MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Mevagissey Activity Centre

On Thursday 16 May 2024 at 7pm

Present Cllrs. M Roberts (Chairman), M Facey (Vice-Chairman), J Brown, L Burdett, J Morgan, K Prynn,

G Shephard, P Simpson, J Whatty, G Williams.

In Attendance Ben Ringrose (Headteacher, Mevagissey Primary School), P Howson (Clerk to the Council), 3 members of the public.

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1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Barham, Gann and Mustoe (Ward Member).

2. Cllr. Prynn declared an interest in agenda item 15d (Mevagissey Youth grant application).

The Chairman declared an interest in agenda item 15a (Jubilee Hall grant application).

3. The Chairman welcomed Ben Ringrose, the Headteacher of Mevagissey Primary School, who provided an update on progress at the school since he took up post. The school roll has increased from 130 to 144 since last September. A new uniform expectation policy has been introduced to bring standards into line with those of the local secondary schools. Attendance is 96%, against a national average of 94% (most schools in Cornwall are below the national average). The school was rated Good at last year’s Ofsted inspection, and they are on a journey to improve this further. The School practices ‘The Mevagissey Way’, comprising the three core values of ‘Ready, Respectful, Safe’. At the end of last year the school received a letter from Damian Hinds, Minister of State for Schools, recognising the school’s 100% achievement in reading assessment, putting them in the top 1% of schools nationally. The school arranges activities to promote the mental health of pupils and relies on fundraising to enable a broad range of experiences. For example, all Stage 2 pupils will be going to the Minack Theatre this year for a performance, and all Stage 1 pupils will be visiting Newquay Aquarium. A day learning circus skills is also planned. This all costs money; the school has no mini-bus and coach hire costs £500 - £700 per trip. The school open days, which were paused during the pandemic, have now resumed. After questions, the Chairman thanked Mr Ringrose for coming to speak and assured him that the Council would help wherever it could.

4. Public participation.

Cllr. Prynn withdrew for the following presentation, having declared an interest.

Charlie Clayton, who has taken over local youth services following the retirement of Carol Halliday, gave a presentation on agenda item 15d (Mevagissey Youth grant application for goalposts). A demand for youth football has led to the formation of Meva Youth FC, with 60 children interested and 12 adults willing to help. They need £4,044 to buy two sets of 12x6 goalposts for the U7 and U11 teams (one set at the school, the other at the MAC), and one set of 16x7 goalposts for the U12 and U14 teams. They have secured 75% of the cost from the Football Foundation and are asking the Council to provide the balance.

5. Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Simpson that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2024 be accepted. Carried.

6. The Clerk reported that:

* A joint meeting with the Harbour Trustees has been arranged for Tuesday evening at 7pm;
* The Council’s Internal Audit has been arranged for next Friday, 24 May;
* The 2023/24 VAT paid was reclaimed from HMRC and has now been received;
* The temporary closure of the steps between Cross Park Terrace and Vicarage Hill (part of FP8) has been extended to 5 October, although it will be re-opened as soon as Cormac’s engineer declares it’s safe to do so;
* Linda Taylor (Leader of Cornwall Council [CC]) will be hosting a ‘Listening to you’ event at The Cornwall Hotel at 7pm on Monday 10 June, to which the public is invited;

7. The Ward Member was not present to give his report, but it will be posted on the Council’s website.

8. To approve the monthly finances.

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| Bills to Pay | Replacement signage for slipway and memorial railings (paid) | £ | 72.06 |  |  |
|  | Valley Rd PC electricity 02/04/24 - 01/05/24 (paid) | £ | 31.89 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC electricity 02/04/24 - 01/05/24 (paid) | £ | 44.82 |  |  |
|  | Service bottle bank 25/04/24 | £ | 233.40 |  |  |
|  | Stationery | £ | 10.15 |  |  |
|  | Annual insurance | £ | 1,291.65 |  |  |
|  | IT support May 2024 | £ | 54.86 |  |  |
|  | Staff costs | £ | 1,697.24 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC water 03/04/24 - 01/05/24 (paid) | £ | 119.02 |  |  |
|  | Valley Rd PC water 03/04/24 - 01/05/24 (paid) | £ | 179.89 |  |  |
|  | Operate West Wharf PC May 2024 | £ | 1,407.88 |  |  |
|  | Operate Valley Road PC May 2024 | £ | 1,432.89 |  |  |
|  | W Wharf PC hygiene 08/06/24-07/09/24 + Waste Transfer Note | £ | 408.43 |  |  |
|  | TOTAL | £ | 6,984.18 |  |  |
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| Accounts | Amount available to spend as of last meeting | £ | 98,759.80 |  |  |
|  | Expenditure last month | £ | 5,988.47 |  |  |
|  | plus Supply and fit new hand driers to PCs | £ | 272.00 |  |  |
|  | Meeting room hire March 2024 | £ | 48.00 |  |  |
|  | Mevagissey Male Choir grant | £ | 500.00 |  |  |
|  | Winter maintenance works at Valley Road PC | £ | 1,489.91 |  |  |
|  | Precept (payment 1 of 2) | £ | 49,961.00 |  | Received |
|  | West Wharf PC card reader receipts (net) | £ | 64.39 |  | Received |
|  | Contribution from The Blue Hut towards seasonal litter bins | £ | 500.00 |  | Received |
|  | Available to spend | £ | 140,986.81 |  |  |
|  | Bank Statements (30/04/2024) |  |  |  |  |
|  | Current Accounts |  |  | £ | 80.79 |
|  | Deposit Accounts |  |  | £ | 140,906.02 |
|  | TOTAL |  |  | £ | 140,986.81 |

Proposed by Cllr. Prynn, Seconded by Cllr. Brown that the accounts be accepted and the bills paid. Carried.

