

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **Minutes of a Meeting of Lanlivery Parish Council held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 6.30pm in Lanlivery Church**

**24/112 Present** Cllrs Haley, Hemmings, Sinkins, Turner and Wright

**In attendance** The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent  
5 members of the public

**24/113 Apologies** The Chairman, Cllr R Paterson, Cllr Challis

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Paterson, it was proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Wright and RESOLVED that Cllr Sinkins should take the Chair for this meeting.

#### **24/114 Declaration of Interests**

- i. Pecuniary** – None.
- ii. Non Registerable** – None
- iii. Dispensations** - None

#### **24/115 Public Questions**

Representatives of Red Moor School reported that there would be a Christmas Fair at the school on 12<sup>th</sup> December from 15.30 – 17.30 to which the community was invited. The first Community Engagement Meeting would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> January at 17.30 – 18.30.

Given the regularity of pupils ‘escaping’ from Red Moor School, Cllr Hemmings expressed concern about the siting of a proposed new school, close to the busy A380. The Red Moor representatives responded that this facility would be built by Cornwall Council and not their organisation so they had no influence at all over this.

Caroline Stephenson had mistaken the start time of the meeting and had attended hoping to speak in ‘Public Questions’ but had missed the slot. The Chairman had directed that she could speak after the formal closure of the meeting. However, her comments are recorded here.

*Caroline reiterated the importance of the Luxulyan Valley and shared that she would like to see the return of hydro power and traditional management of the woodlands. She was concerned that money raised by the turbine at Pontsmill that was now defunct, due to Cornwall Council failing to reapply for a licence, was unavailable to her and that a Lottery Grant of £3.4 million had not been utilised. Caroline explained that she would like to see better management of the valley, including signposted circular walks, site specific information held in waterproof pouches and feasibility studies undertaken on the most significant structures, including the 2 major engine houses and the quarries near Luxulyan. Given that a significant area of the valley belongs to private landowners Caroline also considered that these landowners must be*

*supported in order that her 'vision' for the Luxulyan Valley could be achieved. Cllr Sinkins clarified that the turbine money will be used by the Partnership for the benefit of the valley and that the £.3.4 million was applied for from Heritage Lottery but the scheme was never taken forward as replacing the trough over the viaduct became unviable.*

*Caroline noted that Ed Harradence had accumulated a pot of money from the turbine to be used for community grants. She wanted to be able to apply to this pot to progress some of her identified schemes but Cllr Sinkins confirmed that this money had nearly all been allocated for community projects.*

#### **24/116 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

It was proposed by Cllr Haley, seconded Cllr Hemmings and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **24/117 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda – *for report only***

There had been no contact from Cllr Martin in respect of the requests made at the November meeting.

#### **24/118 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Sinkins and RESOLVED that accounts to the value £32,960.68 be approved.

#### **24/119 Resolutions from Councillors**

None

#### **24/120 Correspondence – *for information only***

Electronic correspondence had been circulated. Correspondence was left 'on the table' for Councillors attention.

#### **24/121 To Receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor**

No report

#### **24/122 Reports from Parish Council Representatives**

Luxulyan Valley Partnership. Cllr Sinkins reported that there had been a working group meeting the previous evening to review the Terms of Reference for the Partnership. She also noted that recent emails circulated to members were misleading in that they were from Meadow Barns and not from the Partnership.

#### **24/123 Planning**

None.

#### **24/124 Playing Field/Forest Field**

Cllr Sinkins had arranged for a second quote to finish off the safety surfacing in the playground as the quote from Kompan was extortionate. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact Kompan again to complain about the surfacing as it was completely unacceptable for the swing to have been erected with its legs resting on concrete.

**24/125 To review Risk Assessment Schedules, including public liability and fidelity cover and sign off**

Members approved the insurance documentation and studied the RA schedule, including the possible amendments suggested by the Parish Clerk, and agreed all was in order. It was proposed by Cllr Hemmings, seconded Cllr Wright and RESOLVED that it should be signed off.

**24/126 To review Parish Clerk Job Profile/Salary/Hours**

It was proposed by Cllr Sinkins, seconded Cllr Haley and RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk's hours should remain at 2, but rise to Point 34.

**24/127 To review Earmarked Reserves 2024/2025 and allocate Earmarked Reserves 2025/2026**

2024/2025 Earmarked Reserves It was noted that Cormac had still not requested payment towards the village traffic calming scheme and the reserve was, therefore, still intact.

It was proposed by Cllr Sinkins, seconded Cllr Wright and RESOLVED that the following reserves should be earmarked for 2025/2026

- Village Traffic Calming                      £20,000
- Transparency                                      £2,070
- Training    £1,000
- Election Costs                                      £3,000
- Play Equipment (phase 2)                      £20,000

**24/128 Budget 2025/2026**

The Parish Clerk had supplied details of income and expenditure to date against the 2024/2025 budget and, using this information and projecting future income and expenditure, members calculated a budget for 2025/2026.

Resulting from this it was proposed by Cllr Sinkins, seconded Cllr Haley and RESOLVED that the Parish Council should request that the precept for 2025/2026 should rise slightly to £12,594.00, an increase of 4%.

**24/129 To Receive Reports (if any) from Parish Councillors**

Cllr Turner reported that she had tried to get the environment agency to replace the footpath signage in the village by the Crown and also the Saints Way signage outside Churchtown Cottages, but with no success. Cllr Sinkins agreed to report these issues to Cornwall Council.

Cllr Hemmings had attended the meeting at Gunwen Chapel about the rewilding of the beavers. The beavers on Helman Tor had also been discussed and assurances had been given that if they made a dam that was causing problems then procedures could be instigated to address this.

**24/130 Enforcement Issues**

EN23/00145 registered, EN21/00522 appeal dismissed, EN21/00352 Enforcement Notice served requiring clearance of the site.

**Date of Next Meeting**                      to be confirmed

**Meeting Closed**                              7.15pm

