

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> May 2025

1. Present: Paul Frost, Veronica Stansfield, Darren Wills, David Garrigan, David Cornelius, Stuart Dodds, Alistair Philp, Val Hill, Anita Cornelius (Clerk), Barry Cornelius, Denis and Christine Lusby, Gordon Robb, Mr & Mrs Kirby Harris

2. Apologies: Stephen Nankivell, Paul van der Ben

3. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2024 were approved as a true and accurate letter, proposed by Paul Frost, seconded by Veronica Stansfield – all in favour.

4. Community Shop Steering Group gave an update and report to the meeting:

- Been trading for 9 months and have generated income in line with budget expectations. Sales are very good at weekends and Christmas and Easter saw good trading.
- Best sellers include: pasties, bread, wine, beers, cigarettes, sweets and chocolates.
- Opening hours have been 9 – 6pm Monday – Saturday, 10 – 1pm – Sundays. Hours for Bank Holidays need to be fine tuned
- There have been no gaps in volunteer cover and Dee Fry was acknowledged for her organisational skills and support
- A financial report will be provided at the annual meeting
- We have approx.. 30 volunteers, a few have left and ideally 3-6 people need to be recruited.
- A new area for local crafts has been added
- Fundraising raffles for local groups and organisations, donating prizes to various raffles in the village and fund raising events have all taken place (quiz night at Old Inn and Big Breakfast)
- 9<sup>th</sup> August will celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> year of trading and 11<sup>th</sup> September will see the second annual members meeting (note – still looking for more shareholders)
- Hoping for a busier summer and thanked all the parish for support and help.

Chairman Darren Wills thanked all volunteers and members of the community shop, on behalf of the Parish and the Parish Council.

5. Local Community Transport and links in St Breward

Barry Cornelius gave a presentation to the meeting and made the following points:

- In 2019 the community centre in Lanivet worked in partnership in Age UK . Coordination took place in COVID including hospital appointments, shop and prescription deliveries, Acute hospital trips to Plymouth and Truro, Opticians appointments using the community bus. The success was spread by word of mouth and the bus covered Wadebridge too.

- In 2020 a 7 seater bus was purchased and hired out to the primary school and village groups and organisations.
- St Issey, Camelford and St Austell communities all raised their interests (saving return taxi fares of £150)
- The group also worked with the NHS ICB (integrated commissioning board) and Age UK
- Applications for community transport in the area have been made: Bodmin, Tintagel, Wadebridge, Padstow and St Issey
- Coordination was required for volunteer drivers and routes
- The bus averaged 1,000 miles/month
- Bodmin had money from DEFRA and purchased a Mini Bus light where D1 licences are not required. This provided a ring and ride service around Bodmin
- Another application has been written to the levelling up fund for another vehicle – this will be a 8 seater electric mini bus for the Wadebridge area
- The Camel Valley Community Transport has been started and interviews took place yesterday for a co-ordinator. The role will co-ordinate services, and talk with other providers on how we can work together to utilise the bus in St Breward
- The next steps would be to look at recurrent funding, and to approach town and parish councils for funding going forward.
- It was suggested that there are numerous community buses and it would be good to link them – eg St Teath, Boscastle and Tintagel.
- Denis Lusby thanked Mr Cornelius for his help on behalf of the St Breward Community Bus group

## 6. St Breward Community Bus

Mr Robb distributed hand outs to the meeting. St Breward Community Bus started in 1983.

Now the group is in a difficult financial position, and the most recent grant application process to Cornwall Council has been put on hold.

An income and expenditure sheet was shared with the meeting.

More people need to use the bus. New ideas to increase uptake are welcome and were received during the meeting:

Private hire – who would be the driver? Theatre trips. Advertise on Facebook and Instagram.

Darren Wills thanked the Bus Committee and all volunteer drivers for their support and time.

6. Financial summary 24/25 for the Parish Council was received.

Mr Kirby Harris thanked the Parish Council team for all their support, hard work and financial support to the community shop.

7. Chairman Report – Darren Wills gave an overview of the Parish Council activity in 2024/2025 and thanked all Councillors for their support and hard work.

8. The meeting welcomed David Garrigan, the new Cornwall Councillor for St Teath & Tintagel ward (which includes St Breward).

David thanked the Parish Council for a warm welcome

He confirmed that he will cover St Teath, Tintagel, Delabole, Michaelstow, St Tudy and St Breward

He paid tribute to Dominic Fairman for all his hard work and support, and advised that he wants to build on his legacy.

Mr Garrigan has been encouraged by the community spirit in St Breward, paid testament to Bob Kirby Harris and the Shop committee and confirmed that a grant has been submitted to support the shop to the local CAP, which David has supported.

He noted that he has a background in transport integration and would like to offer any help necessary for the community bus scheme. He expressed thanks to all involved, especially to those who fund things that support community projects.

David added that he was going to join the local Speedwatch group and has agreed to undertake the training. He asked for any volunteers to contact David Clark or himself.

Re the recent elections he advised that the finished outcome was that an administration was formed yesterday which will be a coalition between the Liberal Democrats and the Independents. The reform party have been asked to reconsider joining the coalition.

Darren Wills thanked David Garrigan for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 20:35hrs