

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 Parish Council Meeting held at 7pm on 29th January 2024 at Maker with Rame Community Hall

Present: Cllrs. Kidd (Chairman), Bebe, Murray, Hurlbatt, Browning

Apologies: Cllr Weale, Cllr Lingard

Also Present: Carolyn May (Clerk), Cllr Kate Ewert (Cornwall Council), and two members of the public

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Hurlbatt (Kingsand Institute)
Cllr Murray Item 11 – Cawsand Congregational Church
Cllr Kidd Item 11 – Cawsand Congregational Church

AGENDA

01.24 Chairman's Report

Cllr. Kidd welcomed the attendees.

Cllr Kidd took an opportunity to congratulate Mr Stephen Michael in respect of the awarding of his BEM, adding that Mr Michael had worked hard for the community.

Emergency Plan - Cllrs Weale and Kidd had worked on the plan, which has now been submitted to the Environment Agency (EA). The next step is to finalise the document and share it with other agencies.

A decision has yet to be made on suitable locations for the 'Grab Bags,' which will contain necessary items.

An Evacuation Centre has also to be identified. This must be located at a site not likely to be affected by any flood water/ flooding impact. Whilst, during previous incidents, the Community Hall had been the designated Evacuation Centre, it was suggested that Fourlanesend Primary School may be a more appropriate location for the peninsula as a whole.

Flood Barrier (Girt Beach) -. The EA have been consulted with and have not opposed the proposal. The matter is currently being pursued.

Salt/ Grit Bins in the Parish - these were filled by Cornwall Council on 23rd October 2023. A recent inspection highlighted that most of the boxes are currently nearly full.

Preparation for Summer – A survey of the ladies lavatory block at Kingsand has been carried out by a qualified Surveyor. The Parish Council is currently awaiting receipt of the final report. The Clerk advised the meeting that she had received confirmation that the public lavatories at Cawsand are not the property of Cornwall Council. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should now register these buildings, under the Parish Council's name, at the Land Registry.

Cawsand Triangle - the Triangle has now been cleared; arrangements are to be made to transfer the telephone box to the Parish Council.

Grass Cutting – It will be necessary to speak with the grass cutting contractor, in relation to the increase in the number of cuts to be undertaken. It was also highlighted that the arrangements for Rame Churchyard footpath have to be reviewed.

Cllr Murray stated that the play area at Coombe Park requires cutting as soon as possible. The Clerk undertook to contact the contractor and arrange this.

Parking – Cllr Kidd reported that he had now received a response to his Freedom of Information request, in respect of the number of parking permits issued in the parish. These are as follows:

- Zone KC1 – 31 permits
- Zone KC2 - 35 permits
- Zone KC3 - 30 permits

This did not seem to be proportionate to the number of spaces available particularly when KCZ2 residents had use of Cawsand Car Park also. This topic will be investigated further.

Traffic Warden – A new Traffic Warden seems to have been allocated to the Parish.

Beach Sign at Cawsand Bound - this has been updated with new stickers, relating to dogs on the beach. An error had been noted on the original stickers. Cllr Kidd had contacted Cornwall Council, requesting that the error be rectified.

New EA Explanatory Signage – these are expected soon.

02.24 County Councillor Report

Second Home Payments - Cllr Ewert had been interviewed by a representative of the media, in relation to the proposed voluntary payment, by second home owners, to parish councils. Cllr Murray was also interviewed (in a personal capacity). Both Councillors were of the view that a voluntary sum would be unlikely to be paid by many second home owners, the sum of £100 was felt to be exceptionally low. A fairer system would be to require all home owners (regardless of if a second home is classed as a business) to pay council tax. However, it was acknowledged that the principal council would likely retain all such monies, leaving parishes with second homes no better off.

Highways – The plans for the area at Forelanesend School are being finalised. It is felt that it would be advantageous to place warning signs around the corner, providing advanced warning to motorists.

A 20-mph speed limit is to be rolled out (in the villages) this summer.

Dark Skies – The Cornwall Council proposal, to turn off street lighting between midnight and five a.m. was discussed. The initiative is being rolled out in areas where street lighting has already been converted to LED. Lights in the parish will be converted to LED by Cornwall Council by the end of 2024 early 2025. Cllr Ewert added that this work was being carried out as, in some areas, the lights will be dimmed rather than switched off.

