

# **Porthcurno Residents' Association**

## **Minutes of the AGM held on 7.30pm on Thursday 25 November 2021 (via Zoom)**

Chair: Tiffany Coates, PKRA Chair  
Note-taker: Louise Court, PKRA Secretary

1. **Welcome and introductions** – Tiffany (TC) welcomed attendees. It was agreed the meeting was quorate.
2. **Agreement of minutes of the last AGM** (see [here](#)) – these were agreed
3. **Matters arising** – there were no matters arising. A resident said they had much appreciated the social events that had taken place.
4. **Chair's report** – TC read out her report (attached for members). Louise Court (LC) thanked TC for her leadership and for leading the 20's Plenty campaign, and others agreed.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
  - 5.1. Susan Kersley (SK) had sent out her report to members in advance. Attendees supported her recommendation not to offer PayPal as a means of making donations. We had only had one payment in 2021 via PayPal and the percentage fee we pay to PayPal did not make small donations cost effective. People will be encouraged to pay online, rather than give cash. If people wanted to pay by cheque, they would be encouraged to do so by paying this in to a bank themselves, rather than give a cheque to the Treasurer.
  - 5.2. It was noted we were in the healthiest position we had been in for some years, especially thank to a few very generous donations, and we needed to agree with members in 2022 how this should be spent. A resident asked what the money has been spent on in the past. SK reported that this has been on the website, Zoom, etc as in the accounts and in the past we have arranged a Christmas party in the pub.
  - 5.3. It was agreed that anything that publicises the PKRA in a positive way would be good use of our money. Someone to help with marketing/PR would be helpful, as we have previously identified. Other ideas were for more socials, a bus shelter in the car park, a defibrillator in the car park, or conducting a feasibility study for a footpath down the valley.
6. **Election of Committee**
  - 6.1. LC reminded the meeting that Linda Rudge, Vice Chair, (LR) was standing down from the Committee, and that SK was standing down from her role as Treasurer, but SK was willing to remain on the Committee as a co-opted member. The other Committee members were willing to stand again but would be happy to step aside if anyone else wanted to offer their services. LC said however, no one had responded to her emails asking for volunteers.

- 6.2. John Wheeler (JW), currently a co-opted Committee member, said he thought it was important we had a Treasurer so offered himself for that role, although noted, as a declaration of interest, that members needed to be aware he and the Secretary lived together.
- 6.3. Members agreed to vote the Committee in *en bloc* and the new Committee was voted in unanimously as:
- a. Chair – Tiffany Coates
  - b. Vice chair - vacant
  - c. Treasurer – John Wheeler
  - d. Secretary – Louise Court
  - e. Membership secretary – vacant (but duties now largely covered by Secretary)
  - f. Co-options – Lucy Coyne, Susan Kersley and Sue Wear.
- 6.4 Lucy Coyne would continue to be Social Secretary, and Sue Wear agreed to continue as the PKRA representative on the Porthcurno Coastal Community Team.
- 6.5 TC thanked LR and SK for their work and support.
7. **Any other business**
- 7.1 20's Plenty campaign – A member asked if anyone had considered speedbumps. TC reported that this had been fully considered, and been discussed at residents' meetings, but they were not considered suitable in the Valley largely due to narrowness of the road. In addition, LC pointed out that they were now being phased out in some areas due to the environmental impact of cars continually slowing and accelerating.
- 7.2 Another resident asked if we, or businesses like the Minack, could make more use of the flags that she had had made and displayed in her garden. SW pointed out that the CCT was unlikely to approve additional expenditure for this, but we wondered if the Minack and others could do more about promoting the campaign and safer driving, to both visitors and their staff, e.g. so that when people leave the theatre, especially at night, they don't speed off down the hill. Others suggested we keep the use of flags for special occasions, e.g. national awareness days, for maximum effect. It was also pointed out that the flag can sometimes be a bit tricky to read, whereas stickers can be more effective on an everyday basis, so if used occasionally as suggested, bigger signs or flags would be good.
- 7.2 Excavation of St Levan chapel – a member asked for news, and others expressed concern, about the state of the site post excavation. A resident noted that further work was being done today on the site, but LC said she would follow up with the Penwith Landscape Partnership for an update. **Action: LC**. It was hoped that residents would be offered the opportunity to attend a talk about the outcome of the excavation and the finds, which are, excitingly, of national interest and importance. A further issue was raised about the emergency phone above the beach at Porthgwarra being difficult to access. The Committee would follow up. **Action: LC**

- 7.3 Another said that they and others were concerned that the emergency phone is no longer easily accessible since the old coast path had been diverted. The Committee would follow this up. **Action: Committee**
- 7.4 Social news - TC said she hoped that there would be a festive outdoor social get together on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December. More details to follow. (NB. Since cancelled due to weather and increased Covid concerns)
8. **Date of next AGM and ordinary meeting** – The 2022 AGM will be Thursday 1st December 2022. Dates of ordinary meetings to be confirmed.

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