



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF PENTEWAN VALLEY PARISH HELD AT PENTEWAN VILLAGE HALL, 15 GLENTOWAN ROAD, PENTEWAN, PL26 6DB ON WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2024 AT 7PM.

Present: Mike Ward, George Muskett, Miles Avery, Janice Williams, Toni Dowrick and Stephen Street (all Pentewan Valley Parish Councillors), Cllr James Mustoe (**Cornwall** Councillor for Mevagissey and St Austell Bay) Anne Cruickshank (Clerk to Pentewan Valley Parish Council) Jim Wood, Pat Wood, and Felicity Owen.

Cllr Mike Ward Chairman of the Parish Council Chaired the meeting.

(1) Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 May 2023

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th May 2023 were an accurate record of the meeting and were signed accordingly.

(2) Matters Arising

The chair gave thanks to Jim Wood for the volunteer work he undertakes for the village of Pentewan and awarded him the Community Volunteer award for 2023/4.

(3) Chairman's Report

The Council has continued to work with a full complement of councillors during the last year all of whom have contributed to the work of the Council.

The Council will have its next scheduled election in May 2025. I would encourage anyone interested in becoming a Councillor to contact the clerk who will be able to advise what is involved and how to stand for election.

Our clerk has managed the Council's finances well passing internal and external audits once more.

Astute management and the income generated from Pentewan car park has enabled the Council to once more significantly reduce the element of council tax we charge residents.

The Council has continued to operate and maintain the free car park at Menagwins which enables people to park and use the Pentewan trail.

I am pleased that the Pentewan coastal defences have been completed. This has been a long running and complex project involving many partners. The result is that many properties will be protected from

flooding from the sea for the next 50 years. The scheme is deliberately designed to be easily removed if a viable scheme to reopen the harbour is ever implemented.

The Council has continued to operate the public toilets in Pentewan and has just appointed a new maintenance company to look after them. The charge for use has increased for the first time this year to 50p

The Council has continued to work on the development of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Draft design codes have recently been completed and we will be in a position to go out for the second public consultation soon.

Following on from the excellent work of Cllr Cartwright last year the Council has led a further tree planting project in the Pentewan Valley.

The Council continues to work with the White River Project aiming to improve the ecology of the White River catchment.

The implementation of Community Area Partnerships by Cornwall Council has resulted in the Parish being unable to formally engage in these meetings. We rely on our Cornwall Councillors to represent our interests. We will continue to work in partnership with neighbouring Councils on mutually beneficial projects.

The Council has been working with Pentewan Village Hall Trust to secure funding to improve accessibility to the hall. We hope to use it for more meetings when it is completed.

The Council has provided grant funding to the Mevagissey Activity Centre for equipment replacement, St Austell, and District Air Cadets for an environmental project and The Village Hall Trust for the Kings coronation celebration.

The Council has purchased a replacement defibrillator for Pentewan Village.

I would like to thank Cllr Cartwright for her support to me as Vice Chair over the course of the year.

I would also like to thank Cllr Street for the time and effort he has dedicated to the development of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

I thank Cllrs Mustoe and Bunney for their support to the Parish as our Cornwall Councillors.

Finally I thank the Clerk Anne for her work over what has been a very busy and challenging year.

(4) Report from Cllr James Mustoe, Cornwall Councillor for Mevagissey and St Austell Bay

2024 has been a year where I have been pleased to work to help deliver a number of improvements for the part of the parish (essentially Pentewan Village and the very southern part of the parish) that I represent.

Firstly, the flood defence scheme for Pentewan Village has now been delivered. This was a strong collaborative effort from Cornwall Council, the Environment Agency, Parish Council, landowner, Steve Double MP with numerous hurdles to leap, but it has now been delivered, after five years of work. This should protect the village from coastal flooding for another 50 years, particularly timely given the horrible weather we have had over the past winter.

Secondly, improvements to the Horseshoe trail at Pentewan Village – these have now mostly been completed, with capital funding allocated to replace the bridge, which is currently being worked on by the manufacturers. This makes this trail much more accessible for all.

Thirdly, works to improve the drainage on Pentewan Hill – these have now been carried out by Cormac.

I have also worked with the Parish Council and Cornwall Council to bring forward a license agreement for the parish council to maintain some of the assets in Pentewan village square, something that will give local people more control over how this central part of the village looks.

It has also been good to see the plans for the Pentewan Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan continue to evolve, and I was pleased to go out and deliver literature in the community to support these proposals.

I was also pleased to work with Post Office Ltd and Phoenix Stores to get a full-time Post-Office counter reopened for Pentewan and was delighted to formally cut the ribbon for that in September 2023.

Through 2023 I was pleased to give donations from my community chest fund in the parish to restore the sign at the beginning of the Pentewan Valley Cycle Trail with help from Pentewan Valley Cycle Hire, and to Mevagissey and District Guides for watersport activities at Pentewan.

