

Maker with Rame Parish Council



Chairman: Cllr John Weale
Vice Chairman: Cllr Jon Kidd
Clerk/ RFO: Carolyn Y. May

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
held at 7pm on 24th July 2023
at
Maker with Rame Community Hall

Present: Cllrs. Weale (Chairman), Murray, Hurlbatt, Bebe and Browning, Cllr. Kate Ewert (Cornwall Council)

Apologies: Cllrs. Kidd, Lingard

Also Present: Carolyn May (Clerk) and twelve members of the public

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Hurlbatt declared a personal interest in the Kingsand Institute.

AGENDA

55.23 Chairmans Report

The Chairman opened the meeting, and thanked those present for attending. Cllr Weale emphasised that there was a great deal on the agenda, and that he would use his authority in order to re-order items on the agenda.

56.23 County Councillor's Report

TRO signs - These have now been replaced, and the Traffic Regulation Order has been sealed. The Parking regulations are now enforceable at Tregantle.

Mt Edgecumbe - Cllr Ewert is the joint Chair of the Management Committee, she added that, should there be any questions relating to the site, Members should contact her.

A Councillor's Day is to be held, in September or October, at the site. Members of Maker with Rame PC and Millbrook PC are to be invited to a presentation, a questions and answers session, feed-back session, and a tour of the park.

Waste Collections (Household) – The new schedule for waste collection will commence in April 2024. New domestic bins, plus indoor and outdoor food waste containers will be distributed to households in January 2024. Black bags and outdoor food waste will be collected fortnightly, with weekly collections ceasing.

Twenty is Plenty – This scheme will be rolled out in the Parish from February 2024.

Cllr Weale asked if that scheme would incorporate the EOI scheme submitted by the Parish Council, which passes the Kingfisher Pre-School. Cllr Ewert confirmed that it would. She added that every area in the villages, currently governed by a 30-mph speed restriction, will be governed by a 20-mph speed restriction.

Community Area Partnership (CAP) – Cllr Ewert alluded to the Highway Scheme submitted by the Parish Council, in respect of the reduction of speed in the area from Furlansend School, down the Hill into Millbrook, including the provision of school markers. The scheme is ‘in design’ at present, and an update is expected after the summer.

Cllr Ewert advised that the next step in the process will involve a site meeting between Cormac, Cllr Ewert, and a Member of the Parish Council.

Dark Skies – Cllr Weale raised the issue of the Cornwall Council proposals in respect of the Dark Skies initiative. Cllr Ewert advised the meeting that she intended to raise the matter with the appropriate Portfolio Holder, at the full meeting of Cornwall Council on the 25th July. Cllr Ewert added that, of the six Parish Council’s in her constituency, five felt that the scheme had too many unaddressed risks and been ‘too rushed.’ Cllr Ewert will report back to the Parish Council in respect of this matter.

Cllr Weale thanked Cllr Ewert for her report.

57.23 Torpoint All Weather Football Pitch Proposal – Cllr Gary Davies – Mayor of Torpoint

Cllr Davies was welcomed by the Chair and invited to address the Meeting.

Cllr Davies stated that the creation of an all-weather football pitch has been under consideration for a significant period of time. The Active Sports Network has been campaigning for the pitch since the sports hall had been constructed next to Torpoint School.

It is anticipated that the all-weather (Astroturf) pitch will form part of the school itself but will be available for all groups in the Torpoint and Rame Peninsula area. Essentially, a 9 v 9 is being considered, rather than a full-sized pitch. for the site.

A 9v9 pitch allows for training for all age-groups, walking football and all competitive youth football matches up to age 13.

A business case has been put together jointly, by Torpoint School and the YMCA. This clearly highlights how the pitch will be used. There are twenty football teams operating in Torpoint and across the Peninsula. That meets the number of teams recommended by the Football Association to justify the provision of a 9v9 pitch (an 11v11 pitch would require forty teams).

The challenge is the need to raise funds to build the pitch (total cost is £500,000). It is estimated that £250,000 would have to be raised locally, as match funding. If this can be raised, the Football Association will provide the remaining 50% of the total cost, plus any increased costs associated with construction of the pitch.

There is also a need for wide community support and engagement to be evidenced, and ideally, community contributions.

