

**Highlight Report from the Altarnun Parish Council Meeting on
Wednesday, 8th May 2019 in Altarnun Village Hall.**

Chair C Dowler was joined by 9 councillors, CC Cllr Adrian Parsons, Parish Maintenance Manager Paul Smart & three visitors.

Mr R Sharland, retired professional environmentalist, now an artist & local businessman, gave a thought-provoking presentation upon the challenges facing Cornwall following the launch of Cornwall Council's Climate Change Emergency plans. The Gov't have announced their commitment to be carbon neutral by 2050. Cornwall Council have set their deadline as 2030, 20 years ahead of national plans. There is increasing publicity & awareness globally that time is critical & the future of generations to come is at risk from adverse climate change & environment/species extinction with an associated deterioration in the quality of everyone's day to day lives he explained. Mr Sharland proposed that the APC support the setting up of a small action group drawn from the community who can meet to talk about the challenge, promote awareness, stimulate engagement, generate ideas, encourage action & report on progress over time. He was happy to lead such a group. After a lively debate the APC agreed that they welcomed the idea of a community climate change action group & were happy to sponsor it.

Mr Parsons reprised recent activities including feedback on the Highways England work/litter collection on A30 verges. Mr Smart reported a fly tipping problem near the A30 underpass at Five Lanes. Mr Parsons said that the fly tipping problem was on the increase. Cllr McCallum raised concerns about two burst water mains incidents in Altarnun Village Centre which caused major disruption & inconvenience to many residents. The APC were anxious to establish the exact cause of the bursts & potential risk of further events, especially in the light of planned road surfacing repair work planned through the village.

The APC considered the following planning applications & raised NO OBJECTION.

****PA19/02007:** residential extension to dwelling Oak Barn, South Carne, Launceston.

****PA19/02323:** erection of infill dwelling inside garden of Higher Treween Cottage, PL15 7RE.

****PA19/02813:** construction of two 3-bedroom dwellings on Trewint Farm, Trewint.

****PA19/01322:** conversion of redundant barn into 3-bedroom dwelling @ Trewint Farm, Trewint.

****PA19/01344:** Altarnun Church Hall - removal of wall mounted electric radiators & installation of 3 air to air wall mounted heat pumps internally with 3 air conditioning units externally, by Church Hall Restoration Group.

****PA19/03545:** construction of general-purpose agricultural storage building including a grain store on land south of Treconer Farm, Altarnun, Launceston.

****PA19/03621:** redevelopment of barn to dwelling, associated works @ Kernyk Park, Five Lanes.

Finally, there was a brief discussion about **PA19/00970** – the advance notification that pre-application advice was being sought for a possible high-quality touring caravan, pod & tent site including access road & a facilities building on land south west of Jamaica Inn, Bolventor.

The APC were briefed on maintenance activities & projects, noting that the new toilet block was making visible progress with an end of May 2019 completion date. Opening will be announced in due course. The Dog Bin clearance issue @ Trewint was being escalated.

The Councillors also discussed road maintenance, road-side safety barriers & damaged fencing complaints, blocked drainage & overgrown hedge safety issues. It noted that work was about to commence on installing double yellow safety lines & speed warning signs at Bolventor.

The APC reviewed its current account balance, recent transactions and then approved payments to Smart Bros & AAV Services for grass cutting & general maintenance in April; to Community First/Zurich for 2019/20 Annual Insurance Renewal; to CommuniCorp for annual renewal of online & paper access for the Local Council monthly update; to CALC Ltd for 2019/20 annual membership renewal and the Bolventor Reading Room for room hire useage. The Clerk also ran through the preparations for the upcoming external audit & annual general meeting with associated annual report and accounts.

Correspondence circulated prior to the meeting including a CC briefing on volunteering; the launch of the community network panel facebook & twitter contact details & details surrounding the European Elections were discussed. Copies of the details prospective candidates in the election were distributed.

The Chair advised the APC of the pending retirement of the Parish Clerk after 10 years of outstanding service for which he and his fellow councillors were very appreciative. The Clerk thanked the Chair for his kind words and then outlined the steps to be taken to find & appoint a new Clerk including the issuing of a draft advert, requesting that the details for potential candidates be sent to her as soon as possible. It was hoped a new Clerk would be in situ before September 2019.

The AGM & next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, 5th June 2019 at 7.30pm in Altarnun Village Hall.