

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 26th February 2024 at Maker with Rame Community Hall

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

Apologies: Cllr Weale, Cllr Lingard, Cllr Hurlbatt

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

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Kidd and Cllr Browning, Item 10– MWR Community Hall Committee and Christmas Lights Committee. Cllr Kidd, Item 10 – Old Ship Inn.

AGENDA

16.24 Chairman's Report

Cllr. Kidd welcomed the attendees, adding that Cllr Weale (Chairman) sent his apologies for not being present at the meeting. Cllr Kidd alluded to the following matters:

Sandways – Cornwall Council Planning Committee has approved the continued camping arrangement at Sandways, for the next five years.

Emergency Plans – These are no ready to be circulated and consulted upon.

Summer Season Preparations - Easter is now only four weeks away, and preparations are underway in the following areas:

Cawsand Toilets - a detailed survey of both the ladies and gents toilets has been carried out by RTP Surveyors Ltd. A number of key recommendations were made, which must be acted upon in early course. These matters are addressed under 'projects.'

Grass Cutting – Cllr Kidd met with the grass cutting contractor. Several improvements have been recommended for the current year. No-Mow May will now see the play area kept clear of overgrown grass. However, the fringes of the area will be left uncut. The pathway through Rame Churchyard will also be cut, as required, These changes will not affect the contractual cost materially, however, details of the agreement have yet to be finalised.

Bin Collections – The new bins have now been delivered. However, despite clear instructions having been provided to the distributors, many bins were delivered to holiday lets (which are ineligible). Unsuitable bins were delivered to other properties.

The new collection scheme commences in April, With a briefing by CC to the Community arranged for 17th April at the Community Hall.

Community Engagement Events – Community Engagement remains a key priority for the Parish Council. Events organised for both businesses and residents of the area have been organised for 22nd March (Traders) and the 22nd of March (community). Details of the arrangements will be addressed below.

Dark Skies - This project will be addressed by Cllr. Kate Ewert (CC).

Roads, Pavements and Footpaths – following a challenging January and February, with road closures and traffic lights, the Parish Council needs to re-visit the concerns voiced, in respect of the condition of our roads, pavements and footpaths across the parish. Potholes, crumbling surfaces, blocked drains and faded white/ yellow lines are all matters to be addressed.

It is important that Cornwall Council and Cormac are held to account for these deficiencies and it is important that parishioners are aware of the Cornwall Council web portal for reporting issues. This is an extremely easy site to use. Therefore, all members of the community are able to report their concerns and observations and are encouraged to do so.

17.24 County Councillor Report

Tamar Tolls – After a heated debate, it was agreed, by the Full Council, that the Tamar Tolls would be raised to £1.50 per crossing for Tag Holders, and £3.00 per crossing for cash users.

Discussions centred around the financial viability of the crossings, and the potential problems that would arise from the loss of one ferry. A further concern related to the cost burden for those who use the crossing on a daily basis, for work (etc).

Sheryll Murray MP advised Cornwall Councillors of her intention to petition central government for funding to maintain the crossing. The financial situation in which Cornwall Council currently finds itself means that there are no available funds to invest in the asset. The Council is currently awaiting the outcome of Sheryll Murray MP's petition, before writing to the Secretary of State in respect of the situation with the crossing.

Budget – Like many other principal councils, Cornwall Council is experiencing financial hardship, due to deficits in the Social Care, Children's Services and Highways Budgets, and may not be able to balance its' overall budget.

There is a distinct possibility that a Section 114 Notice will have to be issued, should Central Government decline to change the financial support formula for principal councils.

Councils are required by law to have balanced budgets. If a council cannot find a way to finance its' budget, then a Section 114 (S114) notice must be issued. The issuing of a S114 notice bans all new spending with the exception of protecting vulnerable people, statutory services, and pre-existing commitments.

EOI's – the two traffic projects for MWR remain in the design phase.

Dark Skies - At present, there is no update on this project. However, all street lighting is to be included in the LED upgrade programme. Cllr Ewert was asked if this included the lighting owned and operated by the Parish Council, which is not streetside (i.e. Pier Lane, to the Old Coastguards Cottages on Earls Drive). Cllr Ewert undertook to check on this matter and report back at the next meeting.

