



## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012 IN MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Gartside (Chairman), Gibbons, Miss King, Mrs Loomes, Mrs Lawry, O'Dell and Lugg (from point mentioned)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Twelve members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Barlow and Gilmore and representatives from Mawnan PCC

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **a) In Items on the Agenda**

There were no interests declared.

#### **b) Of gifts of a value of more than £25**

There were no declarations of gifts of a value of more than £25.

### **2. TO PRESENT THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Cllr Gartside said The Mawnan Community Award was given annually to a person who had really gone that extra mile in serving the local community and tonight's recipient certainly fulfilled this criterion.

For almost forty years, he had been centre stage and instrumental in so many different aspects of our community life: From the Memorial Hall committee to the Craft Fair, the Anvil Trust and the Millennium Cross, the bowling club and Falmouth Rotary where he'd been a member for over fifty years, tirelessly working for charities like Shelter Box. He was also a past chairman of this Council.

It's a measure of the man that when we rang him to tell him of his nomination, he replied why me I, don't deserve it. How wrong he was. But the one thing he was certain about was that he could not have done it without the constant support and devotion from his wife Eileen. Ladies and Gentlemen, the recipient of this year's Mawnan Community award was Mr Ian Newman.

Cllr Gartside presented the award to Mr Newman.

Mr Newman thanked the council for the award. He felt very humbled. His wife, Eileen, deserved the award as much as he did.

### **3. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **Mawnan Memorial Hall**

The Hall had had another busy year with high occupancy levels. Due to the hard work of the committee and the income from investments and the Craft Market they were just able to maintain the low level of hiring fees for a further year. It was understood that the rates were among the lowest in the County which must have been good for the users of the Hall.

As many people were aware the Hall needed a new roof. The committee had consulted a surveyor and obtained quotes for the work. The works had been held back due to the suspected presence of bats using the roof space. One bat survey had been completed and another was due at the end of May 2012. Provided the bat survey was all clear it was hoped that work would commence in June 2012. The outcome of grants should be known in early June 2012. There would be a shortfall in funding for the new roof; the committee appealed to all residents for help. The scaffolding erected outside the Hall was a safety precaution as some tiles had slipped.

Councillor Mrs Loomes said that it had been a pleasure to attend the committee meetings. She thought that the committee did a wonderful job and a lot of work went into making the most of an asset the village could be proud of.

### **Mawnan Methodist Church**

The small but dedicated congregation met every Sunday morning to share in worship at the village chapel. Although low in numbers, the junior church members joined the congregation for the first part of the service before continuing their activities in the school room.

They united with the Church of England and the Catholic Church for lent lunches which were held in the Chapel. This year they raised over six hundred pounds for Christian Aid. They alternated with the Church of England for Mothering Sunday services and attended each others Harvest Festivals.

The Mawnan Mothers Union, the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides held their meetings in the Sunday school. The singers of 8 in a Bar rehearsed there as well.

The two concerts were very popular and featured well known choirs. They were important fundraising events.

There were weekly collections for the Foodbank for the homeless and needy in the area. This was very much appreciated by the organisers.

Once again they were very grateful to Mawnan Parish Council for the grant towards repairing the organ.

A warm welcome awaited those who attended the chapel.

### **Mawnan Mother's Union**

With over four million members in eighty three countries, the Mother's Union seeks to demonstrate Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities world wide through the nurture of the family in its many forms. Mawnan Mother's Union held regular monthly meetings in the Chapel school room. They valued the support and enthusiasm of the local community for their activities. Last year they staged an

exhibition of wedding dresses as part of the village's Royal Wedding Celebrations. They were planning another exhibition in St Michael's Church to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. They thanked Mawnan Parish Council for the grant which enabled them to maintain the flower tubs.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Mawnan Rainbow Guides**

It was four years since the Rainbow Guides were reinstated in the village. There were sixteen girls aged between five and seven years old who attended the weekly meetings in the Methodist Sunday school rooms. Lucy Innes and Agatha Hodges had been the Young Leaders for the last four years committing themselves regularly to organise games and activities.

The aim at Rainbows was "to look, learn, laugh and love". They started with sharing news in Rainbow Chat. Then the girls were involved in a wide variety of activities which included cooking and craft. The meetings closed with sing songs or games. Finally a prayer was said before the girls went home.