Engagement has been addressed under four strands:

- Town & Parish Councils
- Community Groups
- Football Pitches
- Community Generally

Cllr Davies made three requests of the Parish Council:

1. Maker with Rame Parish Council considers providing a letter of support for the project.
2. The Parish Council appoints an ambassador, who will assist with fund raising;
3. The Parish Council considers budgeting for a Section 137 contribution to the project – in the 2024/25 budget.

58.23 Public Open Forum

Cllr Weale thanked Cllr Davies for his presentation and elected to open the discussion up to the floor, as this was a community matter.

One Parishioner asked for clarification of the pitch size and asked if it would be floodlit. It was confirmed that the pitch would be 9v9, and that it would be floodlit.

Cllr Browning stated that he would support the project. However, the concern for the Parish Council lay in the fact that we are currently seeking to resource our own play area at Coombe Park, and following up on feedback from the community, provide our own small MUGA. This would have to be taken into consideration when determining any potential contribution.

Cllr Murry echoed Cllr Browning's sentiments. Stating that our own play area was our priority, and that our own project had to be advanced. He alluded to the proposed new skatepark in Millbrook.

Cllr Bebe suggested that there were lessons that could be looked at, arising from the Millbrook Skatepark Project, which has been hugely successful. She added that there may be a need for a narrative around a health and wellbeing plan for the peninsula, including Torpoint. It would be advantageous to come together to share the task of managing such projects.

Cllr Weale asked if the Millbrook Skatepark Group had approached Torpoint Council for funding. Cllr Bebe stated that although the group had approached some in Torpoint, it did not include the Town Council.

Cllr Weale concluded the discussion, advising that:

- The Parish Council was in favour of the proposal, and that a letter of support would be provided. He alluded to the Rame Cluster Group and suggested that there was an opportunity for that body to bring all the good ideas on the peninsula together and optimising the use of money (particularly S.137 funding, where possible). Cllr Weale suggested that Cllr Ewert take this suggestion to the September Meeting of that group, for discussion.
- Cllr Browning would be appointed as the Maker with Rame Ambassador. It was agreed that a Coffee Morning would be held to assist with money raising – whereupon Cllr Ewert stated that she would attend the event to assist.

Pigs Hill & Clarrick Wood – A representative from the group addressed the Members, requesting that the group may be permitted to use the Parish Council logo on their website. **Permission Granted.**

It was also agreed that Facebook comments would be shared between the organisations.

Mt Edgecumbe Garden Battery – Mr Malcolm Cross raised an observation in relation to the application for listed building consent, and planning approval, in relation to the Garden Battery. He noted that the PC had not yet used its Statutory Consultee status to respond to the application. He urged the PC to do so.

Like many Planning Applications, there are pros and cons to the proposals. However, a much more important underlying issue is that the proposal has an implication for how the Country Park is managed, and who it is managed by, in the future.

The proposal suggests a completely different relationship in the future, to that which exists now. The documentation available suggests that this building will become embedded in the Marine Park proposal from Plymouth Council. The proposed changes are being paid for entirely by Plymouth Council, and the future of the Marine Park will be run by a charity (passed by Plymouth Council), and that could alter the whole way in which the Country Park is managed in the future. There has not been much consultation on this matter, on the Rame side of the Tamar. Perhaps the September meeting to which Cllr Ewert alludes could be used for that purpose.

The parishioner suggested that it is worth the Parish Council making a judgement in respect of the application, and considering the matter carefully, to determine whether the Council supports the proposals or not.

Cllr Ewert stated that the assertions made by Mr Cross were not accurate.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would forward the applications to Members, and that the matter would be raised at the meeting scheduled for 13th September, at Kingsand Institute.

Sewage on Beaches Alert - A member of the public raised the issue of the sewage alert for Cornish Beaches. Kingsand and Cawsand are listed as 'not acceptable.' The parishioner added that the local sewerage system was 'not up to muster.'

Cllr Weale acknowledged the situation, stating that it was mainly surface run-off. However, some of the problem arises from Plymouth surface run-off coming out of the Sound. He added that there is a need for the community to determine what the National Marine Park will mean to it (as a community) and determine what it wants it to mean. Consideration needs to be given to:

- the impact of having more yachts out in the bay;
- do we want more anchorages out in the bay?
- Do we want more ferries/ more people coming into the area?