Sandways Planning Application - The application was heard by the full Planning Committee, on the 19th of February 2024, and approved (eight in favour, two against).

Mt Edgecumbe - Funding has now been secured for the Garden Battery, and a further grant has been sought to refurbish the English Garden House.

Contractors are to start work on the lavatories at Mt. Edgecumbe (behind the Orangery).

Marquee Site - Heritage Architects are in the process of designing a new building for the Marquee Site.

Beach Safety Signs - A discussion, relating to beach safety signs, took place. It was highlighted that the RNLI would undertake a safety audit for beach owners. It was **agreed** that Chris Burton from Mt Edgecumbe would be advised of this offer. The RNLI have advised that current signs and equipment require updating.

18.24 Public Discussion

Rame Refuse - A representative of Rame Refuse addressed the meeting, in relation to the matter of commercial waste collection. The company, based in Millbrook, is a licensed waste carrier offering a solution to holiday let and self-catering accommodation waste removal, in South East Cornwall.

Rame Refuse offers a service tailored to the requirements of its customers and can arrange for collection of waste on any day of the week. This service, compared to that offered by Cornwall Council (which collects waste fortnightly) can negate the need for cleaning crews to place waste generated, outside the property/ take the waste home in order to dispose of the same through their domestic waste system.

19.24 Grant Applications

Interests declared by Cllr Kidd (two matters) and Cllr. Browning (one matter)

Rame Community Hall – Request for £3,000 – this application was deferred to the March 2024 Meeting.

Black Prince Event – Request for £600 – Cllr Kidd did not have a declarable interest in this matter.

Representatives from the Black Prince Event Committee requested the sum of £600 from the Parish Council, a commensurate sum having been agreed by Millbrook Parish Council. The donation requested is intended to assist with the cost of insurance cover, hall rent and road management for the event.

Members discussed the request, acknowledging that the event was important to the community. The event is scheduled to take place on 6th May and, therefore, the sum would be available from the 2024/25 Precept.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Browning, **seconded** by Cllr. Bebe and **RESOLVED** that the sum of £600 would be provided for the Black Prince event. The RFO to arrange the payment. Unanimous.
Carried.

Pigshill & Clarrick Wood – Request for £1,500 – Members determined that, at this time, no grant would be awarded as there had already been a grant made in the same FY and the some of the direct beneficiaries were not MwR Parishioners.

Christmas Lights Committee – Request for £2,000 - this application was deferred to the March 2024 Meeting.

20.24 Peninsula Trust Update

Gemma Knowles addressed the meeting.

The Peninsula Trust ('the Trust'), based at the Rame Centre, Millbrook, currently supports 2.4 full time equivalent workers, and has 900 members.

The Trust provides a diverse range of services to the community, including (but not exclusively) housing (incl. Coast Guard Cottages), work units, collection point for Rame Food Bank, Rame Community Kitchen, Library, help and advice/ enquiries, community activities and community café (Old Ship, Cawsand).

Cllr Kidd enquired about the current situation at the Old Ship, in Cawsand.

Gemma advised the meeting that the condition of the upper part of the building had been impacted by the presence of buddleia in the stonework, and that this would have to be removed and the walls repointed. Cllr Murray pointed out that the upper part of the building had been left open to the elements for several years, leaving that portion of the building in a poor state, possibly having become unstable. He added that the double wall of the building stopped approximately 8 feet from the top of the building, and that portion of the wall could be even more vulnerable/ unstable.

Gemma stated that the **Old Ship project** was challenging.

Phase 1 (building of a temporary community space, with fully equipped commercial kitchen) had been completed, and the café opened on two days each week. However, current issues (such as leaks in the ceiling of the space) have to be addressed.

The Old Ship project, as a whole, had been stalled due to the Covid Pandemic. The usage of the facility had reduced, income generated did not cover costs, mortgage interest rates increased, and the Trust had become reliant on grant funding.

