

Minutes for the FULL MEETING of PORTREATH PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 29th 2024, at St. Mary's Church Hall, 6:30pm

Councillors: Mr. S Goodwin, Mrs S. Nash, Mr. I. Stewart, Ms. J. Parker, Mr. M. Hitchen, Mr. J. Tull & Mrs. V. Webb
Cornwall Councillor Dave Crabtree
18 Members of the Public
Lucy Jose, Clerk to the Council

Abbreviations:

CC	Cornwall Council
EA	Environment Agency
PPC	Portreath Parish Council
NKEP	North Kerrier & East Penwith Community Area
MVRG	Mining Villages Regeneration Group
CAP	Community Area Partnerships
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
PIC	Portreath Improvements Committee
PAL	Portreath Association Limited
CALC	Cornwall Association of Local Councils
CaP	Climate Action Plan
CAWG	Climate Action Working Group
WAAF	Women's Auxiliary Air Force
HOT	Heads of Terms
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
CLUP	Community Levelling Up Program
AfC	Action for Children
TOR	Terms of Reference
SEND	Special Educational Need and Disabilities
TPO	Tree Protection Order
SWW	South West Water
CSO	Combine Sewer Overflow

24197 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman outlined safety procedures to those present. The Chairman reminded members of the public that this is a meeting of the parish council held in public and not a public meeting. The Chairman reminded members of the public that their time to address councillors was during the public participation session, item 6 on the agenda.

24198 To confirm the minutes of the full council meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024

Councillors unanimously **RESOLVED** the minutes for the meeting held on 1st July 2024 be signed as constituting an accurate record of proceedings.

24199 To Receive Apologies

The meeting noted apologies from Cllr. G. Tull.
The meeting noted that Cllr Jarman was not present.

24200 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Hitchen declared an interest in planning application PA24/05427 item 9, b) on the agenda.

24201 Chairman's Report

None

24202 Public Participation Session, when members of the public may raise matters with Councillors, (limited to 3 minutes per speaker with a maximum of 15 minutes in total)

A parishioner addressed the meeting speaking about the refusal of the planning application for the 100% affordable housing at the WAAF site. They offered suggestions of the future of the site.

The Chairman reminded them that the council is bound to an agreement with Classic builders and that there is still the potential for an appeal. The Chairman informed the meeting they the council would be seeking legal advice on the terms of the agreement, commenting that it was not clear if there were circumstances such as force majeure included in the agreement.

3 parishioners and a member of the public addressed councillors all speaking passionately about the issue of the CSO's in Portreath requesting councillors take a vote of no confidence in South West Water. The parishioners clearly had the support of the majority of the public present at the meeting.

A parishioner read a list of questions from a member of the public who wished to remain anonymous.

The Chairman was able to confirm that the council did not intend to use their new building for full council meetings and commented that the council was not the authority responsible for addressing the remainder of the questions. The Clerk agreed to write to the member of the public.

24203 To receive the report of Cornwall Councillor Dave Crabtree, authorise any actions and consider any associated expenditure.

The meeting Noted CC Crabtree's report.

[CC Crabtree's Report](#)

24204 To consider resolving to Declare that Portreath Parish council has no confidence in South West Water's existing systems and processes for proactively managing and investing in Cornwall specifically

Portreath's sewage infrastructure, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

The Chairman explained the request from parishioners for the vote of no confidence and the reasoning for the deferral of the vote from the June meeting. The Chairman briefed the meeting presenting facts regarding the CSO at the Bridge pumping station, including confirming the location of the CSO was over a mile east of Portreath Beach and outlining the roles of OFWAT and the Environment Agency. The meeting noted the communication from SWW, and the previously circulated chairman's briefing.

The Chairman reminded councillors of the parishioners who spoke in favour of the vote during public participation session. Councillors express concern that such vote was a hollow gesture and that there must be actions that could be taken by the council and parishioners that would help address the issue.

Councillors considered the Cornwall Council Motion for the Ocean and concurred that this was not being used to the extent it was designed for. CC Crabtree explained that the motion was a collaboration between itself and other county and unitary councils.

Councillors debated the recent SWW roadshow at St Agnes, noting that much of the promised funding for improving the situation in Portreath looked like it would be spent on surveys, and they were unable to confirm when any actual physical work would take place.

The meeting noted that the EA had had significant budget cuts potentially limiting their ability to prosecute SWW due to lack of resources.

Councillors concurred that Cornwall Council had a bigger voice than them when campaigning and that CC should be leading the way with bringing SWW to account and that Surfers Against Sewage would also be allies in campaigning.

The Chairman commended the passionate members of the public and thanked councillors for researching the issue. The Chairman suggest several options for action for the council to consider including a vote of no confidence in SWW, writing to SWW to request that they work with the council and community to raise the parishes confidence in their ability to del with the sewage which is pumped to the Bridge pumping station.