Action - The Clerk is to ascertain the exact date for this action, from Cornwall Council.

Sandways - This application is scheduled to be considered by the full Cornwall Council Planning Committee, on 19th February 2024. It was felt that the application would likely be approved.

Refuse – Cllr Ewert advised the meeting that the delivery of new bins will commence shortly and that distribution will take up until April 2024, when the new schedule of collections will commence.

Cllr Ewert added that there are a number of events taking place to advise residents about the new system (though none in MWR Parish). Cllr Bebe suggested that it would be advantageous to include this matter on the agenda for the next Parish Council Open Day.

Cllr Murray raised the issue of bins/bags for elderly/ disabled people. In particular he alluded to those living in areas served by steep steps. Cllr Ewert asked Cllr Murray to identify those who will require an assisted service and provide her with a list of the same.

A further problem identified related to refuse arising from second homes, which are registered as businesses.

It was also suggested that the Clerk should engage with a coastal parish which is already operating the new refuse collection scheme, in order to determine what problems are being faced by the area, and how second homes are being dealt with.

Residents only Parking –In response to an FOI, raised by Cllr Kidd, Cllr Ewert advised the meeting that a review of the arrangement would cost Cornwall Council in the region of £20,000 - £25,000. It would, therefore, be necessary for the Parish Council to show that the whole community wishes for such a review to be undertaken. That is, there would be a need to engage with stakeholders. Cllr Bebe suggested that this could be done at the next Parish Council Open Day.

Ponies at Rame Head – Cornwall Council is aware of this matter and is in discussions with Natural England.

03.24 Public Discussion

Flood Barrier (Girt Beach) – A member of the public alluded to the discussion relating to the proposed flood barrier at Girt Beach. He highlighted a potential problem that could arise if conditions were right. The parishioner pointed out that where there is a tidal surge, coupled with

heavy rain, a problem would arise when the two forces of water met (around the entrance to the car park in Kingsand).

Cllr Kidd agreed that the design of any proposed barrier would have to address such an event.

Sandways - A parishioner advised the meeting that he had recently had the opportunity to view a film about Sandways. He stated that the joy that the site brought to users was clear to see and that it would be advantageous for others (including the CC Planning Committee members) to watch the film. Cllr. Kidd undertook to speak with Gary about this.

Failure to Maintain Gate - a member of the public had previously raised her concerns, in relation to the swing-gate, to the public footpath which runs along the back of Cawsand Fort, and the danger posed to traffic by escaping livestock.

The Clerk confirmed that she had raised the matter with the Countryside Officer at Cornwall Council. A letter received by the Clerk stated clearly that the responsibility for the gate lay with the farmer, not Cornwall Council.

04.24 Minutes

Members considered the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, held on 27th November 2023.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Hurlbatt, **seconded** by Cllr Murray, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes would be accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting. Unanimous. **Carried**

05.24 Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were discussed;

- **Amendment to the Local Government Act 1894** in the form of a new Section 19A (as inserted by Section 82 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023, which came into force on 26th December 2023. The section states that 'Councils are not prohibited from using powers other than the 1894 Act for spending money on works to church property, or for property held for an ecclesiastical charity.
- **Cormac** – Church wall at St Julians & St Macra (otherwise known as St Mary's and St Julian's Church, Maker.
- **Cornwall Council Countryside Team (defective gate)**
- **Cornwall Council** – Definitive Map Modification Order
- **Torpoint Council** – Letter to Chairman
- **Rame Traders** – passed to Cllr Bebe for action.

