

Annual Parish Meeting Maker with Rame Parish

Held in the Community Hall, Kingsand
Thursday 14th May 2009

Minutes

Parish Councillors Present: D Mutch (Chair), T Carne, Mrs E Griffiths, S Killops, P Lavers, Mrs R Lingard (DCllr), J Shepherd, M Thomas, G Warwick

Others Present: Mr S Michael, Mr J Burgess, PCSO J Riggall, 5 members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs C Davies, I Murray, A Honey (Chair RCT)

The meeting was opened at 19.00 hrs. by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr D Mutch

1. **Minutes** of the Annual Parish Meeting of Thursday May 8th May 2008 were unanimously accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman

2. **Chairman's Report** An interesting if confusing year with the implementation of the Unitary Authority, the disbanding of the County and District Councils, the uncertainty of the Community Area Network boundaries and the alignment to the electoral wards and date for elections.

The picture is clearer now. Our Community Area Network covers Saltash, Torpoint, St Germans, Sheviock, St John, Antony, Willcove and Maker with Rame, a change from the original ill advised link whereby Torpoint and Maker with Rame linked with Looe. No one believed this was correct and the new network was constructed despite opposition from key players. We have all now agreed to work together. Our CAN manager has yet to be appointed. Elections for County Councillors will take place on 4th June. Please get out and vote.

Communication and issue sharing is a key aspect of making things work. We have had three meetings with other Parish Councils in our area to address issues and share problems and successes. Main items are road safety, anti-social behaviour and social housing.

These aspects and our concerns will be addressed to Cornwall Council to make our voice heard once the elections are over and we know whom to speak with. The lack of a Cornwall County Councillor over the last year has denied us that right. It can only get better.

Achievements Environment rubbish collection, Play Park with H&S issues. Kate Holden has agreed to take over a committee to apply for grants. Institute clock has been refurbished. We have been a role model for the digital switchover in SE Cornwall. There was a successful Channel 4 TV programme on property issues. The Black Prince festival has been getting increased media coverage. Play group exchanges with Austria has been successful too.

Focus for 2009/10 There have been two successful theatre promotions with three more to follow which have raised £400 for the Community Hall. Gig Star event. Sailing Club regatta, Art exhibition. Best kept village entry. My Edgcumbe Fair and the proposed Community Hall extension

Issues to resolve Car Parking. Traffic Speed. Planning Management.

3. **Financial Report** The Clerk to the Parish Council presented accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009 (copy on file). Net surplus for the year was £1937

4. **Furlanesend Community Primary School** presented by Cllr Mrs R Lingard.

I am extremely pleased to report another very successful year.

Sad to announce the departure of Mrs Lynette Selbie who was the helm of the school for the past three years moving the school forward and upward. Pleased to announce Mrs Rebecca Harris has taken over as head from Easter 2009.

A new pupil kitchen is being completed which will mean small groups will have professional facilities

to cook in.

Links with the community Every week the Open The Book group visit from Cawsand Congregational Church to deliver an open the book assembly. They also invited the school to visit the Congregational Church in Cawsand for an Easter celebration. The children and staff walked down wearing their Easter bonnets.

All the school walked down to Millbrook Methodist Chapel for the Annual Christingle with Rev Halley.

Links with the institute and Class Lynher have continued, the children have been learning about the history of Kingsand and Cawsand from the older residents. They also provided a morning at Maker with an archaeologist where the children learnt about the local landscape and found clay pipes, flint and a musket ball!

Visits London visit – offered to Years 4-6 (ages 8-11). This was a residential that focussed on our heritage and cultural diversity. The children visited a variety of museums including the Tower of London and the Natural History Museum. They also visited a Mosque and the London Eye.

Porfell Wildlife Park The rest of the school visited Porfell on a day trip when the children were in London.

Delaware Children in Years 3 and 4 (ages 7-9) are on an outdoor residential this week. This covers a range of activities including canoeing, abseiling and walking.

The whole school visited the Eden Project together in December

Theatre Group visit performing Robin Hood

Money Raised The children have raised money for Children in Need by teaching the teachers new skills including belly dancing and skateboarding.

For comic relief the children came to school in their pyjamas and had breakfast together.

The school also held a sponsored read linked to world book day where the children raised over £500 to spend on new reading books.

Clubs Football club is available for all Key stage 2 children and so far this season the team got into the semi-finals of the smalls schools cup and have only lost one league match! Running Club available for the children who are participating in schools half marathon challenge. Short tennis is run by a parent volunteer. First Aid Club for Y 5/6 which gave them a certificate. Netball Club, School Choir and Pottery

5. **Community Hall Management Report** presented by Mr Steven Michael, Chair of the committee.

The Hall continues to support the Community and is still well used. There are eight weekly groups, and three monthly groups regularly using the hall. There have been various wedding receptions during the year.

The Play Group have thirty one children registered, and there has been visits from twenty eight children from Austria, Denmark and Germany organised by Point Europa.

Thanks to Jane Mutch for organising theatre productions through “Carne to Cove”.

The Mulled wine evening was another great success. And thanks go to the Christmas lights committee.

The Lottery is down this year from £712 to £616.