9. Cllr. Facey reported that all the public toilets were open except for the West Wharf Ladies where the main door handle had broken off. Being so exposed to the sea, rust was a continual problem. Relocation to East Wharf would be ideal and this would be discussed at next week’s meeting with the Harbour Trustees. He will soon be seeking local business sponsors and advertisers. Income from entry charges has been falling over the last couple of years in line with the decline in visitor numbers across Cornwall generally.

10. Cllr. Gann was not present but had sent the following report from the Housing Working Group:

‘I have questions ready for an online questionnaire to be circulated around the community, but need someone with IT skills to pull it into a format for use / analysis. No further update on other issues, but the house swap process is being monitored. Ocean Housing progress reports are useful, but pace of progress is painfully slow’.

Cllr. Prynn explained how the house swap process worked. Cllr. Brown volunteered his IT skills to assist.

11. Cllr. Brown presented his report from the Climate Emergency Working Group:

* Correction from previous meeting, the Parish Tree Warden is currently in the process of scoping out a hedge laying course, not hedge planting further details will be made available when timings have been confirmed

• The parish council confirmed that the Tree Warden is covered under its insurance

• The parish council is to provide a volunteer first aider to support the hedge laying course (Cllr. Prynn volunteered)

• The Climate Action Group provided a number of walk to school activity packs to Mevagissey School in support of its walk to school day

• The group also has an updated from the street lighting team regarding light switch off during out of hours. Cllr Burdett was informed that Mevagissey will be a part of the out of hours switch off scheme once street lights have been updated with LEDs which is expected in 2025

• Cllr Burdett is coordinating with the tree warden and Mevagissey school to organise either an activity or a talk regarding trees and trees in the village

• The energy specialist talk has been rescheduled for 18th June at 6.30pm at The MAC. Details to be shared on social media.

• The Climate Action Group is coordinating with local experts to provide marine wildlife/habitat talks to Mevagissey school on Polstreath beach - dates to be confirmed

• The Climate Action Group is looking to share the information that there is a vape recycling facility at Mevagissey News, this information will be shared on social media

12. Cllr. Shephard reported that the Asset Working Group would be meeting next week to complete the Risk Assessments being produced by Cllr. Williams.

13. Cllr. Gann was not present but had sent the following report on the operation of the seasonal litter bins:

‘After an issue of the bins overflowing, the various users have been reminded to keep the bins locked – we may need to put up signage / a camera to monitor if any unauthorised parties are filling the bins. Weekly collections of the 4 No. 1,100L bins are in place and will be kept under review’.

14. To receive an update on the requested meeting with Cornwall Council’s devolution officers (Ward Member).

The Ward Member being absent, this was deferred to tomorrow’s planning meeting.

15. To consider grant applications.

15a. To approve the sum of £2,000 as this year’s grant to the Jubilee Hall (authorised under Local Government Act (LGA) 1972 s 133). The Chairman withdrew for this item, having declared an interest, and the Vice- Chairman took the Chair. Proposed by Cllr. Prynn, Seconded by Cllr. Morgan that a grant of £2,000 be made to the Jubilee Hall Carried.

15b. To approve the sum of £300 as this year’s grant towards the Tower & Spire printing costs (authorised under LGA 1972 s 137). Proposed by Cllr. Whatty, Seconded by Cllr. Williams that a grant of £300 be made to St Peter’s Church towards printing costs. Carried.

15c. To consider this year’s grant application from Mevagissey FC for the sum of £1,350 for pitch cutting, to include £450 at the request of the Mevagissey Activity Centre (MAC) for extra cutting for the Rounders’ Club and on-site camping for gig rowing events (authorised under LGA [Misc. Provisions] 1976 s 19).

This item was deferred to the next meeting at the request of the football club Chairman.

15d. Cllr. Prynn withdrew for this item, having declared an interest.

To consider a grant application from Mevagissey Youth for the sum of £1,011, representing 25% of the cost of new goalposts to be installed on the school playing field for a new Youth Football Club who will play matches at both the school and the MAC (authorised under LGA [Misc. Provisions] 1976 s 19).

The remaining 75% has been secured from the Football Foundation. See [www.mevagisseyyouth.org.uk](http://www.mevagisseyyouth.org.uk)

Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that the requested amount be rounded up and a grant of £1,100 towards the cost of goal posts be made to Mevagissey Youth. Carried.

16. The meeting ended at 8.05pm. Date of next meeting: 20 June 2024.

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