Cllr Webb urged the council to ensure that CC are involved with any action the council take.

The Chairman asked the members of the public who instigated the vote for their assistance in writing to SWW.

Following further debate Members of Portreath Parish Council **RESOLVED** to take a vote of no confidence in South West Water and write to South West Water outlining the vote of No Confidence and requesting

that they consider working with the council to look at the promised enhanced monitoring, the planned improvements and to have input into how the promised funding will be allocated further more to engage with the community in this process.

Members of Portreath Parish Council also **RESLOVED** to lobby Cornwall Council in taking their responsibility for holding SWW to account.

The meeting agreed that the letter to SWW would be drafted by the Chairman and member of the he public who previously agree to assist. The meeting agreed that the draft should be ready for approval at the next meeting of the council.

24205 Planning

(a) To give consideration as consultees to:

- i) **PA24/05156 | Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension with variation of condition 4 in respect of decision PA23/06361 dated 21.09.23 | 4 Trega Close Portreath Redruth Cornwall TR16 4TR**

Members of Portreath Parish Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to support this proposal.

(b) To give consideration as consultees to any planning applications received since the preparation of this agenda

Cllr Hitchen declared an interest in this item, band explained that they would not be leaving the room but they would not vote on the matter.

The Clerk explained that planning application PA24/05427 | Erection of garage | Pot Luck North Coast Holiday Cottages New Portreath Road Redruth Cornwall TR16 4QL ad been received since the preparation of the agenda.

Members of Portreath Parish Council **RESOLVED** to support this proposal. Cllr. Hitchen abstained from the vote.

(c) To give consideration to any planning applications referred to the council under the 5-day notice protocol

None

(d) To note any planning appeals

None

(e) To receive the report of planning decisions and correspondence and authorise any actions

The meeting noted that planning application PA23/10222 had been approved and that planning application PA23/08436 had been refused.

20206 To receive the following reports, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

(a) Clerks Report, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

i) **General report**

The meeting noted the Clerk's report.

[Clerk's Report](#)

The clerk informed councillors that they needed to consider updating the council's Action Plan in coming months to tie in with setting the budget for the year 25/26. The Clerk reminded councillors that the action plan would be for the new council elected in May 2025 and that this needed to be considered when updating the plan.

(b) Update from the Staffing Committee

Cllr Nash gave a brief update on the staffing committee membership and commented that working groups meeting would be held to discuss the staffing need for the council. Cllr Nash commented that the staff appraisals would now be held at the end of august.

(c) Update from the Youth Engagement Working Group

i) **General Update**

The meeting noted Cllr. Webb's report.

[Cllr. Webb's Report](#)

- ii) **To approve the transfer of the donation from Cllr Bob Drew's Chairman's Allowance (Carn Brea Parish Council) to the Lastonets Netball Club (Junior Netball Project)**

Members of Portreath Parish Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the transfer of the £200.00 donation from Cllr Bob Drew's Chairman's Allowance (Carn Brea Parish Council) to the Lastonets Netball Club (Junior Netball Project)

(d) Police Liaison Report

The meeting noted Cllr. Webb's report.

[Cllr. Webb's Report](#)

24209 Update on projects for the year 24/25, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

a) Former Public Toilets

- i) **Update on the progression of the redevelopment of the building**, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

Cllr Stewart updated councillors stating that progress on the build had been slow during the last few weeks due to weather and availability of the masonry sub-contractors. Cllr Stewart indicated that the project was approximately 3 weeks behind schedule, but the main contractor was confident this time could be made up over the coming weeks. Cllr. Stewart confirmed that a meeting with the project manager had been scheduled to look at project costs, which looked to be reasonably close to budget at present.

- b) **Potential Acquisition of the land known as: Lighthouse Hill Car Park, Recreational Ground, Playing Field & surrounding land from Cornwall Council**, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

i) **General Update**

The meeting noted Cllr Webb's report.

[Cllr. Webb's Report](#)

Following discussion, due to the summer break the meeting agreed that the business case would be presented to full council at the October Full Council meeting.

24210 To receive various items of correspondence, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

a) Correspondence circulated by email

None

b) General correspondence

- **Invite to the Portreath Preschool Soft Toy Tea Party**
- **Query regarding names on the Portreath War Memorial** – The Clerk agreed to follow this up.
- **Speed Limit on Chapel Hill (Mile Hill) Cambrose, Nancekuke, Porthtowan** – The Clerk agreed to share the details of the query with CC Crabtree to address with Highways in their upcoming meeting.

c) Correspondence received since the preparation of this agenda

None

24211 To give consideration to any applications received for grants/donations

None

24212 To agree the date of the next meeting, 2nd September 2024, 6:30pm

Councillors agreed the date of the next Full Council meeting be Monday 2nd September 2024

24213 Close of Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and closed the meeting at 20:16.

2nd September 2024

Cllr. **S. Nash**