These are all potential consequences of the Marine Park.

59.23 Planning Matters

PA23/25306 – Tynewydd, New Road, Cawsand, Torpoint PL10 1PA

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling, with detached garage, access, and parking area.

Cllr. Weale acknowledged that several members of the public had voiced their concern that this application had not been listed on the agenda for discussion. In response to the concerns raised, Cllr Weale advised that the Parish Council had never set precedence on advertising or discussing planning matters. All applications are discussed by the full Council Body, as and when they are forwarded to the Clerk by Cornwall Council. The applications are responded to as quickly as possible, so that our response can be recorded within the time frame set by Cornwall Council. Cllr Weale added that, should this application (which was received after the publication of the agenda) not be discussed at the extant meeting, there would be no opportunity to discuss the same until September – when any response would be out of time.

Mr Mark Andrews, Planning Consultant, addressed the meeting in relation to the application under consideration.

Mr Andrews advised that;

- The existing building was now fundamentally ‘worn out,’ and requires replacing with a well-designed, modern building.
- There were a few constraints to be taken into consideration regarding the site and its surroundings (ANOB, fitting in with local context).
- The design has arisen from a great deal of interaction with Cornwall Council Planners.
- Two Pre-Applications were submitted prior to the full Planning Application.
- Neighbouring residents have been notified of the plans and have indicated their support for the same.
- The site is not in the conservation area.

A brief description of the proposed construction was provided Although the building comprises four levels, the design ensures that these are not visible, as they extend back into the site. Perhaps neighbours may see two storeys maximum.

Cllr Murray stated that he had attended a recent site visit and was of the view that the building was well designed and would fit into the context of the site. Landscaping will ensure that the structure fits within the existing street scene.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Weale, **seconded** by Cllr. Murray and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would support this application. Unanimous. **Carried**.

60.23 Approval of Draft Minutes for 28th June 2023

It was **proposed** by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr. Weale and **RESOLVED** that the Draft Minutes for Parish Council Meeting, held on the 28th June 2023, would be accepted as being an accurate reflection of the meeting. Unanimous. **Carried**.

60.23.b Actions from Last Meeting

- **Draft Communications Strategy** – on-going. Target date October 2023.
- **PSPO** – Survey has been undertaken. Good engagement. 80-90% of respondents are in favour of renewing the existing PSPO. A few parishioners object to the PSPO.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Weale, **seconded** by Cllr. Hurlbatt and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council elects to maintain the status quo. Unanimous. **Carried.**

Cllr Weale advised the meeting that he had arranged for the delivery and installation of a new dog sign for Cawsand Beach. This should be available in the next week.

The signage, around the area, relating to fixed penalties for dog fouling (£100 - £1,000) was discussed with Cornwall Council, in relation to enforcement. The options available to the Parish Council include:

1. **The submission of video footage to Cornwall Council**, which will institute legal proceedings against those who do not clean up after their dog(s).
 2. **The reinstatement of a Dog Warden.**
 3. **Arranging for Councillors/ Members of the Public to be trained as Dog Wardens** – thereby managing the situation ourselves.
- **Dark Skies** - awaiting a report from Cllr. Ewert.
 - **Kingfisher Pre-School** - This matter is progressing, with many of the supplies required having been sourced and ordered. Arrangements have been made for secure storage of the equipment, and a system will be implemented for the withdrawal of items from the stock.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would ascertain, from the Pre-School Manager, how many of the children registered to attend the facility next term, are resident in the parish, and the ratio in respect of attendees from other parishes. It was also **agreed** that the Clerk would enquire if the Pre-School Manager intended to approach those other parish councils for donations towards the Pre-School.

All actions to be closed out prior to the start of term, in September.

- **Defibrillators** – Cllr Murray advised the meeting that he was awaiting confirmation of cost (per machine) from SWAST. He was unsure whether further equipment would be charged at the discounted price of £1,000 per machine, or if the full cost of £1,800 per machine would be levied. **On-going.**

The Gig Club defibrillator has not been inspected for a considerable period. It was confirmed that this unit had not been adopted by the Parish Council. It was **agreed** that the question of ownership of that unit should be closed. However, it was **agreed** that as a minimum, the PC should assume that the Body will become responsible for the unit. Cllr Murray to continue with enquiries.

Cllr Murray has assumed the responsibility for checking the defibrillators in the parish.

