



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 16TH ,MAY 2013 IN MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Gibbons (Chairman), Barnicoat, Mrs Lawry, and Sadler

ALSO PRESENT: Ms S Willsher, Clerk and twelve members of the public

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

1258/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Sadler.

**1259/05 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON
PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND ANY GIFTS RECEIVED**

There were no interests declared.

1260/05 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY

The following reported were received:

Friends of Mawnan Surgery

The small but active committee worked well together raising money to purchase equipment to benefit the patients in the surgery, and if necessary in their homes. Each year they had a table top sale to boost funds, and the patients were very grateful for the tea and biscuits they provided at the 'flu jab' sessions held in the hall each autumn. At these events they also raised money by holding a raffle. They attended meetings of The Friends of Penryn Surgery and liaise regularly with the doctors and nurses. They would welcome anyone who wished to join their committee, please contact the committee at the next table top sale on the 25th May in the Hall.

Mawnan Methodist Church

They continued to hold the weekly services at 11am and they were well attended by church members and visitors. This year the combined churches of Mawnan Smith had raised well over £600 for Christian Aid at the annual lent lunches held in the Sunday School Room. Unfortunately they had a major blow when the motor on the organ burnt out, the temporary repair cost well over £400 but they were grateful to the Parish Council for giving a grant towards the cost. They hire out the Sunday school Room at a very reasonable cost to several groups. They alternate the Mothering Sunday Services with the Church of England and they attended each others harvest festivals. Due to depleted numbers the Sunday School now met monthly and they were delighted that there were more children joining. A very special nativity service was held in memory of Rosemary Curtis, this was very well attended and was made special by "Footprints Children"

joining. They welcomed all wishing to worship with them at the Chapel and Sunday School.

Mawnan Wives

Mawnan Wives were a woman's group, established for over 40 years. They had a diverse programme last year which included learning about bee keeping, street pastors, crafts, volunteering, the wave hub, gardens in Brittany, a literary evening and Easter parade. They existed in member subscriptions of £10 per annum and money raised through coffee and raffles at their meetings.

Mawnan Garden Club

Mawnan Garden Club had another busy year with a wide range of speakers and they were now out on their garden trips. The last outing would be in June; this would be the last meeting. After approximately 34 years the Garden Club would close as none of the members are able to run the club anymore.

Mawnan Anvil Trust

The Trust had a busy year, it was the craft workshops sixth year. They removed the ninety year old flour hammer, had it overhauled to its original state and replaced it and it was now in fully working order. This was made possible through fundraising and grants. The road safety barrier was erected. There were various fundraising events held. There was a programme for refurbishment.

Christmas Lights

There has been some changes to the Christmas Lights Committee. Percy Lawry, Ben and Carolyn Salisbury have stepped down from the committee though they are more than willing to help with putting up and taking down the lighting features and they have welcomed two new members – Annie Sibbert and Carly Geach.

The main fundraising efforts over the last twelve months had been the popular Big Breakfast Brunches. They had started fundraising this year with a Coffee Morning last week with bacon butties and a table top sale which was well attended and enjoyed. They also had some ideas in the pipe-line with activities aimed at 'whole family' involvement which we are looking forward to trying out.

They had continued to add more features to the lighting displays, along with the maintenance and running repairs to the existing ones. They had issues with the Christmas tree in The Square this year, it broke off near the ground even before Lighting Up Night during the gale force winds and then it broke off again just into the New Year again during gale force winds.

As usual they provided candles and crooks to light up the pathway from the lynch gate to the church door for the Midnight Mass and with the absence of wind they provided a gentle light and received many compliments.

Looking forward to Christmas 2013, they were again looking to replace some of the older features and carry out the usual maintenance on the existing features.

Finally they thanked the Parish Council for their continued support which was greatly appreciated and helped them to continue to provide a festive display for the village.

