committee and Portreath Association Ltd. CC Duffin explained that the group have been looking at what is most important to the community and commented the access to the small beach was priority to reinstate. CC Duffin explained the group had been looking at options for the replacement of the sea defences and where funding could be accessed for the works. CC Duffin explained that the Environment Agency would lead the project, but due to their protocols for contracting works PAL were looking for quotes for the works to reduce the costs. CC Duffin stated the group would be meeting in July to look at detailed options and costings prior to a public consultation and explained that it was hoped works would commence as soon as the school summer holidays were over in September.

CC. Duffin explained that the Environment Agency were looking into ways of reducing the rainfall flooding by studying the catchment area and looking at ways of reducing the flow into the parish and hoped that some funding would be available next year for natural ways of achieving this.

CC. Duffin explained the history of the formation of the #Love Portreath group and congratulated them on the strength of the group in the short time since formation. CC. Duffin also explained that Portreath School had been involved with a project with Surfers Against Sewage taking a group of children to parliament to address MP about the use of single use plastics.

The Chairman thanked CC. Duffin and asked the meeting for questions or feedback.

Resident, Mr Hodge asked about the works on the New Portreath Road past Cambrose, concerned about the impacts of the levels of water in the stream to the parish. CC. Duffin explained that the works were to repair damage to the banks of the stream that had been sustained in early 2017. CC Duffin expressed concern at the effectiveness of the of the sluice gates by the school in times of heavy rainfall, however commented that the Environment Agency were monitoring their effectiveness.

Resident, Mr Stewart asked what could be done to reduce litter in the parish, suggesting that there were not sufficient bins in the Village in particular. CC Duffin explained that due to Cornwall Council not owning much land in the parish that it was difficult to place more bins as access to some areas for collection are restricted. CC Duffin highlighted the location of some of the bins in the village and commented that the current collection contract meant that Biffa were responsible for emptying bins every time they were full and continues to explain how to report when bins need emptying. CC. Duffin went on to explain that after consulting with a number of agencies it had become clear that education people regarding litter and responsibility would be in the long term a better solution than more bins commenting that ultimately people should take more responsibility for their litter. Representatives from #Love Portreath commented that changing people's mindsets way key in reducing letter and that the group had some plans for educational projects in the future.

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

Verbal reports were given by:

Colin Higgs	Portreath Coastguard
Rebekah Rumsby	Portreath Preschool
Kelly Taylor	Portreath School PTA
Milly Cotsell Webb & Aimee Aplin	The Barn Youth Project
Hugh Malyan	Portreath Improvements Committee
Alan Harris	Portreath Surf Lifesaving Club
Richard & Amanda Goldring	St Mary's Church, Saturday Food Drop, The Big Breakfast
Colin Higgs	Portreath Harbour Association
Terry, Kim, Gemma & Paul	Portreath Pantry, Little Hearts Golden Hearts
Claire Whelan	Senior Citizens Lunch Club
Heather Mullin	Portreath Table Tennis Club
Heather Mullin	Maddison Walk Dance Group
Cat Simms	Portreath Film Club
Sally May	Stitch Club and Crafty Kids
Lucy Goldring	Red Cross
Cath Dennis	Patch Playgroup
Cath Dennis	Carn to Cove Theatre Group
Heather Skjervic	#Love Portreath

Written reports were received from

- Portreath Gig Club
- Portreath Brownies
- Portreath Carpet Bowls Club
- Portreath Badminton Club

To consider motions of which written notice has been received

There were no motions received prior to the meeting.

To receive motions from the meeting

There were no motions received.

Chairman Cllr. Matijasevic thanked everyone for their attendance and participation, commenting on the vibrant and active community Portreath is. The meeting closed at 9:10pm.