- **Emergency Plan** – on-going.
- **Finger Post** – to be progressed.
- **Support to Maker Church** – on-going.
- **Sea Defence and Repairs** - increased deterioration. Cllr Weale had been in discussions with Cornwall Council, which had undertaken to arrange to have the hole in the sea wall (opposite the Devoncourt) filled.

The exposure of the wire grating outside the Institute has been inspected by Cornwall Council. However, it is the belief of the Cornwall Council representatives that the area is not their responsibility (which stops at the wave return). **On-going.**

The steps at Garratt Street – this has also continued to deteriorate. The hole in the wall, and the cracks are increasing in size. Two Cornwall Council Surveyors attended at the site last week. An undertaking has been given to undertake the work quickly. The matter has been added to the 'Accelerated' work list. **On-going.**

- **Coombe Park Play Area Rejuvenation** - Cllr Browning confirmed that the grass at the site has been cut. Tree trimming (on both sides of the fence) will be undertaken on 1st/ 2nd August.

Remedial Work - the Parish Council has arranged for remedial work to be conducted to the play equipment, a 50% deposit has been paid and the necessary parts ordered by the contractor. **On-going.**

Working Group - Cllr Hurlbatt reported that three members of the community had come forward to join the group. Cllr Hurlbatt is to meet with them on the 27th of July. Grant writing is to commence next week. **Close this action.**

- **Inclusion of Permaculture Kernow Link to PC website** - **On-going.**

- **Environment**

Repair Shop Proposal –Cllr. Weale reported that he had discussed, with some Members of Millbrook PC, the possibility of establishing a 'Repair Shop.' Whilst Cllr. Weale felt that this was a good idea, he believed that it would be difficult to implement. It was therefore proposed that we, as a Parish Council, may wish to consider advertising 'The Crap Website' for upcycling items free of charge. It was **agreed** that this would be added to the Parish Council website.

Shared Transport Opportunities - There are several websites that offer 'shared transport opportunities' on the peninsula. It was **agreed** that these would be identified and linked to the Parish Council website.

- **Project Titan** – This relates to the improvement of Torpoint, creation of a ferry service, connection of Torpoint to the Rame Peninsula, provision of new housing and the introduction of six hubs for e-bikes.

The six cycle hubs proposed are:

- Antony
- HMS Raleigh
- Mt. Edgecumbe Park
- Rame Head Car Park
- Cremyll Wilko

Cllr Weale has discussed the project with both Catherine Thomson (Cornwall Council) and the Project Lead. It is a matter of concern that the proposals will have an impact on the Parish, (higher footfall and higher demand on resources) yet there has been no consultation with us. The Parish Council is merely listed as an 'Advisory Body.' That is, whilst

we may raise issues/ concerns, there is no obligation for these to be taken on board. There has been no impact statement provided, that highlights what the proposals will mean for the parish.

Following the recent discussion (ibid), it has been decided that the situation will be discussed at the Rame Cluster Group meeting in September, where it will be suggested to Torpoint that, whilst they are running the Titan Project, there should also be a spin off project specifically relating to cycle hubs. In particular there should be a discussion around the decision not to place a hub in Cawsand, as it is likely that a substantial number of cycles are likely to be left in Kingsand/ Cawsand, by people who elect to use the ferry from Cawsand.

It was suggested, by Cllr Ewert, that the Rame Head hub might be moved to Cawsand.

Members **agreed** that the Parish Council should be involved in the discussions relating to the cycle hubs. Cllr Weale asked for three Members to volunteer to represent that Parish Council at Cluster Meetings, which are held twice per annum.

It was **agreed** that Cllrs. Browning, Bebe and Hurlbatt would be appointed as MWR PC representatives to the Rame Cluster Group.

The Torpoint Project Board representatives (meetings run monthly) are Cllrs. Weale and Kidd.

Community Area Partnership Group (four meetings per annum) representative are Cllrs. Lingard, Murray and Hurlbatt.