Mawnan WI

Mawnan WI continued to be involved in many community events and had a thriving membership. Currently there were around fifty members and the majority met regularly at the Memorial Hall on the second Thursday of the month. There had been some significant changes in the WI at both local and national level which had been designed to bring the organisation up to date for the 21st century. The minutes were now distributed by email and the WI website had attracted a lot of interest. Some of the members had received training at the County base in Truro on how to use computers. They had enjoyed a varied programme of activities and speakers which had reflected the different interests of members. Talks and demonstrations had been given by members and invited experts. They began the 2012/2013 programme with an evening of Cornish cooking which inspired them to think about making the most of Cornish ingredients. In June they heard about the making of Potager Gardens and the following month Richard May from the Dracaena Centre in Falmouth made them realise what a superb facility they had on to support members of the community if all ages. He engaged some volunteers in team building activities and active participation became compulsory at the next meeting they were taught some simple Salsa dancing steps. They had also had demonstration of flower arranging, quilting, felting and bead making. The final meeting of the year attracted many visitors as Margaret and Tony Lugg assisted Ted Glover revealed some of the secrets of Bosloe – where incidentally CFWI are holding a garden party on Saturday 18th May. All of the meetings ended with a superb supper provided by a team of four hostesses and they often joked about how Mawnan WI always seemed to be thinking of food. The group known as the Merry Munchers had lunch once a month in different cafes and restaurants in the Falmouth area and they always had a good time and had eaten very well. In addition, they had recently started a Coffee Drop In at the Cornish Maid on the third Thursday of the month where members could meet very informally for a chat. Next month members and friends were returning for a cookery demonstration at The Cove during which they hoped that Arty Williams would give them some tips on how to cook a three course dinner. Shrove Tuesday would not be the same without the Pancake Race held in the Memorial Hall for children (and some unsuspecting adults); this occasion was well attended by the pre-school and the youngest children from the school as well as some visitors. Margaræt Lugg's especially toughened pancakes stood up to the task well and again they made it to the front page of The Falmouth Packet. They had regular trips to The Hall for Cornwall and to local gardens. Mawnan WI members had helped out in the front of house at the village pantomime and musical extravaganza and were up on the field serving refreshments at the Diamond Jubilee and the Fun Run. They had supported the Craft Market by serving refreshments and arranged the harvest supper and senior citizens' Christmas party. They were looking forward to another exciting year and hoped to increase their membership and the profile of the WI in Mawnan.

1st Mawnan Rainbow Guides

The Rainbow Guides had been meeting in the village for most of the last sixteen years, but they were now faced with the possibility of closure unless they could

find new leaders to take over when the current guiders retired at the end of this term. They now had ten girls aged between 5 and 7 years old who came to their weekly meetings in the Methodist Sunday School rooms. Lucy Innes, their Young Leader, and twins Annie and Bethan Mew, all committed themselves regularly to organising games and activities for the girls. The aim at Rainbow meetings was "to look, learn, laugh and love". They started with sharing news in Rainbow Chat. Then they involved the girls in a wide variety of activities including cooking and craft. Finally they said a prayer, often written by the girls, before going home. Last year the Diamond Jubilee gave them the opportunity to spend a whole term on related activities. They made a special diamond which was attached to the gig rowed by the Leisurely Ladies of Helford Passage on the River Thames in the Royal Pageant. The girls were all awarded a special badge to celebrate the occasion and they had an article in the Guiding Magazine. They Rainbows also received badges for the Olympic Torch celebrations. They were right in front of the torch bearers when they swapped over. The climax of last summer was the Rainbows 25th Birthday Jamboree at Wadebridge and another badge – they were very grateful for the support given by the Parish Council which enabled them to go. They were twinned with another Rainbow unit in Kent and continued to send them letters and photographs. They had enjoyed sharing a Christmas meeting with the residents of Scott House when they made rag wreaths and also had a lot of fun at Falmouth Fire Station as well as learning about how to keep themselves and their families safe. They had a lot of fun, but also bore in mind the Rainbow Promise "to be kind and helpful". They hoped that new leaders would come forward to ensure the future of the Rainbows.

1st Mawnan Guides & Brownies

They were very pleased to be able to report that both Brownies and Guides had found new leaders and they were working on who would be able to take over running Rainbows.

For Guides the new leader was Sally Grint who still had the support of the Assistant leaders Anne Bennett and Chris Grint while more new leaders were found to assist Sally. They were extremely grateful to her for volunteering to take over. They had a very enthusiastic unit of twenty guides and two young leaders and their usual full programme of activities had continued throughout the year. One of the highlights was that a patrol in their unit won the County Bolitho Shield, which showed that they were a great team. This was the first time that Mawnan Guides had ever won this prestigious trophy. Two patrols took part in the County Outdoor Cooking challenge in May 2012 and again two groups were taking part this Saturday, where they work totally unaided by leaders, plan and cook a full meal on altar wood fireplaces. The unit had just held a weekend camp where they gained quite a few outdoor type badges, did canoeing and archery and had great fun. Girls took part in the Royal Cornwall Show Messenger Service. Three guides completed their Baden Powell Challenge last October (the highest award in Guide section) and two had gone on to be Young Leaders with the Rainbow Unit. The Guides had great fun at the County Guide Activity Day in March and managed to get very muddy. One of the high points of the year was travelling to Sheffield to attend the Girlguiding NIG GIG concert.

For Brownies – they were very lucky indeed to have Helen Bate and Bev Benney as the new Brownie Leaders and were so grateful to them for saving the unit from

having to close. Rainbows were very relieved also that they had Brownies to move on to. The group was thriving and the numbers were building up. The Leaders had been running a varied and enjoyable programme for the girls and were enjoying meeting at the MCA Hall.

Both the Brownie and Guide Units were very grateful for the help that the Parish Council had been able to give their units, this had enabled them to have certainty that their running costs would remain at a level that would not require their subscriptions to become too high which could exclude any child from joining. They made sure that all Guides were able to take part in all activities, by fundraising if necessary and claiming gift aid where possible.

