

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Voting Members present: Cllrs. Tom O’Sullivan, Stephen Blake, Eric Harris, Steve Haynes and Max Faulkner.

Non-Voting Members: Cllrs. Robert Gavin (PC Chair) & Michelle Carter

Committee Administrator: L Pluess (Parish Clerk)

Public: 4

Meeting Start Time: 7pm

**CHC/065/22 To receive and accept apologies for absence with reasons given**

All present.

**CHC/066/22 To receive registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests.**

Cllr. Steve Haynes in connection with the Old Parish Hall Building – Agenda Item 8(b) To consider a valuation of the Old Parish Hall.

**CHC/067/22 To consider requests for Dispensations.**

None received.

**CHC/068/22 Public Open Session Members of the public are invited to address the Committee on an agenda item (10 mins)**

None.

**CHC/069/22 To resolve that the Minutes of the previous meeting are an accurate record.**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

**CHC/070/22 Chairman’s Report.**

The Chairman spoke on the role and objectives of the Community Hall Committee in line with the CHC’s terms of reference. The Chairman spoke at length on the benefits of registering Poundstock Community Hall with the Charity Commission. He then spoke of the Open Meeting held a year ago by the Community Hall Working Group and reaffirmed the commitment of the Community Hall Committee to try and make progress to provide a Community Hall for the parishioners. Committee members echoed the Chairman’s sentiment and considered positive progress is being made.

**CHC/071/22 Correspondence received and authorise any action.**

None.

**CHC/072/22 Agenda Items to discuss and resolve a course of action with any associated expenditure: -**

- a) To consider correspondence from Cornwall Council Devolution for a possible ‘Land Swap’.

The proposal put by Cornwall Council for a possible ‘land swap’ of the land at Treskinnick Cross for the land on which the current hall is situated. A lengthy discussion followed with the public present who unanimously considered the proposal ludicrous and financially detrimental. It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman draft a response with the Clerk to Cornwall

Council, circulated to members, rejecting the proposal put by Cornwall Council for a possible land swap fully supported by the public, noting that Cornwall Council initiated the transfer of land at Treskinnick Cross to the Parish Council for £1 with the possibility of planning permission implied; furthermore without the proceeds of an open market sale of the current site there would be insufficient resources to fund a new build on the land at Treskinnick.

In consideration of the Declaration of Interest made by Cllr. Haynes it was **RESOLVED** to move agenda item 8(c) to the end of the meeting (*for ease the minutes are written in agenda order*).

**CHC/073/22** b) To consider a valuation of the Old Parish Hall.

Cllr. Max Faulkner offered to get an informal valuation of the Old Parish Hall at no cost.

**CHC/074/22** c) Update on Community engagement.

Throughout August members of the committee carried out a door-to-door engaging with parishioners about the idea of a community hall, the benefits and use. Cllr. Steve Haynes reported over 81 responses have been received to date which have been overwhelmingly positive. People are aware and generally supportive of the concept. It was noted that more responses are expected upon completion of the NDP Survey. Cllr. Haynes will prepare the report upon completion for publication.

**CHC/075/22** d) Update on engagement with Methodist Circuit.

It was noted no further correspondence has been received from the Superintendent Minister of Bude & Holsworthy Circuit since acknowledging receipt of the correspondence. Following lengthy discussions on the upcoming auction of Bangors Hall, which included the parishioners present, it was **RESOLVED** for the Chairman to prepare an article for the Poundstock Packet to explain exactly what has been happening with Bangors Hall, to be published after the auction. Members of the public thanked committee members for giving them the opportunity to fully engage.

**CHC/076/22** e) To review the recommendation to be prepared in future to register a Poundstock Community Hall with the Charity Commission.

Following further discussion on the concept of registering Poundstock Community Hall with the Charity Commission it was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council to now register Poundstock Community Hall with the Charity Commission.

**CHC/077/22** **Items for Information:**

None received.

**CHC/078/22** **Note items for the next agenda:**

- a) Asbestos removal from the parish hall.
- b) Demolition of the parish hall.

**CHC/079/22** **Date for the next Community Hall Committee Meeting:**

Thursday 13 October 2022.

**CHC/080/22** Meeting Closed 20:35

Signed Chairman\_\_\_\_\_