Last year the Royal Wedding gave them the opportunity to spend a whole term on related activities. They made bouquets and wedding hats, decorated wedding cakes, tried on wedding dresses and outfits. They also made a wedding card for William and Kate and received a very nice letter in reply. The girls were awarded a special badge to celebrate the occasion.

They liked to plant seeds and bulbs and went for a walk to see the bluebells in Carlidnack Woods and played on Maenporth beach. They would be going to The Moor to watch the Olympic Torch and would be holding their own Rainbow Olympics before their Promise Ceremony.

The Climax of this term would be the Rainbows 25<sup>th</sup> birthday jamboree at Wadebridge. They were twinned with another Rainbow unit up country and had started to send them letters and photographs. They had a lot of fun but already kept in mind the Rainbow Promise "to be kind and helpful".

### **Mawnan WI**

Mawnan WI continued to be involved in many community events and had a thriving membership. There were forty seven members who met regularly at the Memorial Hall on the second Thursday of the month and had enjoyed a varied programme of activities and speakers over the last year. Many of the speakers lived locally.

Jo Penn showed members how to make summer hanging baskets, Tina Walker gave them useful tips and delicious recipes for picnic food and Lesley Ross showed them some beautiful silver jewellery which she made in her workshop. They heard about travelling in Burma and horse riding adventures in Botswana. Nicky Warren, the archivist at Trebah, showed them amazing photographs of some of the very unusual trees in the gardens.

All of their 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. They had a group known as the Merry Munchers who had lunch once a month in different cafes and restaurants in the Falmouth area. They always had a good time and ate well. In April 2012 twenty four members were inspired by a

cookery demonstration at The Cove in which Arty Williams showed them how to cook a three course dinner party menu.

Shrove Tuesday would not be the same without the Pancake Race held in the Memorial Hall for the children. This year they also organised an Easter Bonnet Parade.

Last year they celebrated the Royal Wedding by providing teas, making bunting and organising activities for the children. They supported the Craft Market by providing refreshments. They also arranged the Harvest Supper and Senior Citizen's Christmas Party. They hoped to extend their community involvement during the forthcoming year with projects working with the pre-school and school.

### **Mawnan Wives**

Mawnan Wives was a woman's social club which had been established for over forty years. They had a diverse programme which included talks and illustrations on Cornwall Young Carers, the Bude Canal, Peru, India, China, the Maritime Museum, pasty making and social evenings. They existed on their members subscriptions, money raised at meetings through raffles, members giving talks free of charge and two coffee mornings a year.

### **Friends of Mawnan Smith Surgery**

The Friends of Mawnan Smith Surgery over the last year had continued with their fund raising with hamper raffles at the flu injection afternoons and their annual table top sale. They had, through their fund raising managed to purchase all of the items requested by the doctors and nurses.

### **Mawnan Old Cornwall Society**

Mawnan Old Cornwall Society continued to grow from strength to strength with over fifty people regularly attending meetings and talks. They held six meetings ranging from the history of Bosloe, Cornish lighthouses and the history of Glasney College in Penryn. In addition they held a joint Christmas supper. They were grateful to both Mawnan Parish Council and Cornwall Council for financial support towards a Heritage Lottery grant to purchase additional technical equipment to be used at their meetings.

### **Mawnan Garden Club**

Mawnan Garden Club had had a busy year with their list of speakers covering all things garden from Japan to Heligan. Their joint meeting with the History Group was well attended and they joined them at their Christmas Supper. In a less than perfect summer they managed all of their garden visits in good weather. They hoped that this would happen on their five outings; the first of which was sunny with tea in the garden.

### **Mawnan Anvil Trust**

The Trust started and concluded the year with all of the units occupied. Finance, as ever, was a continuing problem but with a successful series of fund raising events, at Penwarne, at Meudon and a village garden safari, they managed to build up a small fund to satisfy routine maintenance. Reluctantly, however they had taken the decision to raise rents by 10%. They had complied with their statutory requirements including the annual site safety inspection and a risk assessment analysis.

## **Mawnan School PTA**

Mawnan School Parent Teacher Association aimed to bring together children, parents, extended family, teachers and the local community so that everyone felt involved in the life of the school.

The PTA raised much needed funds to support the children's education, experiences and opportunities at school for example they contributed towards class 3 swimming lessons, school equipment and class outings. Donations had also been given to the gardening club and sketching club for equipment.

During 2010 they managed to raise their target of £5,000 and achieved charity status. They were in the process of finalising their application and adopting their constitution.

