



**PL24 Community Association Meeting**  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 6pm at St Blazey Community Rooms**

**Present:** June Anderson, Gill Butler, Yvonne Endean, Mike Freemantle, Jenny Moore, Tony Nethercott, Caroline Wildish, Eve Winterbottom, Chris Bone

**Apologies:** None.

**Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

It was proposed by Tony Nethercott, seconded by Eve Winterbottom and agreed unanimously that the Minutes were a true record of the meeting, subject to the following changes, a) add apologies from YE for the February 2017 meeting and b) amend Tesco Boxes of Help to Tesco **Bags** of Help.

**Matters arising**

The Boat – the sign indicating that the boat is a collaboration between PL24CA and Grow St Blazey has now been made by Lex Designz, at a cost of £7.50. GB to put in place.

**Treasurer's Report (sent to members after the meeting – apologies accepted)**

**Balances at 31st March 2017 were as follows:**

PL24CA - £3,533.56

PL24 - £753.98

SK8/YM - £2,261.36 (includes £794.99 held for the Youth Markets)

Other Accounts - £1,286.55 (represents £1,036.55 held on behalf of the Running Track campaign and £250.00 on behalf of Par Library.

**Account Balance - £7,835.45**

**Charitable Status**

GB reported that she had spoken with members of CRCC and has been informed that the legal requirement for holding charitable status is that an organisation must have charitable purposes only. PL24CA does not fall into this bracket as it is a community organisation with variable purposes and would have great difficulty fulfilling the 13 purposes of a charity. Unless circumstances change, therefore, PL24CA will remain solely a community organisation. Information on charitable status is to be sent through to PL24CA by CRCC.

### **Skatepark Update**

GB reported that Maverick Design and Build Company is going ahead with the planning forms, organising the surveys and completing the design and access statement. The tree and topographical survey is ongoing but a geotechnical report may not be necessary. The company has been very helpful. Tasha Davies from Cornwall Council and Councillor Doug Scrafton are also pushing to move things forward. GB and TN had drawn up a list of the people originally involved in the SK8 Group. Lloyds Bank has not yet been in touch re a separate account. GB to go to Lloyds in Bodmin to speak to Ruth (formerly of St Blazey before it closed down) in the hope that Ruth will be able to speed matters up in this regard.

### **Nature Reserve (land on Par Moor near to Spit Beach car park)**

GB met up with Becky Hughes from the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG). Becky has made a list of tasks for PL24CA, the aim being to turn the land into a small local nature reserve, linking up PL24CA Pollinators, Grow St Blazey and FWAG. GB reported that she had a very positive meeting with a representative from Imerys. It is possible to have a licence for a year, on a trial basis, at a cost of £10.00. This has not yet been confirmed but GB is to meet with Imerys in a few days' time.

The plan would be to increase the diversity of the site. One tree would have to be cut down because it is too close to another tree. GB told the committee that Becky has offered some funding, which could pay for a mini digger, etc, to clear the land. The general public would not be allowed on site, only supervised groups but the site has the potential to be used by many groups, eg those attending the memory cafe.

The Committee had the following suggestions: that the Wildlife Trust be approached for their expertise, critical because there is Japanese Knotweed in the vicinity; that volunteers should be sought via Volunteer Cornwall; that an enthusiastic person would be needed on the Committee, as Project Leader, to take the project on.

GB reported that she and JM had spoken to the Beavers with regard to volunteering at the site.

### **See below Management Plan (Becky Hughes):**

#### **“Management plan for Imerys’ Land near Spit Beach Car Park**

This parcel of land was once an amenity/landscaping parcel of native trees and grass which has been significantly encroached with bramble. Although bramble provides a good wildlife habitat and is a good source of nectar, autumn fruit and nesting shelter, it dominates the parcel and prevents other native flora from thriving and reduces the diversity of the habitat overall.

Management should aim to 1) increase the diversity of the site and encourage other native wildflowers to recolonise and not return to simple amenity grass, 2) create a woodland edge/glade type habitat so allowing for tree shade but also light to penetrate in areas, 3) create other diverse areas of connections for reptiles/birds/insects.

1. Monitor existing area for bird nesting activity
2. Monitor for invasive species –JKN/Buddleia
3. Check site boundary for Health and Safety
4. Tree inventory – species and condition

5. Clear back certain areas of bramble – perhaps scallop edge around path
6. Flora and fauna species list
7. Identify potential trees for crown lifting or pollarding or ring-barking to provide diversity of habitat
8. Create log pile/hibernaculum/stumpery
9. Create water area
10. Re-see areas with wildflower mix
11. Retain bramble patches and areas of ground cover
12. Cut back grass and remove cuttings”

### **Events and Dates**

**Big Lunch, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017** – GB has booked the Pavilion (facilities on site) and Wingz. CB gave her apologies for the Big Lunch – she is on holiday.