06.24 Finance/ Management Report

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

07.24 Planning Applications - None

08.24 Planning Decisions – Noted

09.24 Other Planning Matters - None

10.24 Request for Funding

- **Christmas Lights Committee** – deferred to February.
- **Rame Community Fund** - an application for a donation was received by the Parish Council, from the Rame Community Fund. Members discussed the merits of the application and agreed to donate the sum of one thousand pounds to the Fund.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Hurlbatt, **seconded** by Cllr Browning, and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would donate the sum of £1,000. Unanimous. **Carried.**

- **Cawsand Congregational Church** - an application for a donation was received by the Parish Council, from the Cawsand Congregational Church. Members discussed the merits of the application and agreed to donate the sum of £1,000 to the Church.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Hurlbatt, **seconded** by Cllr Browning, and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would donate the sum of £1,000. Unanimous. **Carried.**

- **Community Hall Gardens** - an application for a donation was received by the Parish Council, from the Community Hall Garden Group. Members discussed the merits of the application and agreed to donate the sum of five hundred pounds. The sum to be ringfenced and managed by the Community Hall Committee. All expenditure to be accounted for to the Parish Council.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Kidd, **seconded** by Cllr Hurlbatt and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would donate the sum of £500.00. Unanimous. **Carried.**

11.24 Peninsula Trust – deferred to February 2024 meeting.

12.24 Community Event Proposal

Members discussed the proposed Community Event proposal. It was felt that an ‘open day’ for parishioners, to discuss matters affecting the parish would be beneficial for all.

It was **agreed** that the event would be held on 22nd March 2024, from 2 pm – 4pm, at Kingsand Institute. The hall would be booked from 1 pm to 5pm to enable items to be set-up and removed.

13.24 Replacement Noticeboards

Cllr Kidd raised the issue of the Parish Council noticeboards in the parish. The board at Coombe Park has fallen down, and other around the villages are no longer fit for purpose.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Kidd, and the Clerk would investigate the types and cost of available boards, and report back to the February 2024 meeting.

14.24 Christmas Event Proposal

The Clerk put forward a proposal for a Christmas Event in the parish , for 2024. It was suggested that a traditional German Christmas Market (as opposed to the commercial events run in larger areas) could be held.

The Clerk emphasised the social nature of the traditional events held in German villages/ towns, stating that these were generally held around an ice rink/ merry-go-round, with traditional food, drink and entertainment being on offer.

The Clerk stated that the purpose of the (proposed two day) event would be to provide an opportunity for local businesses, whilst encouraging parishioners to have some fun.

The proposal included the provision of a synthetic ice-rink and snow slide, a Santas Grotto, Carol Singers, music and Christmas food, drink, and gifts. A land train could be sought to provide transport for parishioners, particularly less abled members of the community.

Several people had already indicated their willingness to assist with the organisation of such an event, including a professional events organiser.

Cllr Bebe suggested that consultation would have to be carried out in order to determine the appetite of parishioners for such an event. She suggested that groups , such as the Rame Traders, could be involved.

It was suggested that the matter could be raised at the Community Event.

Cllr Kidd advised the Clerk that this should not be a Parish Council event, as it would take up too much of the Clerk's time, which may result in her not being able to undertake tasks required by the body.

Action - It was **agreed** that the Cllr Lingard should develop a plan, to be discussed at the Parish Council Meeting in March 2024. meeting.

15.24 Actions List Updates

Date	Action	Responsibility	Status
29/01/2024	Defibrillators Action: Assessment for new defibrillators in the Parish to be completed and presented at the November meeting.	CLLR MURRAY	Two defibrillators have been ordered from SWAST. One is to be placed at the Rising Sun, and the other at Rame Rectory. Cllr Murray has experienced some difficulty in contacting Mr Mathews at SWAST but will continue to try to speak with the gentleman. All defibrillator checks have been completed and the paperwork provided to the Clerk. A further defibrillator could be placed in the telephone box. The Clerk to

