

Minutes of the FULL MEETING of PORTREATH PARISH COUNCIL on Monday 13th April 2026, to be held at St. Mary's Church Hall, 6:30pm



Councillors:

Mr. I. Stewart, Mr. D. Crabtree, Ms. J. Café, Mr. M. Hitchen, Mrs. G. Tull, Mrs. A. Jarman and Ms. J Parker
2 Members of the Public
Cornwall Councillor Cliff Crawford
Lucy Jose – Clerk to the Council
Julia Pascoe – Parish Council Support Officer

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
PIC	Portreath Improvements Committee
PAL	Portreath Association Limited
CaP	Climate Action Plan
CAN	Climate Action Network
CAWG	Climate Action Working Group
WAAF	Women's Auxiliary Air Force
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
TOR	Terms of Reference
FOI	Freedom of Information
MSAS	Mobile Speed Activated Sign
LMP	Local Maintenance Partnership
SWCP	South West Coast Paths
PFRAG	Portreath Flood Resilience Action Group
NPS	Neighbourhood Priority Statement
FSCS	Financial Services Compensation Scheme
CSO	Combine Sewage Overflow
EDM	Event Duration Monitoring

26055 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting and outlined safety procedures to those present.

26056 To confirm the minutes of the full meeting of the council held on Monday 2nd March 2026

Councillors unanimously **RESOLVED** the minutes for the meeting held on 2nd March 2026 be signed as constituting an accurate record of proceedings.

26057 To Receive Apologies

The meeting apologies from Cllrs. S. Nash & J. Tull.

26058 To Receive Declarations of Members Interests Members to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests (including the details thereof) in respect of any items on this agenda including any gifts or hospitality exceeding £25.

None

26059 Members Dispensations

a) To note approved dispensations relevant to items on the agenda

The meeting noted that Cllrs. Stewart, Nash G Tull, J Tull & Cafe have dispensations to speak and vote on this matter of the Environment Agency Flood Resilience Flood Resilience Project. (Minute ref: 26067, b, ii)

b) To discuss and determine any new dispensations received

None

26060 Chairman's Report

The meeting noted the Chairman's Report. [Chairman's Report](#)

26061 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)

None

26062 To receive the report of Cornwall Councillor Cliff Crawford, authorise any actions and consider any associated expenditure

The meeting noted the report of CC Crawford. [CC Crawford's Report](#)

26063 Planning

a) To give consideration as consultees to:

- i) [PA26/01731 | Demolition of Existing Lean-To Garage and Construction of Single Storey Extension with Annexe Accommodation & Construction of Detached Garage & Associated Works | Fairview Nancekuke Redruth Cornwall TR16 5UG](#)

Following discussion Members of Portreath Parish Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the proposal, requesting that the condition be included:

The development permitted shall only be occupied by members of the family or non-paying guests of the occupiers of the dwelling known as Fairview, Nancekuke and shall not be used at any time as a separate residential unit of accommodation.

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

None

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 [PA26/00840](#) requires full Planning Permission.

26064 To receive the following reports, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

a) Finance

i) To receive report on the balance of the bank account

The Clerk reported that on the 31st March 2026 the balance of the current account stood at £8510.25 and the balance of the Savings Account stood at £107,228.92. The bank statements for the month of March 2026 were signed by the Chairman.

ii) To approve the bank reconciliation for the month of February 2026

The Clerk presented the Bank reconciliation for the month of March 2026 to the meeting. This was approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman.

iii) To receive the Payment Schedule for the period 1st March 2026 – 31st March 2026 and authorise payment of invoices received, and payments scheduled for 1st April 2026– 31st March 2026

Outlining the payment schedule the Clerk detailed payments made totalling £9305.34 for the period 1st March 2026 – 31st March 2026 and payments totalling £14090.00 due for payment in the period 1st April 2026 – 30th April 2026.

Cllr. G. Tull proposed that the clerk line up payments as listed in the schedule. This was seconded by Cllr. Crabtree, put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

iv) To note any income received

The Clerk reported income of £479.57, made up of:

- 4.87 Donation towards the running of the public toilets
- 25.00 Community Hub Booking Fees
- 449.70 Bank Account Interest

The Clerk reported that the first half of the 26/27 precept had not been received.

Cllr. Crabtree suggested that the council revisits its investment policy now the reserves are building to a level that is not covered by the FSCS guarantee.

b) Staffing Committee Update

The meeting noted that staff would be on annual leave through April and that would have an effect on the opening of the parish office and response time to emails and correspondence

c) Clerks Report, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

The Meeting noted the Clerks Report. [Clerk's Report](#).

The Clerk reminded councillor of upcoming staff annual leave, the Wetsuit Swap event on the 25th April and the Annual Parish Meeting on the 27th April.

The Clerk also explained that in the coming weeks priority will be given to completing the Internal Audit and the AGAR. The Clerk advised that this was significant amount of work.

i) Vision ICT Email Outage

The clerk reported that the entire email system went out of service, between the 18th and the 23rd March. The email provider had an issue with their rack space and will be migrating all .gov emails to a new system shortly.

ii) To approve the upgrade of the Councils CHAT GPT account at a cost of £360 per year

Members of Portreath Parish Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to upgrade the CHAT GPT account to the business service.

iii) Update from the Teams Meeting with Alan Burrows, South West Water Head of Local Government Affairs

The Chairman updated councillors on the Teams meeting held with Alan Burrows, Head of Local Government Affairs at South West Water. They confirmed that also present were Cllr. Crabtree and the Clerk.