**Summer Youth Market** – GB has not heard from Sam at Cornish Market World. TN met a representative of the Prince’s Trust at a heritage event who expressed her interest in the Youth Market and who thought there might be some money available for this. However, nothing can be done until GB hears from Sam. EW reported that Cornish Market World has still not paid for their advert, despite a reminder.

**Grow St Blazey Fete, King Edward Gardens** – this will now take place on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (not the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017). JM asked if PL24CA would attend with a stall and/or an activity. GB to organise. TN is already organising the SK8 stall.

**Made in PL24 Fair** – all members agreed with the idea in principle and it was thought that late August, the 26<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>, would be a good time to put on such an event. It was suggested making use of two venues, the Gott Hall and the Scout Hall – GB to follow up re dates and costs. TN agreed to contact Havanna’s Pasties, Terry’s Pasties, Strand Catering and Pauline Giles. CW told members that stalls where people are able to make items, eg sugar flowers, go down well – she had seen this done at Westpoint.

**Road Safety Event** – it was agreed to leave this until 2018 and to possibly combine it with a motorbike rally. CW to have a conversation with the relevant organisations. TN to contact Mike Rates.

### **Brochure and Website**

**Brochure** - GB reported that the brochure is now at the printers.

**Website** – EW told the committee that she will put items on the website but that she does not have the time to write items for the website. As GB receives many contact details from different parties, it was suggested to add a ‘Useful Contacts Page’ to the website.

**Membership** – YE and GB to meet on 31<sup>st</sup> March with regard to the emailing out to members of EW’s letter.

### **Round the Table Reports**

**JM** – work has commenced on the garden area outside the Community Rooms. The Beavers are interested in getting involved with creating a wildlife garden, as is the memory cafe.

Pinetum Park has asked if community events could be staged there, to encourage visitors to the park. Lucas Drewitt from the University of Exeter is reviewing what is happening in the neighbourhood and is using this review for everyday hazard and risk communication. He is looking for forthcoming

events which he can attend.

9<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Grow St Blazey - Ryan is leading a foraging walk starting out at King Edward Gardens at 10.30 am.

**JA** – nothing to report.

**CB** – offered to help with the boat.

**YE** – nothing to report.

**MF** – the latest beach clean was held on a very wet day, which incorporated a hail shower! Despite this, 31 people turned up.

Eighteen people attended the last winter working party at the weekend. Jan Phillips thanked everyone for turning up throughout the winter. More has been done this winter in terms of work than in the preceding 6 winters.

A Wildflower Walk will be held round about the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The Quiz is coming up soon. PL24CA to field a team.

**EW** – there are too few people on the committee and this needs to be addressed. More people need to become involved.

**CW** – reminded members of the upcoming Parish Council elections.

**TN** – nothing to report.

JM left the meeting at 7.10 pm.

#### **Any Other Business**

**Farmers' market** - GB has been asked by Sonia Clyne if PL24CA would like to run a farmers' market, though GB stressed this was not something PL24CA had to do. TN to visit Grampound Farmers' Market to see what happens there.

**Cutter** – GB and MF to remove the cutter from JA's house on Thursday.

**Sue Heyward** – GB reported that Sue is attempting to create the greatest numbers of pom-poms created by the community and it is hoped they will be displayed at the Big Lunch. Sue might be willing to join the committee.

**New Governors for Doubletrees School** – CB asked members if they would make it known that Doubletrees School was looking for Governors. CB asked to send information to GB and TN for inclusion on PL24CA and St Blazey Town Team websites.

**Allotments, Tywardreath** – GB reported that there were allotments behind Poldrea available for residents' use and that if anyone was interested, they should contact Sally Vincent at Tywardreath and Par Parish Council. CW said that this was a conscious decision by Cornwall Council to give local people the opportunity to work their own allotments.

**Retiring member** - Mike Freemantle is going to stand down from the committee due to his many other commitments. He will still deliver the PL24 magazine, put up posters and help set up events, but he will be standing down from the committee. Members thanked Mike for all his hard work and constructive input over the years – he will be sorely missed. Knowing that Mike was to leave the committee, GB had contacted John Page, who is now Chair of FoPB. He is happy to come to the

PL24CA meetings initially as the FoPB rep. attending as a non-voting member.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 6.00 pm, St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.30pm.