A loop system for the hard of hearing is due to be installed later this month

The development programme is progressing. Planning permission for the extension has been received and two landfill grants have been applied for by Andrew Seedhouse to whom thanks are given.

The balance sheet remains strong but hiring charges are increasing by one pound per hour. Balance at year end was £24180

Bob Cann has retired as bookings clerk, to whom thanks is given. Susan Benfell has taken on the role as well as continuing as Secretary.

Cheryl and Bob Drury have also retired from keeping the front garden tidy and we need to replace them. Our thanks go to them for all the work they have done over the years

Thanks to all

6. **Police Report** PCSO John Riggal presented the annual report (copy on file)

7. **Community Bus report** presented by Glyn Warwick. The project is progressing satisfactorily. Routes have changed slightly. We also now serve the Blind Association which may become a regular

route.

Hose and Garden trips are very successful.

Driver numbers are increasing.

Replacement bus is expected at the end of the year from Craffhole.

Friends numbers stay at over one hundred.

Thanks to the Parish Council for its support

8. **Cawsand Bay Sailing Club** presented by John Burgess.

The CBSC has been in existence in different guises since the 1920.s. Today our membership stands at around 120 consisting mainly of residents from the Rame Peninsula. We also have a number other members who reside elsewhere in the country. Our sailing programme runs from April to end of September each year and includes the Annual Regatta and long distance Race from Cotehele to Cawsand. This race in particular attracts sailors and visitors from other from Clubs in Plymouth , Torpoint and Saltash and is a highlight of the Port of Plymouth dinghy sailing calendar. In addition, we also provide safety boat cover for the gig club at their annual regatta.

We endeavour to run a cadet course for youngsters each summer (subject to availability of instructors) and several earlier cadets are now racing regularly and we are now in the process of investigating the training of club members qualified RYA instructors. The club is recognised by the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association and our sailing programme is submitted to the PPSA for inclusion in the Plymouth Sailing Diary. In addition, sailing events are sanctioned and approved by the Queens Harbour Master and have to conform to statutory levels of organisation.

Off season we have our AGM Prize Giving Dinner and hold a Quiz evening and Supper Talk evening all of which are extremely popular with members and villagers alike. The latter two assist with our fund raising and gives us a chance to provide an activity during the winter months for the villagers. Our traditional Carol Singing around the village at Christmas is now an established event. Last Christmas the club raised over £100 for the Cornish Air Ambulance and past donations have been given to the Village lights and First Responders. In addition to these activities, we also hold 3 coffee mornings each year which with the support of locals provide the club with essential income to enable us to continue to operate. Last September we had a successful visit to Falmouth for the Tall Ships race utilising the Community Bus.

In recent years, the club has taken considerable steps forward to ensure we operate as safely as possible. We have purchased a second safety boat and are continuously working to improve the level of competence of the safety boat crews. Both the safety boat are well equipped and as the club is Affiliated with the Royal Yachting Association, our standards of operation both ashore and afloat conform to what is acceptable by the them. The administrative side of the club is in good order and we have just adopted a revised Club Constitution which supports the way our club operates today.

One of our main challenges is managing the club's and member's boats throughout the year. Off season, boats are stowed away from the beach by the end of September. During the Season, the club works closely with both Mount Edgecumbe and the Beach Committee to ensure that our programme has the minimum disruption to other beach users. Club members are made aware of beach etiquette and protocol and we clean the beach of litter on a weekly basis. We do have problems when high tides coincide with strong easterly winds which can result in the boats having to be temporarily removed from the beach. However, we have done much over the winter months to ensure members understand that should this happen, the boats are returned to the beach as soon as is practicable.

Not having Clubhouse base, we keep in touch with members via our website and through a bi annual newsletter. In addition, we contribute an article to the monthly Village Courier. The club is most grateful for the use of the Fisherman's Rest for storage of our equipment and enjoy a close relationship wit the The Cawsand Bay Hotel for use of their Balcony to control our Racing. Without these Facilities it would be difficult to run an efficient and safe programme.

The CBSC is very appreciative of the support it receives from the residents of the Rame Peninsular and would like to thank all who support our events throughout the year.

9. **Rame Conservation trust** presented by Helen Markwood.

The recent Festival failed as well documented in the local media. The site had been left in a bit of a state but volunteers locally and from Gloucester have cleaned the site. The Polica acted sensibly and sensitively. The organisers had made false claims.

The trust continues to struggle to refinance but believe they are almost there. Refurbishment of the Officers Mess is due to start shortly. There is a hope for a heritage centre in due course. Cllr Mrs

Lingard stated that the organiser sounded genuine at the pre festival meeting. Cllr Killops asked that the Chair of the Trust should attend the next Parish Council meeting in June. Mrs Briers asked why the Trust website didn't accept responsibility for the festival. Helen Markwood responded that the organisers had promised £10k and promised to maintain the land. The Trust can not take responsibility for the organisers falling short.

10. **Gig Club report** presented by John Shepherd.

The new club house should be started in September or October

11. There having been no items submitted to the Clerk for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.50 hrs.

Signed

Chairman

Thursday, May 13th May 2010