

**MINUTES OF MEETING** of Mawnan Parish Council on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.00pm in The Mawnan Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs Potter, Stabbins, Morris, Biggin, Whibley, Moyle, Shepherd, Head, Mason and Clerk.



**Minutes**

2526.240	<b>TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES</b> Cllr Holloway
2526.241	<p><b>MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OR REQUEST DISPENSATIONS</b></p> <p>Cllr Shepherd declared that he has a potential interest on a few items on the agenda as they have either come to the agenda through him or are in the proximity of his property. Cllrs established that items 251 and 256.5 did pose a conflict of interest so Cllr Shepherd would need to leave the room when these items were being discussed.</p> <p>Cllr Head declared that he has an interest in item 246.6 as he owns the property in question and the planning application is his and his wife's (present) so he would leave the room when the item was being discussed.</p> <p>All Cllrs requested a dispensation because they may be discussing items which have an impact on or are on behalf of the Carwinion Playing Field Trust. All Cllrs collectively make up the Trust so have an interest.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Potter, Seconded Cllr Mason, Resolved to approve all dispensations to stand in every parish council meeting until the May Parish Council AGM. All in favour.</b></p>
2526.242	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ONLY</b></p> <p>A member of the public requested, having seen item 255, that a dog poo bin is put on Old Church Road as there isn't one currently. This prompted a discussion about location. Biffa do not collect from the church so it would need to be cited further up the road.</p>
2526.243	<p><b>TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 17th FEBRUARY 2026 + EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026</b></p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Potter, Seconded Cllr Whibley, Resolved to approve the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Feb meeting with a minor amendment. All in favour apart from Cllr Mason who abstained as she wasn't present at the meeting.</b></p> <p>Cllr Whibley gave an update on Footpath 35. It is still open to the public and Cormac will not be placing any signage regarding the safety of the path nor closing it. The Cormac ranger has written to the owners of Ridifarne to ask them to clear the trees within 2-4 weeks. A few people think the trees have already been cleared.</p>

	<p>Cormac have scheduled general repairs to the path. They plan to repair and extend the existing steps and address path issues. We are waiting on a budget pot to come available and be allocated. Cllr Whibley will keep the council updated as she is in contact with the ranger.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Mason, Seconded Cllr Shepherd, Resolved to approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb meeting. All in favour.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Clerk to check trees at top of path.</b></p>
2526.244	<p><b>REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER</b> Anna Thomason- Kenyon Cllr was not present but sent apologies in advance with a report included at the end of these minutes.</p>
2526.245	<p><b>CLERK'S UPDATE AND ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM PAST MINUTES NOT ON THE CURRENT AGENDA</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Written agreement received for SID to be moved. Clerk will contact the residents affected by the SID's new location over the next two weeks and once approval is got the work will be commissioned for Cormac to start.</li> <li>2. County Farms have been sent the Carwinion playing Field masterplan with a request to discuss terms of acquiring the field. The clerk stated she has received a reply stating that the masterplan clearly puts forward a good case and that there is some restructuring at CF at the moment and Stephen Morgan will be looking into who the best person to deal with this going forwards is. Clerk has replied saying she looks forward to hearing from them asap. There was a suggestion to register the field as a community asset.</li> </ol> <p><b>ACTION: Clerk to ask CF if she can follow up with Scott Sharples at the devolution team to get them involved along with speaking to Cllr Thomason Kenyon to get things moving. Clerk to look into registering land as a community asset.</b></p>
2526.246	<p><b>TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL BY DATE OF THIS MEETING</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>PA26/00496 Land North Of Mannshone Penwarne Road</b> Permission in Principle for proposed erection of 9 dwellings (5 affordable) (minimum of 9, maximum of 9).</li> </ol> <p>This was a lively discussion with the following points raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are now 19 comments on portal; 2 in favour and 17 objecting to the application.</li> <li>• Main concerns are safety and access to the properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 5 extra driveways onto a 40mph road which is already considered dangerous</li> <li>○ deliveries will affect traffic flow as they won't pull into each driveway but rather pull into the side of the road causing traffic to swerve round their vehicle</li> </ul> </li> <li>• It's classed as a rural exception site so can't be considered infill</li> <li>• Flooding on the highway- there is already an issue on this road and tarmacking more of the surrounding surfaces will not help this issue. There were comments that the drains are not maintained properly by Highways.</li> <li>• A local resident was present and claimed it was not sustainable development as the site is not on a sustainable route. He acknowledged the need for housing but doesn't believe this is the correct site.</li> </ul>

- Discussions ran through the previous application from pre 2020.
  - None of the concerns raised in the decision letter have been addressed in this PiP.
- As an application it's a cause of concern.

The applicant was present and pressed the council to answer where they are going to put their local needs housing. What sites are they looking at? Cllrs replied they do not have any sites to put forward currently.

The applicant also stated there are numerous inaccuracies in objections. For example the road is straight at the point of the proposed site- not on a bend as some objections claim it is. He also claims the land is in the catchment area for the school. He stated it would make an ideal place for young people to start up and asked councillors for their support.

Cllrs concluded that they felt uncomfortable supporting or objecting to the application as there is so little detail. The new site could be engineered to make it safe but not as currently designed. They asked the applicant to address all the issues in a full application. The applicant seemed to agree with this approach. It was acknowledged that the application is currently 'all matters reserved'- meaning Cornwall Council need to address issues with the applicant as raised by the council and local residents.

**Proposed Cllr Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Moyle, Resolved to ask that any planning application put forward in the future addresses all the concerns raised by the objections and consultee comments on the portal (using the minutes of this meeting along with the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February), and the original planning officer's decision letter in 2017. All in favour.**

2. **PA26/00741 Woodcroft Penwarne Road** Application for Permission in Principle for the erection of one dwelling (Use Class C3), demolition of the existing side lean-to and demolition of ancillary buildings (minimum of 1, maximum of 1).

There was a question around whether the 'chalet', currently in the garden of the proposed site, is being demolished to make way for the new property as this had been raised online by a member of the public. Cllrs assumed that the chalet is being demolished for purposes of the discussion. It was noted that the new development means no change to pedestrian or vehicular access to highway. There is room on the site to have another discreet property.

Cllrs also noted concern from a neighbour regarding a boundary wall that could be affected during construction. Cllrs noted that since the tree officer has recently inspected a tree there and deemed it not to be felled the boundary wall must be in good condition.

**Proposed Cllr Whibley, Seconded Cllr Shepherd, Resolved to support the application subject to the boundary wall not being disturbed or, if it is, then made good after construction. All in favour.**

3. **PA26/01348 Mittle Berry Carwinion Road** Non Material Amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA19/06836 dated 16.10.2019 to increase the size of the two first floor windows and add an additional Velux window to the property.

**Proposed Cllr Whibley, Seconded Cllr Stabbins, Resolved to support the application. All in favour.**

4. **PA26/00618 Amanyl Penwarne Road** Works to Tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) - T1 - Turkey Oak - Crown reduce height by 2m and lateral spread by 1.5m on north, east and south sides, and 2.5m on west side.

N.B Council voted to support the same application last month- *"Works to Tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) - T1 - Turkey Oak - Remove and replace 10m to east with native Sessile Oak"*. However forestry officer did not support the felling so the application has been amended and council must now vote on the new application as worded above.

Cllrs discussed the properties in question and believe that the tree, if it was to come down, would completely destroy the neighbouring property of Amanyl (the applicant). Considering the damage from Storm Goretti recently and considering Turkey Oaks were the most common tree to fall during the storm Cllrs think this tree should be felled.

**Proposed Cllr Whibley, Seconded Cllr Shepherd, Resolved to write to Cornwall Council to advise them that the parish council disagrees with the view of the tree officer and in light of Storm Goretti standby their previous comment that this tree should be felled. All in favour.**

**ACTION: Clerk to write to CC.**

5. **PA26/00128 The Ferry Boat Inn Helford Passage** Advertisement Consent for erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to building and redecoration of exterior walls.

Cllrs raised concerns about how often the illuminated signs would be lit up. Cllrs want to prevent light pollution and acknowledge the dark skies policy in the parish. There was also a suggestion of a sign further up the hill in the car park area that tells people whether the pub is open or closed.

**ACTION: Ask pub if such a sign is an option.**

**Proposed Cllr Mason, Seconded Cllr Potter, Resolved to support the application subject to the signs only being illuminated during opening hours. All in favour.**

6. **PA26/01409 Roskellan Bosanath Valley** Demolition of timber barn, the erection of a self-build replacement dwelling, the change of use of the surrounding land to garden together with associated works.

Cllr Head left the meeting at this point.

Cllrs think the design is good and fits well into its surroundings. The prefab company is reputable and materials used are suitable and sustainable. The building is using an air sourced heat pump and has been designed with sustainability in mind. It cannot be seen from the creek or from the highway.

**Proposed Cllr Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Whibley, Resolved to support the application. All in favour except Cllr Moyle who abstained.**

Cllr Head returned to the room.

2526.247	<b>TO RECEIVE A LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS MADE TO DATE BY CORNWALL COUNCIL</b> 1. <b>PA25/09154 16 Parc An Manns Mawnan Smith</b> Replacement of roof cladding and new air source heat pump. <b>APPROVED</b>
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	<p>2. <b>PA25/09071 Land At Meudon Barns Maenporth Road</b> Submission of details to discharge Condition number 4 (Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan) and Condition number 5 (Bats, Birds, Bees) in respect of Decision Notice PA25/03405 dated 07/08/25. <b>Disch of cond not all conditions agreed</b></p> <p>3. <b>PA25/09547 Meudon Farm Maenporth Road</b> Hedgerow removal notice for removal of two 3-metre lengths of hedgerow to create a permissive path linking existing public rights of way. <b>NO OBJECTION</b></p> <p>4. <b>PA25/09609 Llansenwith Budock Vean Lane</b> Works to Tree(s) subject to a preservation order (TPO) Locations and works shown within Lansenwith tree works. <b>WITHDRAWN</b></p> <p>5. <b>PA25/09408 Court Cottage Trehunsey Close</b> New First Floor Extension and full refurbishment of 1960s 3 bed Bungalow with new Soakaway and minor landscaping to South of building. Demolition of conservatory, small extension and hipped roof to Garage. <b>APPROVED</b></p> <p>6. <b>PA25/09156 Tregarne Bungalow</b> Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of replacement dwelling, with garden office/bat roost with variation of conditions 2 and 7 of decision notice PA24/03599 dated 18.07.2024. <b>APPROVED</b></p> <p>7. <b>PA26/00097/PRE Falmouth Inshore Surf And Rescue Club Room Maenporth Road</b> Pre application advice for a decked area, extension of the shed for a changing area, recladding and general improvements and stepped access to the Falmouth Surf Life Saving Club. <b>CLOSED- ADVICE GIVEN</b></p> <p>8. <b>PA26/00090 Helford House Budock Vean Lane</b> Submission of details to discharge Condition 5 Tree Protection in respect of Decision Notice PA25/05127 dated 01.09.2025. <b>S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps</b></p>
2526.248	<p><b>UPDATE ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION AND APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR MARCH</b></p> <p>1. <b>Review</b> and <b>agree</b> monthly figures, payments and bank reconciliation</p> <p>Cllr Shepherd noted that there is a difference between the balances on the bank reconciliation and the balances on the meeting agenda. Clerk explained this is because the bank rec is to the end of February and the balances on the agenda are as per the date the agenda was sent out.</p> <p>Clerk agreed to put the date of the bank balances on the agenda going forward.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Potter, Seconded Cllr Mason, Resolved to agree the monthly figures and payments for March. All in favour.</b></p>
2526.249	<p><b>EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b></p> <p>1. <b>Confirm</b> members of the Parish Council emergency committee</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Potter, Seconded Cllr Stabbins, Resolved that Cllrs Morris and Mason would join Cllr Whibley on the emergency committee. All in favour.</b></p>
2526.250	<p><b>PRW -WCA 758 Path down to Helford 'Tank Track'</b></p> <p>1. <b>Discuss</b> and <b>vote</b> on parish council formally submitting their support for the Order</p> <p>There was a discussion running through the history of the path in the Order up to the point of there being a public inquiry scheduled for later in 2026. Cllrs also ran through reasons the current landowner has objected to the path being open- there is belief locally that it is more</p>

	<p>to do with the farm being a wedding venue and the owner wanting to create complete privacy for clients rather than damage to fields or unsuitable crops.</p> <p>Cllr Shepherd has been in contact with Cornwall Council and they have asked that the parish council send a letter/ email of support of the path becoming a PROW as per the Order. The path is a historic monument and part of the history of Trebah and the area and to deny people access to that is a shame.</p> <p>Cllrs agree that the date of the public inquiry should be put on the website and an effort made to get people to the inquiry.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Mason, Seconded Cllr Potter, Resolved to send a letter to the council for the purposes of the public inquiry declaring the parish council's strong support for Admiralty Road. All in favour.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Clerk to put notice about PI on website.</b>  <b>ACTION: Clerk to write letter of support</b></p>
2526.251	<p><b>BURYING OVERHEAD POWER CABLES SERVING NORTH SIDE OF BAR ROAD</b></p> <p>Storm Goretta has meant that, because of trees being removed and therefore roots no longer being an issue, there is an opportunity to bury the overhead power cable that runs along the Budock Vean golf course and Bar Road. This serves the north side of Bar Road. There is funding from government to do this because it is an AONB (now known as CNL). However the parish would need to formally support the project in writing as the 'priority' cable for the area needing to be buried.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Establish</b> if there are other cables in the village that could also be a 'priority'</li> <li>2. <b>Decide</b> if this particular power cable is 'the priority' cable for the parish to bury, if so <b>vote</b> on supporting in writing to the National Grid.</li> </ol> <p>Cllr Shepherd left the room at this point.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed if there are other cables in the parish that would be a priority for the parish. They suggested looking how</p> <p>Cllrs feel uncomfortable to say it's the priority cable for the parish but are happy to write a letter to say there is no objection to burying the cable in question and welcome the opportunity to work with NG to consider additional other priority areas of the parish</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Moyle, Seconded Cllr Mason, Resolved to send a letter to the council for the purposes of the public inquiry declaring the parish council's strong support for Admiralty Road. All in favour.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Ask National Grid to advise us where they spent most of their time after Storm Goretta which will help the PC</b></p>
2526.252	<p><b>MAWNAN PARK CROWDFUNDER</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Vote</b> that with regards to the Mawnan Park Crowdfunder money raised the parish council will delegate an increased spending power to the clerk and 2 other councillors to spend monies for items specified in the Crowdfunder project up to the value of the funds raised without needing to ask the entire council.</li> </ol>

	<p><b>Proposed Cllr Morris, Seconded Cllr Moyle, Resolved agree to delegate an increased power of spending to the clerk and 2 other councilors up to the value of £13k for items specified in the Crowdfunder project. All in favour.</b></p>
2526.253	<p><b>ANY OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b> Nothing urgent. Clerk informed Cllrs that the finances are now up to date on the website.</p>
2526.254	<p><b>ANY URGENT BUSINESS THAT HAS COME IN SINCE THE AGENDA WENT OUT</b> Cllrs Whibley and Morris have met with Mr Thornton to discuss the wildflower meadow at the community graveyard. The area needs a cut as soon as possible. Cllrs would like to ask the contractor for the graveyard to quote for a cut and if he's available to do it within the next two weeks. Cllrs note they think the area in question is already in his contract.</p> <p>Cllrs agree that clippings from the cutting can be put on the south side of the field on the mound. Some could be used for mulching around the new planting at Mawnan Park.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Whibley, Seconded Cllr Morris, Resolved to ask graveyard contractor to cut the meadow asap and clarify it being in his contract. All in favour.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Clerk to speak to contractor and let Cllrs know if he can do the cutting.</b></p>
2526.255	<p><b>TO AGREE RESPONSES REQUIRED TO ANY CORRESPONDANCE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Agree</b> response to request for new dog poo bin and contribution to bin collections at Helford Passage.</li> </ol> <p>Cllrs acknowledged there are a number of dog poo bins in the parish in poor condition. They propose that they conduct a parish wide survey (inspecting and mapping of) of dog poo bins and then make sure they are all in good working order for the summer. They acknowledge the one in question at Helford Passage needs replacing and will be part of the recommendation from the survey.</p> <p>Cllrs do not feel they should contribute towards any additional bin collection as its commercial waste.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Whibley, Seconded Cllr Shepherd, Resolved that the council will not contribute to the Helford Passage bin collection as it is commercial waste. All in favour.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Mason, Seconded Cllr Potter, Resolved conduct a dog poo bin survey and work to make a recommendation to get all bins in the parish in good working order and ready for the summer. All in favour.</b></p>
2526.256	<p><b>TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND MAKE DECISIONS ON ANY NOTED ENVIRONMENT ISSUES INCLUDING TRAFFIC, ROADS, FOOTPATHS &amp; COUNTRYSIDE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any CAP, HMVC updates. The clerk has sent minutes of the most recent CAP meeting. The AGM for HMVC was attended by Cllrs Morris, Whibley and Stabbins. The group went through finances and their biggest expense was on providing and maintaining the buoys and signs to ask boats to not anchor on the eelgrass. Cllrs suggest they could make a grant application to the parish to help with this.</li> <li>Footpath 10- site visit conducted- issues and outcome. A landslip blocking the footpath has resulted in a site meeting with the ranger for Cormac and Cllrs Whibley and Mason and local owners. There is confusion as to who owns the path</li> </ol>

	<p>and has responsibility of the maintenance. It is not resolved but people are now looking into it.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Footpath 19- Cllrs deem the mud on the path is a seasonal issue and happens every year.</li> <li>4. Mawnan's Roads- general state of them and what can be done with Highways. Cllrs discussed and decided to reestablish the Highways group in May's AGM.</li> <li>5. Parking opposite junction on Helford Passage Hill opposite Bar road- potential for double yellow lines. The start point for this would be approaching Highways. Cllrs agree for Highways group to look into this issue when it is re-established.</li> </ol>
<b>2526.257</b>	<p><b>MATTERS OF COMMUNITY CONCERN</b> Cllr Biggin thanked everyone that had come to the tree planting day. Cllrs Stabbins and Shepherd and all members of the public. There is also another £40 raised on the cake stall.</p>
<b>2526.258</b>	<p><b>ITEMS FOR INCLUSION AT THE NEXT MEETING</b> Cables in the parish</p>
<b>2526.259</b>	<p><b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7pm</b> <b>Cllrs Potter, Mason and Stabbins will not be able to attend.</b></p>

#### ITEM list

1	Minutes of meeting 17th Feb 2026
2	Minutes of Extraordinary meeting 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026
3	Minutes of Office and Finance Committee meeting 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026
4	Email regarding bins at Helford Passage
5	Email to Cllr Shepherd re footpath 19
6	Minutes of Jan 26 CAP

#### Current bank balances

- Nationwide £48,343.60
- Current account £16,697.71
- Deposit account £69,353.59
- CPFT £12,630.94
- JPFT £11,407.02

#### Spending Feb

Item	Cost Centre	Supplier	What	VAT £	Total £	Paid?
246	JPF inspection	SWPSi	Sept, Nov and Jan JPF inspection	27	162	Y
245	Toilets- Utility Charges	WaterPlus	Jan Water charges		92.81	Y
251	Toilets Electric	YU Energy	Jan invoice	0.45	9.38	Y
250	IT support	Objective IT services	Jan support	27.44	164.64	Y
257	Bank charges	Lloyds	Account charges		4.25	Y
259	Phone and Internet	BT	Phone and internet Jan/ Feb	6.99	45.40	Y

249	Toilet Cleaning	Passmore	Jan Charge	65.00	390.00	Y
258	Office Admin	Adobe	Acrobat Pro	3.33	19.97	Y
247	Junior Playing Field	SK Contracting	Removal of play equipment	370	2220.00	Y
248	JPF bin collection	Biffa	Jan- Mar bin collection	62.05	372.28	Y
255	Clerk Salary	Melissa Mercer	Wages Jan hours		1352.72	Y
253	Clerk and PC Pension contribution	NEST	Clerk £79.05 PC contribution £110.67		189.72	Y
254	Clerk PAYE and NI	HMRC	PAYE and NI		149.24	Y
252	Land Registry Searches	Land Registry	Ownership search		14.00	Y
256	Office supplies	Viking	Stationery for office	24.09	144.49	Y
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£586.35</b>	<b>£5330.90</b>	

**Receipts Feb/ March**

**NONE**

**Payments/ To approve for March**

Item	Cost Centre	Supplier	What	VAT £	Total £	Paid?
261	JPF inspection	SWPSi	Feb JPF inspection	9.00	54.00	N
265	Toilets- Utility Charges	WaterPlus	Feb Water charges		92.81	Y
271	Toilets Electric	YU Energy	Feb invoice	0.38	7.95	Y
273	IT support	Objective IT services	Feb support	27.44	164.64	N
TBC	Bank charges	Lloyds	Account charges		4.25	N
272	Phone and Internet	BT	Phone and internet March	6.99	41.96	N
267	Toilet Cleaning	Passmore	Feb Charge	65.00	390.00	N
TBC	Office Admin	Adobe	Acrobat Pro	3.33	19.97	N
266	Green spaces	R Sanders	Feb cut	98.00	588.00	N
276	Clerk Salary	Melissa Mercer	Wages Feb hours 9 hours overtime		1409.21	N
275	Clerk and PC Pension contribution	NEST	Clerk £65.63 PC contribution £114.84		180.47	Y
277	Clerk PAYE and NI	HMRC	PAYE and NI		165.81	N
260	Meeting Room Hire	Bowling Club	10 & 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec meeting		66.00	N
262	Graveyard Maintenance	Robbie's Garden Services	Jan, Feb, Mar maintenance Sorted compost piles Extra cuts of some areas		1852.00	N
263 & 264	Training	CALC	Code of conduct for Cllr Moyle- attended?	7.50	45.00	N

			Assertion 10 training for Clerk			
268	Mawnan Park Forest for Cornwall Grant	MacSalvors	Gardening Equipment	49.22	295.29	Y
269	Mawnan Park Forest for Cornwall Grant	Screwfix	CleverRoll Easy Set	48.33	289.98	Y
270	Mawnan Park Forest for Cornwall Grant	B&Q	Gardening Equipment	21.42	128.53	Y
274	Mawnan Park Project	Andrew Jon Bathe	Fence repairs in MP Minute ref 2526.209		250	N
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£463.08</b>	<b>£6045.87</b>	

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## Councillor Report – March 2026



***Cllr Anna Thomason-Kenyon***  
***Cornwall Council***

*Division: Constantine, Mabe & Mawnan*

### **Introduction**

Welcome to my March 2026 update for residents across Mabe, Constantine and Mawnan. This report provides a clear summary of recent Council activity, local community updates, and the key areas I am currently working on your behalf.

I remain committed to keeping all three parishes fully informed, representing your concerns, and ensuring your voices are heard in Council decision-making.

### **Local Council Updates**

Cornwall Council Meetings

During March, I attended scheduled meetings of Cornwall Council including Full Council and Committee sessions relevant to West Sub planning and Miscellaneous Licensing.

### **Cornwall Council Budget 2026/27**

At Full Council on 24 February 2026, Cornwall Council agreed its revenue budget and capital programme for 2026/27. The budget sets out how core services such as adult social care, children's services, waste collection, highways maintenance and housing support will be funded for the coming financial year. Like councils nationally, Cornwall continues to face significant cost pressures, particularly in social care and demand-led services. The agreed budget includes a Council Tax increase within the limits permitted by Government, alongside continued efficiency savings and service transformation measures. The capital programme also outlines planned investment in infrastructure, schools, transport, and housing delivery over the medium term. Further detail, including the full budget report and supporting documents, is available on the Cornwall Council website.

## Highways & Traffic – Mawnan

I undertook detailed preparatory work for a potential Community Highways Improvement Programme (CHIP) submission — including site visits elsewhere in Cornwall and discussions with our Community Area Partnership Officer and Highways Manager — to ensure the proposal would complement and support Mawnan Parish Council's own Expression of Interest. However, without a clear confirmation from the Parish Council and due to commitments immediately before the deadline, I was not able to proceed with submitting the Expression of Interest on this occasion.

## Highways Update – Cabinet Member Briefing

**The Cabinet Member for Transport has provided an update regarding pothole repairs following prolonged wet weather:**

In recent weeks, I have been monitoring the significant pressures on Cornwall's road network caused by the high number of potholes reported over winter. With a slight improvement in weather conditions, the number of new defects being reported has now begun to fall, while repair rates have increased. Highways teams are currently repairing around **378 potholes per day**, compared with **358** a fortnight ago, and new daily reports have reduced from **517 to 497**. This means that on many days repairs are now outpacing new defects, allowing teams to begin making meaningful progress. Although more than **5,000 potholes** remain logged on the system, I am assured that as we move into spring—with drier conditions and fewer new defects—teams will be able to focus on longer-lasting, high-quality repairs rather than the temporary fixes required during the wettest periods of winter. A further update is expected in the next fortnight.

## Planning Matters

Planning applications within the division continue to generate interest. I have reviewed submissions and representations in line with planning policy and attended committee where required.

Residents are reminded that all planning applications can be viewed and commented on via the Cornwall Council planning portal.

## Community News

I am aware that Mawnan Parish Council is progressing early-stage work to prepare an Expression of Interest for potential CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funding for improvements at Mawnan Park. I will share further information once there is a clear public update.

## Community News Cont.

As we move into spring, a number of local groups and volunteers across the division have been continuing their valuable community work.

- Parish councils across the division have continued to progress their routine governance and local project work.
- Community organisations are preparing for spring events and running fundraising activities supported by local volunteers.
- Local groups continue to deliver seasonal activities and community-led educational programmes.

If your organisation has verified news to share for next month's report, please do get in touch.

## Future Priorities (April 2026 Focus)

My focus for the coming month includes:

- Continued monitoring of weather related tree concerns.
- Engagement with residents on planning matters affecting the division.
- Following up on highways repair performance locally.

Supporting parish councils where governance or operational questions arise.

## Message to Residents

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me this month about local issues. Your feedback helps ensure Cornwall Council remains accountable and responsive to rural communities like ours. Please do continue to share any concerns or ideas.

## Useful Links

- [Cornwall Council Planning Portal](#)
- [Roads and Transport Information](#)
- [Waste and Recycling Services](#)

## Contact Details

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**Action Notes**

<b>Meeting</b>	Falmouth and Penryn Community Area Partnership (CAP)
<b>Date and time</b>	24 March 2026 (6.30-8.45pm)
<b>Location</b>	Pendennis Community Centre, Falmouth, TR11 4NG
<b>Attendance and apologies</b>	See attendance list attached

<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Introduction and Welcome</b>            The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.            All present at the meeting and online introduced themselves.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Declaration Of Interests</b>            No interests were declared.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Public Participation</b>            There was no public participation.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Notes from previous meeting</b>            The notes from the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were agreed and approved.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Election of CAP Vice Chair</b>            Cllr Bastin explained that Darren Willcocks had stepped down as Vice Chair and thanked him for his invaluable support during his time as Vice Chair.            Cllr Thomason Kenyon put herself forward and this was seconded by Cllr Evans and agreed by the CAP Members.            Cllr Thomason Kenyon was duly elected as the Vice Chair of Falmouth &amp; Penryn CAP.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Young People CAP Priority</b>            Winton Hill (WH), CC Children’s Rights Participation Worker provided an overview of the priorities from the newly elected Youth Council and fed back on how young people would like to engage with CAP members. WH explained the democratic process for the election and that there were 18 places on the Youth Council with 43 young people applying. 13,000 young people voted across Cornwall with support from Schools, Libraries and Hubs.            Henry, newly elected Youth Council Member talked about his experience of the process and the key areas of focus for the coming year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport access and Inclusion to transport – young people want more accessible and affordable travel to be able to access school, meeting up with friends etc.</li> <li>• Sports, Leisure and safe activities – young people want more activities to be able to participate in and safe spaces to meet up, play sports and relax.</li> <li>• Mental Health Support &amp; Wellbeing – young people want support without long waiting times and without being judged and help that meets their needs.</li> <li>• Accessibility, Disability and Inclusion – young people feel that everybody should be able to join in with activities and education, and to be able to access services which should be accessible to all.</li> <li>• Respect and School Support.</li> <li>• Reducing barriers and increasing opportunities.</li> </ul> <p>Sophie Palmer, Falmouth Town Council Youth Engagement Officer provided a brief overview of the new Falmouth Town Council Youth Council. It is currently in its first year and is running as a pilot to engage with young people in Falmouth to give them a voice and have a say on what happens in Falmouth. The Youth Council will be made up of 16 young people, aged 11-16, years to mirror the 16 elected Falmouth Town Councillors and</p>

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applications are now open. It will provide young people with the opportunity to meet new people, help them to understand they have a voice and a say and can help to impact decision making in the place they live. The priorities of the Youth Council align with the priorities of the CC Youth Council and similar issues.

Penryn Town Council are currently working with Penryn College to set up a Youth Council.

Hanna Toms (HT), CC Area Youth Worker provided a brief overview of the Youth Transformation Pilot Project and the programme streams that are available. Last year the Government made money available for youth work and Cornwall were successful in receiving funding for 12 pilot projects to look at how this can work in rural areas. The team is now in post with 3 Area Youth Worker Leads in the Mid, East and West of Cornwall, a Training Lead and some Digital Youth Workers. The Digital Youth Club is being set up and run on Discord and will start in May. The Area Youth Workers have been working on Area Youth Summits which is where the team will bring young people together from all the areas and to talk to them about what they would like to see in terms of a youth offer in their area. The Mid Summit has just been confirmed and will be held in Truro on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and it will consist of an activity, lunch and a discussion on what they would like to see from youth services in their area. The Area Youth Worker leads are currently going out and talking to local Youth Organisations/Projects in their areas, and HT has already linked in with the Dracaena Centre. Currently meeting with as many Youth Workers and projects as possible. There has been a grants process where small grants of up to £15k have been awarded to community projects to expand or continue their youth offer. A Training Needs Assessment has been circulated to all Youth Services to find out what their needs for training are, and in the next week there will be a full training programme available. Planning on holding a Youth Work Conference in July which will be a county wide event.

Kate Springfield, Dracaena Centre provided an update and presentation on their recently funded projects for young people open to people in the CAP. The presentation can be viewed here:



CAP presentation  
3.pdf

The Chair welcomed Matthew Thomson, Pendennis Leisure CIO and thanked him for the use of the room for the meeting.

Zoe Woods, CC Area Family Hub Co-ordinator provided an update and presentation on the new service hub – Chi Aberfala.

The presentation can be viewed here: [Family Hubs - Partnership and Opportunities](#)

There will be an opportunity for the Cornwall Councillors to visit the site once the Officers/services have settled in as it is still very much in the infancy stages.

Sue Collings-Smith, CC Locality Lead (Mid) provided an update from Healthy Cornwall as they work from the Family Hubs. Healthy Cornwall support all life stages to adapt to a healthier lifestyle including the Stop Smoking service, healthy nutrition and physical activity. The Family Hubs are an integral part of delivering services. The team supports the Health Visitors and accompanies them on visits to undertake 6-week checks for babies and 2-year-olds checks and also support the Midwifery Team. Referrals are made

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	<p>directly from families, and this stops families from feeling they are being passed from pillar to post. The team run workshops and programmes – Ready Steady Eat; Infant Weaning; Happy Eaters and School Readiness and these are offered face to face or virtually. There are also activities and workshops to engage with young people.</p> <p>Esther Richmond provided a round up of the session and asked CAP Members to feedback on key issues relating to young people they would like to discuss and develop further. ER will then set up an additional meeting for those interested to work with youth groups in the Falmouth and Penryn CAP area.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Please contact ER if you would like to be involved in a young people working group discussion: <a href="mailto:esther.richmond@cornwall.gov.uk">esther.richmond@cornwall.gov.uk</a></p>
7.	<p><b>CAP Action Plan &amp; Sub-groups update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport and Connectivity sub-group: Dean Evans CC provided feedback following the recent sub-group meeting and thanked Cllr Mael Garrac, Penryn Town Council who has developed a spreadsheet that lists all Expressions of Interest (EOI) submitted for minor highways issues. The group has invited Cllr Paul Simmons to join the group in place of Darren Willcocks.</li> </ul> <p>Stuart Douglas, Community Speedwatch provided an update from the Highways, Footpaths and Public Rights of Way Working Group in Perranwell. Community Speedwatch have been targeting speeding during the mornings between 8.30 – 9.30am and there has been a distinct improvement to people adhering to the 20mph limit. When the A39 is closed all traffic is diverted through Perranwell so this has had a positive impact and a decrease in accidents.</p> <p>Anna Thomason-Kenyon CC reported there has been an issue in one of the parishes with speeding and she recently spent some time in 3 areas within the parish to monitor the speeds of vehicles.</p> <p>Area 1: Speed Camera and sign; Area 2: White Gateway and Camera; Area 3: White Gateway, Camera and sign.</p> <p>It was very obvious that Area 3 had the highest impact on drivers slowing down and adhering to the speed limit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Highways Improvement Programme (CHIP): ER fed back to the CAP following the recent EOI's submitted for CHIP funding. The deadline for submissions was 27<sup>th</sup> February, and the Divisional Cornwall Council Members are due to meet to discuss the EOI's and to make a recommendation to the Portfolio Holder. 9 applications have been put forward (7 from Parish Councils and 3 from Divisional Members).</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>Partner Updates</b></p> <p><u>Inspector Milburn, Devon and Cornwall Police</u></p> <p>Insp Milburn provided an update on young people within the Falmouth and Penryn CAP area in relation to policing.</p> <p>Many of the young people in the community are law abiding but unfortunately not all are.</p> <p>There has been an increase in young people taking risks especially if under the influence of alcohol which can lower inhibitions. The Police are working closely with retailers to try and stop the sale of alcohol to young people/underage. Also trying to engage with parents as they are sometimes supplying the alcohol to their sons/daughters. There has been a rise in incidents happening at the beaches.</p>

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	<p>An increase in lots of young people congregating in the evenings in different parts of Falmouth, particularly the Pier and beaches which has resulted in Anti-Social behaviours and fighting. The Police are targeting these areas with additional patrols.</p> <p>There has been a large rise in misogyny especially with young boys in school using different words and language influenced by social media, Tiktok and Instagram. The Police are trying to tackle and address this.</p> <p>PC Paul Stevenson is the Youth Intervention Officer in Falmouth, and he delivers inputs into schools around consent, violence against women and girls, sexting and sexualised language. ‘Words Shape Your Future’ is a workshop that focuses on language used and misogyny.</p> <p>School Wars – this is advertised online and large groups of young people meet up to have a big fight.</p> <p>The Police Team will have additional resources for the summer period, and the Neighbourhood Support Team will focus on the areas of concern within Falmouth - Town Centre and beaches.</p> <p>The Child Centred Policing Strategy 2027 states that all Police decision makers are signed up to the strategy. The strategy recognises children first and that children are put first in all instances. Police intervention can be very difficult and there is a need to work hard to build trust and relationships. Each decision recognises the child’s welfare and best interests first and tries to divert from the criminal justice route. If a child is prosecuted, they have a criminal record which can have a long-term impact on their life, employment, education and housing. A child that is convicted is more likely to commit more offences.</p> <p>Insp Milburn provided a presentation on Falmouth and Helston Sector Performance which can be viewed here: <a href="#">Falmouth and Helston Sector Performance</a></p> <p><u>Cllr Jackie Walkden, Falmouth Town Council:</u></p> <p>Falmouth Town Council has organised a meeting after Easter with Falmouth School and the feeder schools in the Falmouth and Penryn area in relation to Smartphone Free Schools.</p> <p><u>Matthew Thomson, Pendennis Leisure CIO:</u></p> <p>The Pendennis centre is a community asset in Falmouth run by 30 Volunteers and relies on various funding streams such as CCF, SPF and Cornwall Councillor Community Chest grants. Funding was received to make the pool area safe and to manage the risks. The centre is open to all age groups and would be keen to work with the Youth Councils. There is exercise classes run from the centre as well as toddler groups and children’s dance classes.</p> <p><u>Stuart Douglas, Community Speedwatch:</u></p> <p>SD talked about the local Memory Cafes and how important they are. PC Helen Newton attends the coffee morning every month.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the CAP that Nikki Drewett will be leaving Cornwall Council, and this would be the last CAP Meeting she will attend. The Chair thanked Nikki for her support to the previous Community Network Panel and more recently the CAP over the last 8 years.</p>
9.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 – Venue to be confirmed.</p>

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Falmouth & Penryn Community Area Partnership - Attendance List<sup>1</sup>

<b>Representatives</b>		
<b>Cornwall Councillor</b>	<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Record of Attendance</b>
Cllr Anna Thomason-Kenyon CC	Constantine, Mabe and Mawnan	Present
Cllr Alan Rowe	Falmouth Penwerris	Present
Cllr David Saunby CC	Falmouth Trescobeas & Budock	Present
Cllr Laurie Magowan CC	Falmouth Arwenack	Absent
Cllr Debra Clegg CC	Falmouth Boslowick	Apologies
Cllr Ruth Gripper CC	Mylor, Perranarworthal and Ponsanooth	Present
Cllr Dean Evans CC	Penryn	Present
<b>Town &amp; Parish Councillor</b>	<b>Parish / Town Council (NR = Named representative)</b>	
John Bastin	Budock Parish Council (NR)	Present
Phil Burnett	Budock Parish Council	Present
Jon Stowell	Falmouth Town Council (NR)	Absent
Jackie Walkden	Falmouth Town Council	Present
Rachel Killick	Mylor Parish Council (NR)	Absent
Barbara Hewett-Silk	Mabe Parish Council (NR)	Absent
Bea Galke	Mabe Parish Council	Present
Paul Simmons	Mabe Parish Council	Present
Manice Stabbins	Mawnan Parish Council (NR)	Present
Ashley Bridges	Perranarworthal Parish Council (NR)	Absent
Alison McGee-Harrison	Ponsanooth Parish Council (NR)	Present
Sinead Hanks	Penryn Town Council (NR)	Present
Chris Painter	Constantine Parish Council (NR)	Present
<b>Representatives from other Organisations/Members of the Public</b>		
Stuart Douglas	Perranwell Community Speedwatch	Present
Anna Brown	Falmouth University	Absent
Catriona Taylor	University of Exeter	Apologies
David Ronchetti	Walking and Cycling Group	Absent
Kate Springfield	Dracaena Centre	Present
Matthew Thomson	Pendennis Leisure	Present
Inspector Rick Milburn	Devon & Cornwall Police	Present
Kirstie Edwards	Voluntary Sector Forum	Absent
Derek Thomas	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Apologies
Henry	Youth Council	Present
Sophie Palmer	Youth Engagement Officer, Falmouth Town Council	Present
<b>Cornwall Council Officers</b>		
Esther Richmond	Community Link Officer	Present
Nikki Drewett	Community Support Assistant	Present
Eveleen Riordan	Service Director, Education and Community Health	Present
Marie Kerr	Chief People Officer	Apologies
Sue Collings-Smith	Locality Lead (Mid), Public Health	Present
Winton Hill	Children's Rights Participation Worker	Present
Hanna Toms	Area Youth Worker	Present
Zoe Woods	Area Family Hub Coordinator	Present

<sup>1</sup> Attendance record based on register signed by representatives at the meeting or apologies sent.



**HELFDOR MARINE CONSERVATION**  
**Advisory Section Quarterly Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 1.30pm**  
**Gweek village hall**  
**Chaired by Louise Walder**

Present	Apologies
<p>Sue Scott (SS) - HMC Coordinator and CC Estuary Officer  Robin Bradley (RB) – Cornwall Bass Investigations  Georgena Morris (GM)– Mawnan PC  Grace Jones (GJ) – Cornish Seal Sanctuary  Louise Walder (LW) Vice Chair HMC Gweek Boatyard  Maggie Freegard (MF) Wildlife Groundswell  Manice Stabbins (MS) Mawnan Parish Council  Wendy Lethbridge – Marine Management Organisation  Mike Biglin MB – HMC treasurer  Steve Green COS and Wreck Free</p>	<p>Patrick Polglase – Duchy of Cornwall  Jonathan Thornton – HMC  Membership secretary, Mawnan Churchyard. Helford Research Trust.  Ian Tolchard – Helford River Moorings  Esther Hughes – Natural England  Tristan Hugh-Jones – Helford Oysterage  Kerry Holbrook - Fal and Helford Estuary Officer Cornwall Council  Carol Hurst – Chair HMC and One Bag Beach  Charlie Watt – National Trust  Tony Arden Environment Agency  Matt Slater CWT  Chris Sharpe Falmouth Marine Group  Amanda Ayliffe Fal and Helford SAC  Advisory Coordinator.  Emmeline Hardisty – Voice of Water  Lily Parsons -Environment Agency</p>

1. **Introductions**
2. **Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026, Gweek Village Hall, 13:30pm **ACTION SS** to book.
3. **Report for January and Matters Arising.** – None
4. **Pacific Oysters** – In line with the Fal and Helford SAC we will keep the feral Pacific Oyster problem as a standing item. SS had a note from George Brew

regarding our discussion about PO's at the last advisory meeting. "Thanks for raising my concerns about the Helford invasive Pacific Oyster tipping point with the HMC Advisory Section. It's good that more people with an interest in the Helford understand the seriousness on the situation that we face. We can learn a lot from what has and is happening in the Wadden Sea but the likelihood is that it will be a lot more damaging within the Helford with it being warmer here, more sheltered with more human interaction and closely linked businesses.

5. **Helford Research Trust and the Oyster Depot – JT** has provided an update on the marine research station. "A full proposal for the above project was submitted to the Duchy in late November. The proposal gave full details of the proposed design for the building, outline construction costs, management responsibilities and staffing, financial incomes and expenditures, initial demand from institutions etc. The proposal is awaiting a response from the Duchy, which will hopefully agree to proceed to a full Planning Application".
6. **HMC membership events and activities.** CH has arranged some excellent talks over the winter period. We get around 30 participants, and we hold events in either the Memorial Hall in Mawnan Smith or Gweek Village Hall. Dan Barrios-O'Neill on Why Cornwall's seas matter, some excellent data looking at our seas from a global perspective. Thought provoking and no wonder the fishing rights are such a political bargaining tool! Abby Crosby talked us through the Marine Nature Recovery Strategy and how the species and habitats were chosen through consultation with the public, expert opinion and data. We have talks roughly every eight weeks.