			arrange for transfer to the telephone box to the Parish Council.
29/01/2024	Emergency Plan Action: The document is to be sent to the Environment Agency. A proposal for a flood gate on the entrance to Girt Beach to be discussed at the November meeting.	CLLR WEALE	The EA has viewed the plan. Some amendments have been made to the document. It is now necessary to liaise with all stakeholders .
29/01/2024	Support for Maker Heritage Report by Clerk at the March 2024 meeting.	CLERK	ON GOING
29/01/2024	Rame Head Finger Post This item is awaiting the precise location for siting. ASAP	CLERK	Arrangement to be made to have the post placed at the site. The Farmer to be copied into correspondence.
29/01/2024	Sea Defences	CLLR WEALE	The EA has considered the flood barrier proposal. Action is now with EA.
29/01/2024	Coombe Park Play Area The consultation flyer has been printed and disseminated to residents. Completed documents to be analysed. Report to November meeting.	CLLR HURLBATT CLLR BROWNING CLERK	<p>The Clerk provided Members with copies of the Initial Expression of Interest, relating to the application to transfer ownership of the play area to MWR PC. Members approved the document and authorised the Clerk to forward the same to Cornwall Council.</p> <p>Cllr Browning reported that the pivot swing seat had now been removed. The final part of the maintenance charge, submitted by Harlequin Playgrounds has been discharged.</p> <p>A development plan for the project requires to be presented to the Parish Council at the March meeting.</p> <p>Several grant funders have been identified by the Play Area Task Group and funding is being sought.</p> <p>Cllr Bebe stated that she had attended meeting in Millbrook recently. Part of the discussion had surrounded the provision of a MUGA in Millbrook. Cllr Bebe advised the group that MWR had plans to install a MUGA at Coombe Park. The Millbrook group</p>

			<p>articulated a view that a MUGA would be better placed in their area, and that older persons exercise equipment could be placed at Kingsand. This assertion was based on the number of children in Millbrook v the number in Kingsand.</p> <p>The Clerk asked if it was the case that all interesting/ exciting projects should be placed in Millbrook, and that MWR should have nothing?</p> <p>It was felt that the view articulated amounted to a baseless assumption and that any decision should be based on a solid business case, and on the desire of the community.</p> <p>MwR requires a clear plan, which sets out the requirements, cost and delivery dates.</p> <p>Cllr Kidd stated that the Clerk should start a 'dialogue' with the Clerk at Millbrook in respect of the matter. The MWR Clerk asked why. She was advised that there should be collaborative working. Cllr Murray did not agree.</p>
29/01/2024	Highways Currently awaiting a response.	CLLR WEALE	Action with Highways
29/01/2024	Marine Conservation On-going discussions	CLLR WEALE	BAU recommend close.
29/01/2024	29/01/2024	CLLR WEALE CLLR BEBE	Cllr Lingard is currently engaged in planning an appropriate events for Summer and Christmas?. Deferred to February 2024
29/01/2024	Lavatory Refurbishment Entry systems to be researched. Refurbishment plans to be considered, costs to determined.	CLLR KIDD	A survey has been carried out at the Cawsand Ladies lavatories. We are currently awaiting his report.
29/01/2024	Signage (Respect our Village)		Close
29/01/2024	Cawsand Triangle/ Telephone Box	CLLR KIDD	Area Cleared. Check to be carried our reference planting the silver birch at the location.

			Telephone box transfer to be arranged.
29/01/2024	Identification of Vulnerable Areas	CLLR BEBE ALL MEMBERS	Members to identify vulnerable areas in the parish – report at February meeting.
29/01/2024	Rame Traders/ Retailers	CLLR BEBE	Rame Traders letter passed to Cllr Bebe for action.
29/01/2024	Salt Bin Cllr Kidd to contact supplier. January meeting update.	Cllr KIDD	Close BAU
29/01/2024	Project TITAN Levelling-up project. Connecting Torpoint to Rame. Includes cycle charging points/ walking trails/ footpaths. Concerns over lack of consultation and impact on the parish. Cllr Weale to correspond with Torpoint Council. November meeting update.	CLLR WEALE	Clerk to monitor Torpoint Titan development
29/01/2024	Swimming Buoys	CLLR KIDD	Invoice to be requested.
29/01/2024	Christmas Lights 2024	Cllr Kidd	Intent to switch on the 2024 lights on the first Saturday in December 2024.
29/01/2024	Tree	Cllr. Kidd	Silver Birch delivered; it is unsuitable for the chosen site. A rowan tree is to be obtained in lieu of the birch.
27/11/2024	Village in Bloom		ON GOING – No action
27/11/2024	Invite: Peninsula Trust Community Hall Correspond with : First Responders	 Clerk	Peninsula Trust attending February 2024 Community Hall Grant Application – February 2024 First Responders contacted – no further communication.

108.0 Next Meeting 26th February 2024

The meeting closed at 21.27 hrs.

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