The Chairman reported:

- Mr Burrows advised that the effectiveness works completed in 2025 must be fully modelled and analysed before progressing to the next phase of works. This analysis is required to assess performance and inform subsequent investment decisions. Timescale for this was likely to be another 3 to 4 months.
- Mr Burrows confirmed that the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) at Tolskithy had not operated at all since 2022.
- Mr Burrows confirmed that a spill is defined using the Environment Agency Event Duration Monitoring (EDM) methodology, which records activity in 12-hour/24-hour periods, meaning that no more than one spill is recorded per day irrespective of the amount of time the CSO is activated.
- They had informed Mr Burrows that the online monitoring system at the Bridge Pumping Station was currently under maintenance and requested an explanation. Mr Burrows confirmed that they would find this information and get back to the council.
- Mr Burrows confirmed that South West Water has a statutory obligation to publish CSO spill data, which is released one month in arrears.

- Mr Burrows confirmed that the next phase of works, aimed at meeting the Government target of limiting CSO discharges from the Bridge Pumping Station to fewer than 10 occurrences per year, is planned for completion by 2030.

d) Update from Love Portreath CAN

The meeting noted the Love Portreath CAN report. [Love Portreath Report](#)

e) YOUTH Engagement Working Group

The meeting noted the Clerks Report. [Clerk's Report](#)

The Clerk reported that the first in the series of pop-up Clay workshops was full. A second session to paint the clay creations will be held on the 16th April with all spaces also booked.

The first outreach session of the season took place on the 7th April. 4Youth engaged with 40 young people aged between 6 and 17 years from, Portreath, Blackwater, Scorrier and Camborne, covering areas including Greenslade park, the shop and square and the beach. A full copy of the report can be found on the parish council website. [Outreach Report 7th April 2026](#).

f) WAAF Site Working Group

The meeting noted the Clerks Report. [Clerk's Report](#)

g) Update from the Facilities Working Group

The meeting noted the Clerks Report. [Clerk's Report](#)

26065 To give consideration to the Cornwall Council Proposal for the Public Realm Improvement and Re-introduction of Weed Treatment in Portreath Parish, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

Councillors considered the documentation provided by Cornwall Council relating to the proposed Public Realm Improvement programme and the re-introduction of weed treatment within Portreath Parish.

Members noted that the timescale for submitting a decision was very short and felt that this did not allow sufficient time for the Council to develop an affordable and deliverable plan that would enable the Parish Council to opt out of the agreement, should it wish to do so.

Councillors further noted that the Parish Council budget for the 2026/27 financial year had already been set and did not include any allocation for the cost of delivering weed control or associated works should the Council opt out of the Cornwall Council scheme.

Members of Portreath Parish Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept Cornwall Council's proposal for the Public Realm Improvement and Re-introduction of Weed Treatment in Portreath Parish.

26066 To consider a response to the Cornwall Council Cornwall Cultural Strategy 2026-2036, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

Members of Portreath Parish council noted the consultation.

26067 To receive various items of correspondence, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

a) Correspondence circulated by email

None

b) General correspondence

i) Request for the council to consider joining the Class Action Against South West Water

The Chairman outlined the Class action and expanded on the points contained within the Clerks report. [Clerk's Report](#)

The meeting noted that it was not possible at this time to be included in the action and questioned if it was the place of a parish council to join any action of this type. The Chairman commented that to be part of the action the council would have to prove that they suffer harm from the actions of SWW and that they struggle to see how the council could prove that, and that it was more likely the place of businesses or an action group to lead action of this type.

Cllr. Hitchen expressed caution with any insurances offered by the solicitors commenting that should the council join the action, it was unlikely the insurance against any counter claim would cover the full cost of this type of action.

The Chairman propose that the council register an interest in the case with Leigh Day Solicitors. This motion was carried unanimously.

ii) Notification of the PFRAG petition reaching 478 signatures

The meeting noted that this correspondence had been circulated to councillors, who asked if the PFRAG could confirm how many of the signatures on the petition were from parishioners in Portreath. Councillors noted that there had been no response from PFRAG to this request.

iii) Open letter from Climate Vision

Councillors noted this correspondence.

c) Correspondence received since the preparation of this agenda

None

26068 To give consideration to any applications received for grants/donations

None

26069 To agree the date of the next meeting, 11th May 2026, 6:30pm

Councillors agreed the date of the next full meeting of the council be Monday 11th May 2026, at 6:30pm.

26070 To resolve under the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

Members of Portreath Parish Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to resolve under the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

26071 To approve the appointment of a contractor to carry out the tree works on the Duke of Leeds Land identified in the recent Tree Survey, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

Following discussion Members of Portreath Parish Council **RESOLVED** to appoint the Contractor Eco Active Arborists Ltd to carry out the tree works on the Duke of Leeds Land identified in the recent Tree Survey.

26072 Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:46.

Date: 11th May 2026

Name: Cllr. I. Stewart

Signed: