

Lostwithiel Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 30 May 2023

Lostwithiel's Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Community Centre on Tuesday 30 May 2023 at 7pm.

Welcome

The Mayor of Lostwithiel Councillor Karin Henderson welcomed the five members of the public and seven councillors at the meeting in her opening address.

Apologies

Captain Richards- Lostwithiel Army Cadets
Claire Mitson - Lostwithiel Rainbows
Andrew Trelevan - Lostwithiel Community Centre
Natalie Simmons - Lostwithiel School
Ashley Taylor - Duchy of Cornwall
Josh Harmon – Fire Service
Alison Pederson – Brownies
Fiona Pearce – Girl Guides
P Berry – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
Jane Richards – Lostwithiel Town Band
Adrian Barratt – Lostwithiel Business Group
St Winnow School
Richard Reed - Lostwithiel Bowling Club

Minutes Tuesday 31 May 2022

It was proposed by Mayor Henderson and seconded by Councillor Ross that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 31 May 2022 are signed as a true and correct record.

Votes – 7 votes in favour.

Tri -Service Officer Report

The Mayor read out the following report from Josh Harmon

<p>TSSO Josh Harmon - Performance update for April 2022 – March 2023</p>	<p>April 2022 – March 2023</p>
<p>Domestic Risk Reduction visits; <i>Accessing a person’s home to review all the risks and vulnerabilities from Fire, Police, Health, Safety and wellbeing perspective and reducing that risk by taken certain measures.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Fire Safety Checks (HFSC) <i>issued by the Fire Service (Scheduled visit).</i> • Living, Safe and well visits (LS&W), <i>Unscheduled visits created by dealing with a Police log, Post Ambulance or Fire incident or referral from other agencies.</i> • Safeguarding; <i>From these visits TSSO can create safeguarding cases and work with other services/agencies to assist in problem solving and reducing risk/vulnerability. This include the completion of the Police ViST form.</i> <p><i>(This is an ongoing piece of work to provide information and pathways used by the Tri-Service to reduce risk and vulnerability).</i></p>	<p>42</p>
<p>Fire Appliance Availability;</p> <p><i>When a Tri-Service Safety officer is on duty they provide 42 hrs of availability and support the crewing of the appliance (s) at their local station. A Fire appliance requires a minimum of 4 personnel (ideally 5) with the right skill sets (Incident Commander, Driver and 2 x Breath apparatus wearers) to ensure the availability of the fire appliance.</i></p> <p><i>The data record here relates to when the TSSO specifically, making up the crew to 4 at their local On Call fire station or providing a critical specialist skills such as Incident commander or</i></p>	<p>183 hours</p>

<p><i>Driver that enables that fire appliance to be available to respond to operational incidents. The TSSO is still active in all other duties whilst improving appliance availability.</i></p> <p>Lostwithiel has 1 x Fire appliance and have a current establishment of 12 personnel. TSSO Harmon is an integral part of the station and with the addition of his operational incident commanders ticket, assists greatly with maintaining the appliance availability .</p> <p>.</p>	
<p>Police Logs incidents attended; <i>Non-emergency 101 police logs, such as neighbourhood disputes, ASB etc</i></p> <p><i>*The report only captures currently the Police logs that the Tri-Service have been working on and we are currently reviewing how we capture their work in relation to;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Neighbourhood emails</i> • <i>ISD tasking</i> • <i>Fire tagged logs</i> 	<p>53</p>
<p>Ambulance Incidents (SWASFT); <i>Category 1 & 2 life risk emergencies. After every critical incident the TSSO receives defusing from the fire Service defusing team and the incident recorded. They also receive support from SWASFT and Police Trim team members where necessary.</i></p>	<p>53</p>
<p>ASB Diversionary work; <i>TSSO continue to problem solve ASB issues and look to carry out prevention work and redirect individuals in to clubs and other interest to reduce ASB through diversionary work.</i></p> <p><i>The Tri-Service team work with Cornwall Council’s ASB caseworkers and look to diversionary work to reduce ASB, with the issuing of level 1, 2 warnings as an option.</i></p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Safeguarding</p>	

<p>Safeguarding cases are being established by the Tri-service T through the following pathways,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Risk reduction visits (HFSC or LS&W referrals for CFRS) • Police logs and enquires • Post Ambulance and Fire service operational calls • Local intelligence + Community engagement <p>The team recording safeguarding on both Cornwall Councils and the Police NICHE system. Having access to these systems provide the Tri-Service team with a unique problem solving capability. The tri-service team will coordinate other service and agencies to assist with the Safeguarding case to reduce risk and vulnerability.</p>	<p><i>This data has only been available since mid-January 2023 and we will provide further details in the future</i></p>
<p>Community engagement and Prevention;</p> <p>The Tri Service team carry out a variety of community engagement & Prevention activities,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Target work with other agencies • Safeguarding cases and attending Safeguarding adults meeting, Adult risk management meetings. • School safety visits • Town council meetings • Some TSSO are starting to engage with the social prescriber at the local Doctors surgeries to problem solve community health issues. 	<p>253 hours</p>

Annual Report from Cornwall Councillor Colin Martin

Councillor Martin reported that he was now half way through his 4 year term, in which there has been many changes.

As acting leader of the Liberal Democrats promoting change in adult social care so people no longer have to sell their homes.

Shortfall of carers as they are currently paid only 48p above the legal minimum and the knock on effect of this is that people are stuck in hospital.

Dentistry 200 National Health Dentists have been lost.

In Lostwithiel CC Martin has been working with Town Team on traffic issues and reporting road issues to Cornwall Council Highways. With reference to the Railway – promised works and funding withdrawn. Upgrading signals and level crossings will be managed from Exeter and the footbridge will now be a 2024 project.

On a positive note:

Climate change – every new planning application wildlife and nature has to be assessed and increased by 10%.

25000 houses nobody lives in – holiday homes or second homes. Holiday lets to be a change in planning rules so planning will have to be sought if wanting to turn into a holiday let. In Lostwithiel we could put a limit on the number of properties that are used in this manner and we should ensure there is a proper register to make sure properties are paying for the refuse as this is exacerbating the situation with neighbours.

Hospitals, care homes and schools should be fed locally sourced Cornish food.

Duchy of Cornwall Report

Not present

Lostwithiel Army Cadets Report

Not present

Lostwithiel St Barts Church Report.

The Revd Paul Beynon read out the following report;

On behalf of myself and the congregation at St Barts, may I congratulate Mayor Henderson on her election, and offer her my fullest support during her tenure. It is my great joy to accept her invitation to be her chaplain for her term of office.

To pay tribute to the outgoing Mayor, Karen Ross, for her term as Mayor and for the many accomplishments and acts of service to the town during her term.

St Barts 2022

Was a challenging and difficult year. Like many organisations, the Church struggles to make ends meet; the day to day running cost associated with a grade 1 listed building ran into many thousands of pounds. Add to that cost of tower, roof, and internal repairs, then the costs became many tens of thousands of pounds!

Tower Report

At the end of this financial year the church and community raised £61,775.98! With match funding from the national lottery, we are hopeful that this year the tower will be made safe for future generations.

Early remedial work, however, was halted due to the discover of concrete joints in the existing render, where there should have been lime mortar. Work had to stop because of the danger of falling debris. The estimate for repairs has thus increased further and the

scaffolding bill alone already stands at almost £5,000. This will also necessitate the closure of Church Lane for many weeks. The PCC is holding an emergency meeting imminently to discuss a resolution to the matter.

Community Events

St Barts was pleased to open its doors and welcome the wider community into its worshipping life, and we have been delighted with the community's response.

Events in 2022 included: Dog show, Jam First Theatre, Rummage sale, Spring Festival, Summer Fayre, Autumn Fayre/Bazaar, Christmas Fayre, Christmas Tree Festival, Dickensian evening and Christingle.

A varied itinerary of visiting bands, concerts and musical events were also held in March, April, and May the proceeds going towards the tower restoration.

Civic events

St Barts were pleased to play its part in her late Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the summer of 2022, with the church open for public screening of most of the major events. We were deeply saddened by the Queens passing in September but resolved to remain a place of comfort and solitude for a grieving community in the immediate days following. I held a Friday morning service of prayer with music and readings, which was attended by many from both the town and congregation. The Sunday morning civic service for her late Majesty was a highlight when we were pleased to welcome the Mayor and the Town Council to the service.

The Remembrance Sunday service remains a highlight of both the church's and community's calendar. For the past two years it has been regrettable that the civic and religious observances have been separated, resulting in what some describe as a "diminished ceremony". It is acknowledged that people no longer have an infinity for church or organised religion. But in the current context where St Barts is desperately trying to be open, relevant and remain a place of community for the community, we appeal to the council to re-evaluate its Remembrance Sunday policy for 2023.

We are pleased to acknowledge Mayor Henderson's request that the Mayor Making service will be held in St Barts on Wednesday 19th July at 2 pm and in doing so offer her our ongoing prayers for her term of office, as we do for all the town's councillors.

Lostwithiel Business Group

Not present

Lostwithiel Community Centre Report

Not present

Lostwithiel Brownies & Girl Guides Report

Not present

Lostwithiel Rainbows Report

Not present

Lostwithiel Memory Café

Geoffrey Phipps, Vice Chairman

Living with dementia or memory problems. Cognitive stress therapy stimulates memory and mind and offer a reprieve from problems, and for a brief time you have returned the

person you married. This is also of great benefit for carers and of course the sufferer. Every minute is full on in this vibrant café. Since reopening after Covid there is a lesser number, nevertheless there is a need in Lostwithiel, and if anybody knows of someone who might benefit to please recommend the Memory Café. Another problem is the reduced number of committee members (only three remaining) although there are plenty of helpers and volunteers who intend to struggle determinedly on.

Lostwithiel Methodist Report

Written report

Lostwithiel Methodist Church Report 2023

Rev Paul Parker left the circuit to go to Stoke in August 2022 and our current minister is Rev Paul Benney, who is also the Superintendent minister.

Café Churches continue to be held every second and fourth Sunday. This is relaxed, child-friendly worship sitting around tables, drinking coffee, with videos clips, singing, sketches, a chance to talk and laugh and definitely no sermon!

Coffee Mornings are still being held on the last Thursday of the month and, although coffee is free, any donations made, have been given to Children's Hospice South West.

We were delighted to take part in the Rotary Christmas shoebox appeal, and have supported the Pakistan Flood Appeal, Syria/Turkey earthquake appeal, and sent goods to Ukraine.

We support St Petroc's homeless charity, Action for Children, STAK, also Foodbank on an ongoing basis.

We are pleased to share our premises with Sew What and the Music Appreciation Group and would welcome other groups who are looking for a small room in which to meet.

Our greatest desire is to share God's love with the people of Lostwithiel and the surrounding neighbourhood.

Lostwithiel Museum Report

Christine Walton (Chairman Lostwithiel Museum) reported that it was the 50th Anniversary of the Museum on 25 August 2021 and that the Museum has been housed by the Town Council for nearly 52 years. They are a small group with vision and passion who preserve and record the History of Lostwithiel.

Christine reported that over the last year they have continued to make significant improvements including a timeline, touch screen to browse archived photos.

There are plans to make changes to the cabinets during the winter months, incorporating a comprehensive reference area for research.

Christine paid tribute to the late John Pegg. Four new guides have just been through training, new walks have been incorporated. Walks on a Wednesday at a cost of £5. There is also an option to have a walk and meal at the Royal Oak.

Membership includes two Museum Matters magazines free per year. The publications help the museum to survive and maintain its fully accredited status.

Christine took this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their contributions without volunteers everything listed simply wouldn't happen.

Lostwithiel Rotary Report

Mr Paul Harrold reported that last year there were two beer festivals, gentleman's evening and an auction at Boconnoc House which was particularly successful. Last year the Carnival was reinstated and was a great success. It was reported that non-Rotarians were engaged on the Carnival Committee and anticipated more people helping. Ukraine and Shelterbox were among the charities which benefitted.

Lostwithiel School Report

Not present

St Winnow School Report

Not present.

Lostwithiel Town Band Report

Jane Richards, Town Band Secretary reported that since covid all players have returned and the Town Band has gone from strength to strength. There have been some retirements and many new players, now 31 members and the Band is accessible to everyone, instruments, music, stand and Jackets provided. All that is needed is a love of playing and commitment for training once a week on a Monday and to attend events. The Band wishes to thank the community for their support.

Lostwithiel Young Farmers Report

Beth Whell reported on the first year out of Covid restrictions. Lostwithiel YFC had the following organised/taken part in the following events:

Charity Dung Run, Carnival, Cyclathon, BBQ, Clay Pigeon Shoot, Johnny Cowling and Charity Auction, Naked Calendar and Beer and Brains. Lostwithiel YFC and Cornwall YFC continue to raise huge amounts of money for charity and the goal this year is to pick up new members and have fun. There are currently 30 active members and they would love to hear about ideas for the club and any way in which they might help out in the community.

Beth thanked all for their support and was delighted at what can be achieved as a club and Lostwithiel as a community.

Lostwithiel Bowling Club Report

Not present

Lostwithiel Really Lovely Project Report

Not present

Lostwithiel Town Team Report

Not present.

Lostwithiel Town Councils Mayor's Report

The Mayor said how delighted she is to serve as Mayor of Lostwithiel. She intends to focus on promoting Lostwithiel far and wide and drive Town Council projects forward. The Mayor thanked all the organisations for attending the meeting tonight.

Time allowed for any other Town Organisation to address the meeting

Mayor and Councillor Henderson reported that LostFest had 250 performers, was on from 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM and almost went without a hitch.

Open Forum – An opportunity for residents to address questions to the town organisations and Councillors present.

Mayor Henderson suggested having someone tidy side alleys and side roads, weeds everywhere looks so untidy. Colin responded all roads and pavements start as responsibility of Cornwall Council

The meeting way closed at 8.25pm by Mayor Henderson.

Chairman

Date