Mawnan PCC

St Michaels Church was open every day during term time and the Parish Church was open from March to the October half term. Health and Safety issues had been addressed by the churchwardens, as had Safeguarding issues, with Lizzie Hoskins the named Safeguarding Co-ordinator. Over the year the Churchyard at the Parish Church had been maintained as a Living Churchyard. This had been successful both environmentally and in helping balance the PCC's budget. Access to the new Graveyard had now been completed and the PCC continued to liaise with the Parish Council over the opening of the new graveyard. The Chair of the Parish Council addressed the July meeting of the PCC about the Neighbourhood Development Plan and suggested that St Michael's could be better used as a village resource; the PCC was exploring ways in which this might be done. In May the PCC voted, by a majority, to proceed with the installation of toilet facilities at St Michael's Church, using the generous legacy from Hartley Peter's to fund this. The remainder of the legacy was used towards the cost of the new bell at St Michael's and its installation, with the balance being paid by the PCC. During the year there was discussion about the future of the Grapevine. There was a suggestion that a village wide publication could supersede both the Grapevine and village diary. To date there had been little interest in forming an editorial team. The congregation always supported special charity appeals enthusiastically. The Church had Fairtrade status and as far as possible only used Fairtrade products in the churches. Margaret Bird had again hosted several very successful concerts on behalf of the PCC and had raised significant amounts for various charities and the church. The PCC continued to donate bibles to the Year 6 children from Mawnan C of E VA School as they moved on to their secondary schools. Bibles were also given during the marriage service to couples who married in the church. The PCC was very grateful to the Priest-in-Charge, Rev Geoffrey Bennett, and all the clergy that assisted him, for all they did in the parish and to all the parishioners for their support.

Mawnan Mother's Union

Mawnan Mother's Union continued to recruit new members. They were grateful to the local community who enthusiastically supported their events, particularly their fundraising efforts for their world wide and local projects to promote Christian family life. Two of their regular commitments were helping at Mawnan School and the Toddler Group and other local groups they supported were The Women's Refuge in Truro and the Mission to Seafarers in Falmouth. They thanked the Parish Council for their grant of £30 last year which enable them to purchase bulbs and plants for the flower tubs around St Michael's Church. There

was enough money left over to buy more plants this year, which were planted last week with the invaluable help from the Girl Guides.

Mawnan Local History Group

Mawnan Local History Group changed its name to Mawnan Old Cornwall Society to enable members to take advantage of belonging to a county wide organisation. It had been another successful year with a variety of excellent presentations. The President, Dr Denis Gartside, had been visited regularly by Ted Glover and liked to hear of the group's activities. The Mawnan website had proved popular with people researching their ancestors around Mawnan and members were continually busy helping with enquiries.

Mawnan Pre-School

The past year had been a busy and exciting one for the Pre-School. It had seen them settle into their fabulous new building and stamp their mark on it. The Pre-School had continued to grow and develop, now offering childcare for the children of the village to over 50 families, the busiest they had ever been. They were now open all day every day in term time only and had opened a breakfast club to offer wrap around care for their young children. They began way back in January 2012 with a large intake of children. In the Spring they had an Easter Hunt and Summer time saw another enjoyable Sports Day which was fun for all. At Christmas they held a lovely nativity service in the Methodist Chapel which as always was well attended, followed soon after by their Christmas Party with Father Christmas handing out gifts. Continuing the good links they had with the community the children had visited Carwinion Gardens where they planted the Sensory Garden and Glendurgan Gardens where they took part in a variety of craft activities. The children also ran in the village Pancake Races and visited "big" school and The Maritime Museum which was greatly enjoyed by children and parents alike. They also had visits from a couple of policemen, a paramedic with ambulance and were lucky enough in being able to spray the fire hoses from the local fire engine. Plus they had regularly taken part in music and movement sessions with Chris Morgan as part of The Big Little Picture project. The children had taken part in a huge variety of activities, they had glued, cooked, played with dough, construction and puzzles. They had dressed up, read stories and sung songs, built bonfires and camps and lots more. They had learnt about harvest time, food, fairy tales, colours, nature and water. And they had celebrated many occasions with a good party such as world book day, St Piran's Day, Easter and graduation. Staff had attended a number of courses and several different units that link to the new Early Years Foundation Stage. The manager had recently completed her BA Hons in Education. They thanked the Parish Council and local community for their continuing support and to the children for making their jobs such a pleasure and so rewarding.

1261/05 TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY

The following priorities were discussed:

- Potholes
- Speeding and another flashing 30mph as you enter the village coming down Sampys Hill
- The bin at Durgan
- The zip wire on the Junior Playing Field

- Grass maintenance at the Junior Playing Field and the closure of the field whilst the grass is being cut

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.38pm.

Signed: 20th June 2013
Chairman