As a result of the delays caused by the lock down period, the costs for the original business model had increased substantially.

A recent sum, received from the Community Capacity Fund, will enable the Trust to appoint appropriate consultants to draft a revised cost plan for the project, and to consider the financial viability of the same. The Consultants report must be submitted by August 2024, at the latest.

As a matter of priority, consideration will have to be given to upgrading the roof of the community space to address the leaks. It is likely that the cost of the roof will be in the region of £23,000. It is understood that the planned development of the upper floors will not be undertaken any time soon.

A question was raised that, if the emotional attachment to the building and the project was put aside, and a pure business plan adopted, it may be the case that it would be better to sell the asset and utilise the monies generated from such a sale, in supporting the community.

Porsporder Place – Cllr Murray asked about the plans for the site at Porsporder Place. The Parish Council had been advised that the site had been earmarked by Cornwall Council for the Trust.

Gemma advised the meeting that the Trust had declined to take over the site, as the body was not in a position to undertake the necessary work.

21.24 Minutes

Members considered the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, held on 29th January 2024.

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

22.24 Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were discussed;

- **Feeding of Seagulls** - Letter received from a concerned citizen. It was agreed that appropriate signage would be purchased, and a letter written.
- **Pigshill & Clarrick Wood Report** – Noted
- **Cawsand Interpretation Board** – Noted
- **DCRF Resilience Conference** - Noted
- **Cornwall Council Call For Sites** – Noted (forward to Peninsula Trust)

23.24 Finance/ Management Report

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

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**.

24.24 Planning Applications

PA24/00732 – Trehale, New Road Close, Cawsand

Members considered the application. It was **proposed** by Cllr Kidd, **seconded** by Cllr Murray, and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would not object to the application. Unanimous. **Carried**.

PA34/08831 – Orangery Lodge, Mount Edgecumbe Country Park, Cremyll

Members considered the application. It was **proposed** by Cllr Kidd, **seconded** by Cllr Murray, and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would not object to the application. Unanimous. **Carried**.

25.24 Planning Decisions – Noted

26.24 Other Planning Matters - None

27.24 Cawsand Lavatories – Structural Engineers' Report

Cllr Kidd discussed the structural report provided by RTP Surveyors Ltd, in relation to the Ladies and Gents lavatories at Cawsand.

The roof of the ladies lavatories requires to be reinspected, and is likely to require replacement in the next two years;
The external wooden door at the ladies lavatories must be repaired;
The disabled lavatory is not compliant with statutory requirements, the slope is not correct and it is not properly fitted out.

The following points were raised by Members:

- There is a need to determine the role of SW Water at the site of the ladies lavatories;
- External Stone to be repointed;
- An asbestos survey to be carried out at both sites;
- Fire inspection to be carried out at both sites.
- Annual electrical survey to be carried out;
- Legionella inspections to be undertaken.

Members acknowledged that the repairs effected for Summer 2023 were intended to ensure that the facilities remained operational during the interim period. It was always acknowledged that a major reconfiguration/ refurbishment of the facilities would be required. This will be a major project for the Parish Council and some grant funding should be sought.

Cleaner Leave – the lavatory cleaner is taking leave. It was **proposed** by Cllr Kidd, **seconded** by Cllr Bebe, and **RESOLVED** that during the cleaners period of leave both the Cawsand Ladies and Gents lavatories will be close. Kingsand toilet block and the Cawsand Disabled toilet should remain open and will be cleaned daily by volunteers if this can be arranged. Unanimous. **Carried**.

28.24 Maker with Rame Parish Council Website Upgrade

Cllr Bebe advised the meeting that a specification for a new website must be put together, to provide a basis for quotations from providers. Cllr Bebe explained that websites need not cost excessive sums of money – being upwards of £1,000, from indicative quotations.

The Clerk cautioned Members that not every website builder had the skills to create a Parish Council website, as these require certain functions. She added that only experienced PC website builders should be considered.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Bebe would put the specification together and invite proficient PC website providers to quote for the work. Three quotations (minimum) required.

