



DRAFT MINUTES OF AN EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, 11th APRIL 2008 AT MAWNAN METHODIST CHAPEL

PRESENT : Cllr Gartside (Chairman), Cllrs Gibbons, Dearnley, Gilmore, Mrs Loomes and Odell.

388/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Barlow.

389/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) In Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

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

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

390/05 AGENDA ITEMS

a) To consider making representations to the Boundary Commission in respect of the proposed electoral review for the new Unitary Authority

The Chairman stated that there had been a public meeting in Camborne a week earlier, concerning this matter, which had been attended by the Clerk. Cornwall County Council favoured increasing the number of councillors from the current 82 to around 130. With the projected electorate for 2012, this would mean that the average ward would comprise 3,350 electors.

An initial draft proposal for revised wards of 3,000 to 3,700 electors had been drawn up. This placed Mawnan in a ward of 3,166 electors, along with Constantine and Gweek. Mabe and Budock were in a ward of 3,780 electors, along with St Gluvias. The Clerk had distributed a paper on the subject prior to the meeting.

Representations on the proposed boundary review needed to be with the Boundary Commission before 21st April 2008, so consideration of this matter at the next council meeting would be leaving things a little late.

During a lengthy discussion, concerns were expressed that, in terms of Community Network Areas (CNA's), the proposed ward which contained Mawnan might be Helston centric, rather than Falmouth/Penryn centric. Residents saw Falmouth and Penryn as the main service centres which they used. They were much closer than Helston, being only 4 miles away, and had better public transport links. Indeed, Mawnan Parish shared a short boundary with Falmouth, at Maenporth. Members stated that residents would be dissatisfied should they be disadvantaged by being in a ward that was not Falmouth/Penryn centric.

This concern would be even greater if membership of a Helston centric CNA then placed Mawnan Parish in a different Service Delivery Area to Falmouth/Penryn, Budock and Mabe, in terms of County Council services.

It was proposed by Cllr Gartside, seconded by Cllr Dearnley and

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Boundary Commission, with a copy to both Kerrier District Council and Cornwall County Council, stating that :-

- In terms of towns, Mawnan had its strongest allegiance with Falmouth and Penryn, as opposed to Helston. It would be preferable for Mawnan to be in a Falmouth/Penryn centric CNA.
- If this could not be achieved, confirmation was requested that Mawnan residents would be able to use "One Stop Shops" in Falmouth in respect of local services, rather than being directed to Helston.

391/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Mawnan Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 17th April 2008, commencing at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from members of the public.

Signed : 17th April 2008
Chairman