- **PPMLC** - Cllr. Weale reported that the King's Harbour Master, the Assistant Harbour Master, TCIF and Remedies had been invited to the meeting on the 13th October (10 a.m - noon), at the Institute, to discuss what is currently happening in the Bay, and to determine what parishioners would like to see in the Bay. Liz Coles will also be invited along with a representative from Mt Edgecumbe Park. The meeting will be open to the public.
- **Jubilee Window – close.**
- **Little Monkeys (Enforcement Officer) – on-going.**
- **Earls Drive – on-going.**

61.23 Correspondence

- **Mrs Cheryll Perrin - Offer of Motor Scooter** – Members discussed this. It was acknowledged that this was a most generous offer. However, the Parish Council has no place to store such an item, nor any means to facilitate loaning the item out. It was the opinion of the Members that the offer should be declined.
- **Jacque Rapiere – Community Capacity Fund**
- **Catherine Thomson – A38 Trerulefoot to Carkeel - noted.**
- **EDF Maintenance - noted.**

- Catherine Thomson – Devonport Annual Emergency Alert – noted.

62.23 Other Matters

Condition of Public Lavatories at Cremyll - Cllr Weale reported that he had discussed the matter with Mt Edgecumbe. He was advised that the responsibility for the condition of the building lies with Cornwall Council. Cllr Weale had raised the matter with Cornwall Council.

Garden Battery – Mt Edgecumbe Planning applications to be located and disseminated to Members. A response to be considered by the end of next week.

Cllr Weale stated that the development of this area is to be integrated into the National Marine Park, for which Mt Edgecumbe will receive up to £1 million. What does this mean for the area. There has been no consultation with the Parish Council. The Council should have a voice in relation to what we wish to be put into the Marine Park and to the Garden Battery.

63.23 Finance and Economy

Schedule of Payments and Financial Management Report

Having considered the schedule of payments provided, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Weale **seconded** by Cllr. Murray and **RESOLVED** that the Schedule of Payments and Management Report would be approved. Unanimous. **Carried**.

64.23 Topics for 'Quick Readout'

- PSPO
- Waste Recycling Changes
- EOI's
- All Weather Football Pitch
- September 13th Meeting
- Project Titan

The meeting closed at 20:30 hrs.

Please Note - There will be no Parish Council Meeting in August.

Next Meeting: 25th September 2023 at Maker with Rame Community Hall, commencing at 7 pm.

ACTION LIST		
Action	Lead	Status
Draft Communications Strategy to be written	Cllr Bebe/ Clerk	On-going
Parish specifics of PSPO document to be place on PC website/ FB/ Quick Readout Document	Cllr Bebe	On-going
Dark Skies Information to be place on PC website/ FB/ Quick Readout Document	Cllr Bebe	On-going
Support discussion with Kingfisher Play Group.	Clerk/Hurlbatt	On-going
Review of Parish Defibrillator requirements	Murray	On-going
Parish Flood Emergency Plan to be written with EA	Weale/Kidd	Ongoing
Support to Maker Church to be determined	Weale/ Clerk	On-going
Rame Finger Post to be erected	Clerk	On-going
Order Cawsand Dog Sign	Weale/Kidd	Closed
Sea defences - repairs	Weale/Clerk	Ongoing
Coombe Play Park Rejuvenation: 1. Tree trimming 2. Remedial Works	Hurlbatt/Browning	Ongoing-
Inclusion of Permaculture link to MwR Website	Clerk/Bebe	On-going
Sustainability and progression of Green Guide: 1. Solar Panels in Conservation area 2. Consultation ref surface runoff 3. Liaison with Mt E ref green recycling	Weale/Bebe/Clerk Weale/Murray Weale/Murray	Ongoing
Highways EOI engagement	Weale/Clerk	Ongoing
Marine Park consultation: 1. PPMLC Representation (for pollution, RYA engagement, potential future ferry services, buoys etc)	Weale/Kidd	Ongoing
Development of Community information Boards	Bebe/Murray	Ongoing
CH Jubilee Window unveiling	Kidd	Closed
Arrange September Community Event	Weale/Bebe/Clerk	On-going
Communication with CEO of CC	Weale	June23
Communication with Enforcement Officer re Little Monkeys	Clerk	On-going
Land at Earls Drive – speak with residents	Weale	On-going
New Dog Sign	Weale/ Kidd	June 23
No Mow May – alteration to Grass Cutting Contract	Clerk	Closed
Liaise with Kingfisher Pre-School	Hurlbatt/ Clerk	On-going
Lavatory Refurbishment Budget Costs	Clerk	Sept 2023