



Minutes of the Turnchapel Residents' Association meeting held 12th January 2023 at 7.30pm

1) Chair's welcome and report

Harriet welcomed residents and guests to the meeting and explained we have a suggestions box for any ideas.

She thanked residents for organising the Halloween activities.

Successful Christmas tree purchased and decorated, also thanks to the James and the Denner families for organising the grotto for the children!

2) Treasurer's report

Over the course of 2022, the Association spent as much as got in (£1,322 in; £1,305.66 spent)

Current funds in the bank: £2,300. We received c. £2,500 last year in funds in.

Funds in included Jubilee funding for party in June; 18 houses paid memberships, various amounts – total of £200

Plus the sale of tote bags £75.

Main expenses – boat planter cost for PCC and Jubilee. (boat planter, all paid for and funded. Money was given last year)

Turnchapel Wharf donated £150 to pay for the grotto at Christmas.

3) Item 1 - South West Coast Path

Lorna Sherriff, National Trail Officer for the South West Coast Path Association gave us an update on the section still not in use by Shaw Way. She is the link between Natural England and THE Highways authority.

This section has been closed for 2 years now. She is liaising with Steve Kitchen of Yacht Haven, Mike Oxford PCC and Robin Pearce PCC lead for SWCP.

1st meeting 30/11/21 – assessed site to check closure valid. There is a substantial hole. The concrete is only 4 inches thick, so has to be closed for safety. Lorna was very positive it can be reopened but will cost a lot and take time.

Issues – trees all have TPOs on them, contractor said would need to remove trees. Would need to pile first in order to backfill. Issue of access, will have to crane materials over.

Issue – what is the erosion? How caused, needs to be surveyed.

Because working at waters edge need permit from marine association?? need everything in place when apply for the permit, then the work will take c. 8-12 months.

Due meeting October 22, Lorna had to postpone, plan to meet early February.

Paul J – surveyed the site, suggested all works to take place on the car park side of footpath using a cantilever support system, to bridge the erosion. Sent this proposal with a crude sketch to Rebecca Smith on the 1st Feb 2022 and had no response from Robin/Rebecca.

Question to Lorna – could we bridge the gap? Issue if there is further erosion this would not then work. (Cost approx. £35k)

Need agreement with PCC and YH on what needs to be done then Lorna can get her team to look into funding.

Stickers for diversion being removed, we offered to put more up!

Agreed to put a letter from the TRA outlining our thoughts on why it should be fixed.

4) Item 2 - Electric bike hub

Kathy Watkin – no updates, unsure of agreement re location. Mountbatten likely to have bike hubs soon.

*Update following the meeting: the electric bike hubs should be going in to Mountbatten Plymstock Broadway and Oreston in May or June, this year, A hub in Hooe Green may follow later. Turnchapel was not an option, in Phase 1, but was suggested by the officer for a later phase if there is funding and a suitable site could be found.

Bus stops – several have been removed. Kathy explained the contract expired so they're being removed but there is a new contract in place and some/most will be replaced with smart, tech ones.

5) Item 3 - Kayak racks

TRA concerned the rack was overloaded and causing safety issues. Introduced registration and request for donation, plus need to have donation for TRA first. Also limit to 1 high per level.

The rack is for use of Turnchapel residents and to be used only by people who have paid their TRA membership + a donation of £10 per kayak.

6) Item 4 - South West Water

Ongoing issue in the village, particularly bad in Boringdon Terrace including the Boringdon pub.

11/1 blockage found and SWW cleared. On 8 hour turn round to fix, smell returned today so they're called out again. Question of timing for high tide.

We urge people to continue reporting.

7) Item 5 - Village clean take place

Sunday 26 March date for next village clean.

8) Item 6 - Defibrillator

Paul Rayne in charge. If it's used, he gets a text to check if it needs new battery etc. He will keep us updated if anything needs to be done.

TRA will look into rebooking trainer to come and train. (Dino following up)

Claire to check with Paul if added to national register. He confirmed it's registered and he gets regular updates.

9) Item 7 - Future projects plan (street signs, plaque, top garden, conservation appraisal (SL)

Sign on corner of Terrace (for car park). Put request to PCC and Kathy Watkin has liaised with Highways. Offer to replace like for like. Possibility to move to land opposite the Clovelly. However, Highways do not know who owns the land opposite the Clovelly. Also issue of possible services underneath. All costs to be born by TRA and we'd be liable upkeep.

Vote – majority agreed to request a like for like signpost.

Claire will photo dangerous At any time signs that need replacing and open drain cover and send to Kathy.

Another Jubilee Plaque? Need to look into funding from PCC.

Top garden – owned by PCC. We want a management agreement to maintain it. Kathy will look into it for us.

Rob – where chain link fence is clear to allow people to enjoy the view?

Luc introduced #loveturnchapel2030 – Proposal to have separate meeting for future projects for the village, based on the village's people ideas /TRA vision / objectives/...

10) General business

Cost of living / supporting community (AE)

Challenges of older properties. If people are struggling, can we give advice? Info for residents on warm places, funding.

Also for social isolation and loneliness – good to advertise info in the pubs. Chatty Wednesday? Possible creative / arty projects? Quiz?

Future events

Christmas fair Bori pub 25 November

The Barnely Youth brass orchestra – possible gig at summer festival? (Russ)

Attendees at the meeting seemed keen for a festival with old traditional games, like paper boat making, king and queen? Audience participation.

Need a sub committee: Matt, Paul, Oli...

Mid July date.

Club updates

History club – 15 Feb – details tbc

Book club – couple of spaces open if anyone keen to join?

Gazebo – need new cover. TRA agreed to cover cost of this.

Zara – call out for squares for eco knitted Christmas tree. Shades of green and Christmas colours

Conservation Area Appraisal – PCC Person has left but Sarah has new contact to follow up with. **She will do letter on behalf of the TRA committee.**

11) Any other business

Liability insurance was discussed and a vote confirmed we will go ahead with getting this.

12) Details of next meeting

Closure and date of next meeting - Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 7.30pm.