## 7. Organisations – Brief Reports on Activities

- A) **Clean Ocean Sailing.** – keep bashing on regardless despite no funding coming in. They have three applications out at the moment. **Wreck Free** – This initiative (to have a mooring tax for all to be held in place to be used in clearing abandoned vessels) is in a position where they are now looking to find a way of holding these funds for the best.
- B) **Voice of Water-Vow Foundation.** The Voices of Water (VoW) Foundation, founded by Emmeline Hardisty, launched a petition demanding the UK government grant legal personhood to rivers and rias, starting with Cornwall's Helford River. This initiative aims to recognize rivers as living entities with rights, enforced by a [Voices Of Water Foundation](#) guardian group. Unfortunately, they did not get the requisite number of signatures to get this raised in parliament, but they did get over half, which is a good start. Carol H. and Sue S will be meeting with Emmeline in March soon to hear about her next steps in this project.
- C) **Cornwall Bass Investigations-** The 2025 annual Report is now out. All their reports can be found on their website <https://cornwallbassinvestigationsgroup.weebly.com/annual-reports.html> all the way back to 1994! They have 75 volunteers and last year conducted 28 surveys on the Fal and 14 on the Helford. Not as good a year as expected. Hardly any Juvenile Bass found on the Helford. For the first two months of life

these fish rely on the currents to move through the water. If there are prolonged easterly winds at the critical time they can be blown too far along the channel and miss the estuaries. However, ICES have determined that there is to be an increase in the Bass catch. The concern is that the data is not strong enough to justify this.

- D) **Seal Sanctuary**-They have another Beaver (Parsnip) to join Turnip, when they get acquainted they will leave for a release project. They have funding now for their new Wildlife Wise signage if anyone would like some.
- E) **Marine Management Organisation**-The Bluefin Tuna fleet (15 of them) finished on the 31<sup>st</sup> December. The numbers for next year's catch, if they come again, has not yet been decided. We are in the closed season for Crawfish 17<sup>th</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> May. The Octopus – two species, Common and Horned. They have eaten the Shellfish Stocks and although there is a market for them and some fishermen have switched to selling them it's not the same, they tend to be sold abroad we have more a taste for crab and lobster here. Interested to see if they are here to stay.
- F) **Mawnan Parish Council** – Very successful Mawnan Park Nature Garden Fund Raising. In addition The Forest for Cornwall have provided trees for amenity areas.
- G) **National Trust – South (Rachel Holder - not present)** Unfortunately, the problems with long staying boats mooring at Tremayne Quay continue. There are staffing changes afoot; I will be leaving NT at end of February, as will, coincidentally, Justin Whitehouse our General Manager. I will ensure I make an introduction to you via email before I finish - ideally to my successor but if not known by that point, another member of The Lizard ranger team, for continuity. Separately, we are presently recruiting for a 24mth ranger role, a donor funded post with a particular emphasis on maintaining and improving public access across NT Lizard places, S Helford included, details of which can be found on ntjobs website. **SS**. Will be very sorry to see Rachel and Justin go. Justin has been involved in this group for such a long time.
- H) **National Trust – North (Charlie Watt-Not present)** The pacific oysters rapid expansion in the river is pretty terrifying! Not a great deal to report from North Helford. We had to cut another large Monterey pine down due to safety concerns, it shed a large limb in the autumn which pulled down HV powerlines blocking the road to Durgan. This happened on a day with very little wind and with there being no obvious defects in the limb or branch union, this left us scratching our heads! We have recently had a full survey of all the main large group of Monterey's in the Durgan, Grebe, Bosloe area by an arb consultant to back up the survey work we do. So, we got the consultant back to inspect this tree again, he recommended reducing it to a monolith. Sad to see such a prominent tree go but we had no choice, some of the wood is going to a Mawnan parish council project and local forest school. The rest of the tree inspections have been done with some remedial work to do, a bit of drainage and re-surfacing work on footpaths and mowing our meadows. Looking forward over the next 2 months getting stuck into some woodland management work, some tree planting, hedge cutting and mowing in the fields at Carwinnion and Maenporth.
- I) **Merthen Wood - Charlie Watt** Lichen survey coming up in Merthen Woods and writing a management plan with a view to getting in line for countryside

stewardship in 2027. Trying again for challenge fund money for this winter (2026).

J)

**Cornwall Wildlife Trust – Matt Slater (Not present)** I'm sorry but I won't be able to attend today's meeting but thank you for letting me know. As we have several projects going on in the Helford Id like to try to come to the next meeting to give an update if possible? Our Seagrass team led by Chloe and Nia successfully carried out two days of seagrass seed planting in November, on the creek at Budock Vean, on the intertidal in front of Carl Paveys house. We used seeds taken from intertidal *Zostera marina* from Torpoint under NE licence, which were stored and looked after by volunteers at FMC – thanks so much to you for putting us together with the landowner there. We are really hoping that we see some growth in spring! Interestingly we found one living seagrass plant at the site during our first reccie which gave us some hope that the site is suitable.

K) **One Bag Beach Clean – Carol Hurst (Not present)** Here is my data for 2025- 12 group events. 9 collaborations. 295 volunteers. 129.1 kg rubbish (apx the weight of a female grizzly bear!) of which 49.1 kg was recycled.

81 bags of dog poo, Dog poo bags do not decompose They just break down over time into smaller pieces. A lot of our rubbish is picked up from the lanes, coast path and car park near the beaches.

We also clean Poldhu beach once a year

This year we had 95 volunteers turn up which was a record

8. **Financial- Mike Biglin** We are in a reasonable position for a small group for running educational events, but we are responsible for servicing the five buoys that hold the 'No anchor marks' to protect the Seagrass off Grebe Beach. We need to be aware that they will be serviced and we have to be able to raise the funds for this. Past contributions have come from the S106 project at Cornwall Council, Natural England, the Duchy of Cornwall and Mawnan PC Manicesaid that the next funding applications would be invited in June for Mawnan PC.

9. **Field Observations** - Not Helford but Lou Walder was very pleased to see Pip the humpback whale when she was last on the Scillies.

10. **AOB - None**