I have also supported the application to Cornwall Council's Shared Prosperity Fund for funding to make Pentewan Village Hall more accessible, something which I hope should shortly be approved.

There are always loads of local casework issues ongoing, particularly regarding potholes and verge trimming – I do my best to get a speedy and positive response once I get involved.

I continue to work closely with neighbouring Cornwall Councillor Michael Bunney on matters that affect the whole parish and would like to thank him for his support over the past year.

I would like to congratulate the Parish Council on their excellent work and positive approach and attitude. You are a pleasure to work with and I always look forward to coming to the monthly meetings.

(5) Devon and Cornwall Police Report

PENTEWAN AGM 2023-24 Report

St Austell Neighbourhood Team currently comprises 8 x Police Officers known as Neighbourhood Beat Managers, 5 X Police Community Support Officers, and 3 Tri-Service Safety Officers covering 3 geographic patches of St Austell- East, Town, and West teams.

Staffing changes for the last 12 months include an additional 2 NBM's to join the team over the next couple of months. Sergeant Ian Chambers has temporarily moved to an Acting Inspector role, with NBM Will Chesterfield taking over as Acting Neighbourhood Team Leader in his absence. Inspector Matthew Trevivian remains Sector Inspector for St Austell.

The team covering PENTEWAN includes NBM Steph TANN, PCSO Steve TIBBLES, and PCSO Ally RELF. There will be another NBM joining this patch very soon as part of the additional 2 officers.

3 Tri-Service Safety Officers are based in Fowey, Lostwithiel and St Dennis Fire Stations. Their role is to provide early intervention, prevention, and an operational response.

They work collaboratively with Devon and Cornwall Police, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, and Cornwall Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

The TSSO role provides the three emergency services with a presence in otherwise hard to reach communities. The early intervention work that the TSSO's carry out reduces demand and impact on the 3 emergency services.

There are plans to open further TSSO locations in the near future.

St Austell Neighbourhood Team also works closely with Cornwall Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, and the ASB Caseworker Katherine James is

responsible for St Austell and outlying areas, utilising the Local Authorities specific powers to work with the Police to combat Anti-Social behaviour.

Pentewan Parish ASB data:

2023-2024

15 x Crimes in total reported, with no specific trends. A proportion of these are recorded at Pentewan Sands Holiday Park, so possibly increasing during summer months due to the influx of tourists to this destination. This is a small increase over the previous year but nothing to suggest any increase in criminal behaviours or trends.

0 x ASB reports for this period.

St Austell Neighbourhood Team would like to remind members of the public of the importance of reporting incidents, crimes, and submitting intelligence. Intelligence can help Devon and Cornwall Police to build a picture on crime in the area, including organised crime groups (OCG's) and County Lines Drug Supply. Using this information from the public, Devon and Cornwall Police target known suspects and carry out proactive work to disrupt crime. Aside from the additional methods of contacting Police, such as 101 telephone, email and webchat, Crime Stoppers is an excellent method of reporting information via their website, or their telephone number **0800 555 111**. Important to note the source of the information is protected and never revealed to the subject.

Significant incident- March 2024

Death of Horse, Gorran Haven.

This shocking incident was reported to Police and officers from St Austell Neighbourhood attended and carried out initial investigation into the incident, which looks to be the deliberate slaughtering of a horse. Although a name was passed to Police following the incident, this line of enquiry was followed, and no viable suspect was identified. We would like to remind our members of the public to remain vigilant, and report anything suspicious to Police to help prevent any kind of reoccurrence.

St Austell Neighbourhood Operations 2023-24

Some of the activities undertaken by St Austell Neighbourhood during 2023-24....

May 2023

Closure obtained at an address in St Austell following persistent ASB at the address and following an Affray involving a large knife. This court order prevents any persons from accessing the property for an initial 3-

month period, whilst the housing organisation later obtained full possession of the property.

December 2023

Drug intelligence received relating to drug supply in the nighttime economy. Drug warrant obtained and executed by St Austell Neighbourhood Team, a quantity of drugs located, and significant cash seized from the address.

December 2023- 'Op Limit'

This was a pro-active Traffic Operation targeting drink and drug driving during the festive season, in partnership with the No Excuses Team and Safety Camera Partnership. Numerous traffic offences observed, and drivers reported. Driver arrested for drug driving.

January 2024 and March 2024

Closure Orders obtained at Cornwall Magistrates Court against 2 individual properties in St Austell due to persistent Anti-Social Behaviour. These remain closed at this time.

March 2024- 'Op Scorpion' intensification week

Op Scorpion is Devon and Cornwall Police's force-wide response to drug related crime. Within St Austell, Safeguarding checks were carried out to victims of cuckooing, known drug suppliers were targeted for checks, several persons were arrested for drug offences and successful drug warrants were executed in the St Austell area.

(6) Open Forum

Pat Wood advised that the NHS were looking at village halls as places to hold outreach GP surgeries in rural areas and suggested that Pentewan Village Hall could be considered.

The meeting closed at 19:21

Signed

Date