29.34 Maker with Rame Orchard – Update – Deferred to March 2024

30.24 Maker with Rame PC Community Events Update

Community Event (VE Day) – deferred to March meeting.
Rame Traders Event - 13th March at the Old Ship
PC Community Event – 22nd March at Kingsand Institute

31.24 Bleed Kits

Cllr Kidd raised the matter of Bleed Kits being supplied to Plymouth Taxi Drivers. He suggested that these kits might be provided by the PC, alongside defibrillators.

Cllr Murray advised the meeting that, during a recent discussion with Mr Steve Mathews (SWAST) the matter of bleed kits was raised. Mr Mathews cautioned against provision of the kits on the basis that their use can be dangerous in the hands of non-trained personnel. Essentially, the kit comprises a tourniquet which, if used incorrectly, can cause further damage. It was **agreed** that this matter would be further investigated. With local First Responders, in order to determine if there is any relevance to the local community.

32.24 Actions List Updates

Date	Action	Responsibility	Status
26/02/2024	Defibrillators Action: Assessment for new defibrillators in the Parish to be completed and presented at the November meeting.	CLLR MURRAY	Three defibrillators have been ordered from SWAST. One is to be placed at the Rising Sun, one in the telephone box at Cawsand Triangle, and the other at Rame Rectory. All defibrillator checks have been completed and the paperwork provided to the Clerk. The system for reporting on defibs is to change next month – no information has been provided yet. Stephen Matthews had advised that the old unit on the Gig Club wall in Cawsand Sq was still serviceable and did not need replacing at this time.

			<p>The Clerk has contacted BT, in relation to the transfer of the telephone box at Cawsand Triangle to the PC. Cllr Kidd to enquire of the Community Hall Committee re: their potential ownership of the same.</p> <p>The CHC had also requested that training be given in how to open the new DeFib storage units when the next training session is arranged by SWAST. Ian to speak with Stephen or his successor.</p> <p>The defib at Picklecombe is available for any members of the public.</p>
26/02/2024	Emergency Plan Action: The document is to be sent to the Environment Agency. A	CLLR WEALE	The plan requires some final key contacts to be added and will then be consulted upon.
26/02/2024	Support for Maker Heritage Report by Clerk at the March 2024 meeting.	CLERK	ON GOING
26/02/2024	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.
26/02/2024	Sea Defences	CLLR WEALE	The EA has considered the flood barrier proposal. Discussions are on-going.
26/02/2024	Coombe Park Play Area	CLLR HURLBATT CLLR BROWNING CLERK	Nothing to report
26/02/2024	Highways Currently awaiting a response.	CLLR WEALE	Dealt with by Cllr EWERT (ibid)
26/02/2024	Marine Conservation On-going discussions	CLLR WEALE	Cllr Weale is engaged in discussions.
26/02/2024	29/01/2024	CLLR WEALE CLLR BEBE	Cllr Lingard is currently engaged in planning an appropriate event. Deferred to March 2024
26/02/2024	Lavatory Refurbishment Entry systems to be researched.	CLLR KIDD	Dealt with at 27.24 ibid. Survey from RTP received.

	Refurbishment plans to be considered, costs to determined.		
26/02/2024	Cawsand Triangle/ Telephone Box	CLLR KIDD	Telephone box transfer being arranged.
26/02/2024	Rame Traders/ Retailers	CLLR BEBE	Meeting arranged for 13 th March at Old Ship
26/02/2024	Salt Bin Cllr Kidd to contact supplier. January meeting update.	Cllr KIDD	Dealt with in Chairmans' Report (ibid)
26/02/2024	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	No further information at present.
26/02/2024	Swimming Buoys	CLLR KIDD	No invoice being issued.
26/02/2024	Christmas Lights 2024	Cllr Kidd	Request to switch on the 2024 lights on the first Saturday in December 2024. His request has been put to the Community Hall Committee, which has elected to switch the light on 23 rd November 2024.
26/02/2024	Tree	Cllr. Kidd	Too late to plant tree, will be looked after at Community Hall and planted at Triangle in winter.

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33.24 Next Meeting – Monday 25th March 2024

The meeting closed at 21.25 hrs.