This year they aimed to raise funds to replace the much loved play boat which had to be removed from the play ground over health and safety concerns. The boat was the main feature of the playground and was used by all classes, not only for play but as an outdoor class area for story telling and role play. They had researched many companies and found that to replace the boat it would cost around fifteen thousand pounds. At the end of 2011 they held a charity auction at the Red Lion, school Christmas Fair, secret santa and the governors kindly donated their Christmas raffle proceeds. From all of those events just over two thousand pounds was raised.

They were planning some fundraising events in 2012 which included a fashion evening, bluebell walk and the class bun sales.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Mawnan Guides & Brownies**

This was a joint report for the Guides and Brownies. They were so very grateful to have had the help of the students from the University who had already been Leaders in Guiding before coming to Cornwall. Without their help they would be struggling to keep the Guiding units open as it was hard to find volunteers. They had managed for another year but if they did not receive more voluntary helpers they were facing the possible closure of the units.

They had seventeen girls on the Guide register and fourteen on the Brownies. This represented a very healthy number of members for the size of the village, some came from further afield to join them. They had had a busy year encouraging the girls to look wider and take part in any county or national events. The great highlight of their year was to attend the Girlguiding UK Big Gig at Wembley Arena last October. They shared a coach with Penryn Guides and Rangers and were planning to go again this year if they were lucky enough to get tickets.

They had seen another six senior Guides gain their Baden Powell Challenge Award, the highest they could gain in the Guide section of Guiding. Three of these had gone on to be Young Leaders with the Brownies and Guides and another was working for her Duke of Edinburgh Award by helping with a Brownie Unit in Falmouth. They had a Patrol who was in the final of a county competition, a fun event but a very good team challenge. Two Patrols were also taking part in the county outdoor cooking competition using entirely wood fires. Guides also took part in a county activity day, where they had a large variety of fun from climbing, go-carting, blind trails around the woods, outdoor cooking, craft and much more. In July they were joining the

Penryn Guides for a water sports activity day at Swanpool. They were also gathering with about two hundred and fifty other Guiding members to see the Olympic Torch Relay, there were activities and pasties in the Methodist Hall after.

The Brownie's highlight in the Spring was to have their very own 'sleepover' in the Methodist Hall, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. They were using the Olympics and Jubilee theme for their meetings for the summer. Throughout the year both units had continued to run their normal programme of activities based very much on what the girls wanted to do, they worked towards their badges, worked in teams and had a lot of fun indoors and out. They appreciated the Parish Council grants over recent years.

### **Mawnan Christmas Lights**

They remained a committee of eight members and between them they managed to carry out all the necessary work involved in organising the annual display of lights through the village.

Once again they had added a few new features to the displays, among which were the little reindeers by the Cross which were a popular feature among the young and old alike. They would try to find some more of them for the coming season.

They had put more lights on the cherry trees on the approach to the village and in the cherry trees outside the surgery. They had also replaced features on Shute Hill and at the top of Grove Hill.

Maintenance, repair and replacement of the features was important to them and they spent a considerable amount of time before they were put up checking them through, replacing light bulbs and ensuring their safety.

They enjoyed a successful Lighting Up evening, regardless of the weather and although they were greatly saddened by the loss of Fred Pitts, they did manage to locate another Father Christmas who was happy to fill Fred's legendary boots, and he did an excellent job.

As usual they provided candles, lanterns and crooks for Midnight Mass at the Parish Church which proved as popular as always.

Fortunately they had no damage to the features and after taking them down they had been stored away until the autumn when they would start the process over again.

The main fundraising venture had been the popular Big Brunch Breakfasts which had been very successful and a steep learning curve. With help from friends they were now quite organised and they looked forward to hosting another Big Breakfast later in the year which they hoped would be as successful as the others.

They took this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for their continued support of the Christmas Lights, it was greatly appreciated. There was a lot of money spent 'behind the scenes' on insurance, repairs, cables, sockets, timers etc not to mention the purchase of the Christmas tree and the support helped them to provide a good festive display for the village.

### **Mawnan PCC**

The parish of Mawnan had the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest in charge, Rev Geoffrey Bennett, in promoting on the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The full PCC met nine times during the year.

In common with many organisations and households, the PCC found it increasingly difficult to balance its budget with rising costs and falling income. The PCC planned to take steps to address the problem over the next year and the parish reflected in its Mission and Vision.

The parish had settled to the new monthly programme of Sunday services and the PCC was grateful to all those who led worship both on Sundays and through the week. Mawnan School led the Palm Sunday procession down to the village square and then everyone processed back to St Michael's for tea. The annual Rogation walk, arranged by Mike Cockeram, was well supported, as was the Patronal Festival. After the service for the Patronal Festival, Rev John Savage conducted a short service of Rededication at the Memorial Garden. This was followed by a very successful barbeque organised by John and Lindsey Heslop.

During the year the PCC were able to purchase the table which was at the north door of the parish church; this was thanks to a donations received after the funeral of Eira Hibbert. Restoration of the Memorial Garden was also completed thanks to generous donations in memory of Grace Williams, Richard and Eileen Pockett and Fances Ada Staite; a plaque was in place on the south door to acknowledge those donations. The PCC received a donation from a German Film Company who filmed in the churchyard.

One of the concerns the PCC had addressed was the cost to maintain their churchyards. Kind parishioners had undertaken to maintain the area around St Michael's and they were extremely grateful to them. It was decided to reduce the annual cost by maintaining the churchyard as a living churchyard. The PCC was liaising with the Parish Council over the new graveyard. Once the new graveyard was opened the old one would be closed and the maintenance would no longer be the responsibility of the PCC.

The bell at St Michael's was removed for safety reasons and a new bell would be purchased. The PCC had decided not to proceed with the installation of a toilet at present.

The PCC had been skilfully and tirelessly advised on matters pertaining to the fabric of the two churches by the churchwardens, vergers of the parish church and the vergers of St Michael's. they thanked them for all they did to ensure that the places of worship were attractive and welcoming. They also thanked John and Geoff for keeping the churches clean and tidy. Both had decided to step down as vergers although would continue to be involved with the churches. Their service had been inspirational and they were extremely grateful.

The congregation always supported special charity appeals enthusiastically. Each month they were able to send a donation to a different local, national or international charity through money raised through donations for refreshments after services. The Christmas Fair was again very well supported raising funds for the parish, the

Falmouth and Penryn foodbank and Phoenix Stroke Appeal. The harvest appeal and associated activities collected goods and raised a significant sum of money for the Falmouth and Penryn foodbank. They were grateful to those who had organised charity concerts on behalf of the PCC in the churches to raise money over the course of the year. The treasurers report contained full details of the charities that had been supported over the year.

They had Fairtrade Church status and as far as possible used Fairtrade products.

They continued to have a close relationship with Mawnan C of E Primary School. The Footprints Club remained popular and an Open the Book team ran an assembly once a fortnight. They were very grateful to the head teacher for the support he and the school gave at the Sunday's Special Services during term time.

The PCC continues to donate bibles to the year six children from Mawnan School as they moved on to their secondary schools. Bibles were also given during the marriage service to couples who married in the church.

Among matter discussed by the PCC over the year were parish vision and mission, chancel repair liability, admitting children to communion before confirmation and responsible caring.

The PCC was very grateful to the Priest-in-charge and all the clergy that assisted him for all they do in the parish and to all the parishioners for their unfailing support.

### **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Committee members had attended a pilot meeting with representatives from the Parish Council, the Parish Clerk and officers from Cornwall Council. This was a pilot project and therefore not all of the parameters had been defined. Cornwall Council officers were giving a lot of guidance and support. The group were grateful to have received the frontrunner funding.

### **Allotments**

The Allotment Association was formed in October 2011, the secretary, treasurer and chairman had been elected. There had not been a tenancy agreement signed with the National Trust. They had however, been allowed to start the allotments in March 2012 for a cost of £160 to cover insurance. They had marked out twenty allotments and had space for another eight. The subscriptions had been set at £25 for a whole allotment and £15 for a half plot. There were fourteen members which made the allotments just viable. Cllr Gartside suggested that they advertised the allotments on the parish noticeboard and website.

### **Panto Group**

The 24<sup>th</sup> panto in Mawnan had been successful. Funds were good and they were making a contribution to the Memorial Hall for the repairs to the roof. The 25<sup>th</sup> panto would be produced by Maureen Baker and would be held during the first week of February 2013.

### **Scott House**

Scott House was an independent part of Abbeyfields. They had achieved gold standard and could guarantee residents a good place to end their years.

Cllr Gartside said that the village was fortunate to have so many activities and dedicated people. He thanked everyone for their reports and their hard work over the previous year.

**4. TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY**

Cllr Gartside said that the Parish Council were looking into traffic calming and housing.

There were no priorities raised by the community.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm.