



## **Minutes of the Turnchapel Residents' Association Meeting held 25th January 2024, at 7.30pm at the Boringdon Arms and online via Zoom**

### **1) Chair's welcome and report**

Since the last Sept meeting lots of things to celebrate.

- Another music quiz bringing the grand total up to £1050. Thanks to Richard, Pete and Helena for these, as well as the Bori for hosting.
- The Wellbeing Choir is up and running. Every Wed 7.30 at the Hooe and Turnchapel Community Centre. Pay as you feel.
- Christmas Tree and event. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to knitters and crocheters. Special thanks to Zara who was the instigator but also lots of others who helped in the design, stitching – Toni and Cathy and also to Matt, Jago, Adrian and everyone who helped assemble and construct. Linzie who led the singing, Joyce and Sylvia who cut the ribbon.....the whole village was involved and it was a true community project.
- The 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec singalong also led by Linzie so thanks to her and the Bori for hosting. Fantastic night had by all.
- Talk by Joe last week on Built Broken and Bombed, a talk on the history of Turnchapel ships at St Johns church hall for the Plym Valley Heritage Org. More talks to come for 2024 hopefully.

### **2) Treasurer's report**

Since last meeting main expense Christmas tree £529. The structure can be reused for many years and for other events.

Quiz raised another £318

Cards, mugs etc raised £240

History walk raised £50

Not spent money on things had thought so currently £3,500 in our account.

### **3) Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- SWW (HD)
  - The smell from the sewage pipes below the village continues to be a major concern. You can complain about the smell via the Facebook Messenger service and X (previously Twitter) or, if you call South West Water on 03443461010.
- South West Coast Path (AE)
  - The TRA is not a landowner so can't do anything about it. We are continuing to follow up with the SWCP Association, speaking to the council – also fill out surveys if you get one?
- Conservation Appraisal and Management Plan (SL)

- Sarah spoke to people at PCC – possible other ways to pursue this so will follow up.
- Beryl Bikes (CL)
  - We have 20 vouchers – Claire will check process if there's interest. There is! Mention bikes needed where old bus stop was
- First Aid Course (HD)
  - Really Good First Aid – Harriet is in touch with them about providing another first aid course as it will be 3 years since the last one. Question – could TRA fund 1 or 2 places for those who can't cover cost but would attend events. Date is set for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Will add to Facebook and do a flyer. List for potential attendees made this evening.
- Matters raised by correspondence from Anthony Collins at Turnchapel Boatyard (SL)
  - SL and ML received a personal letter on 24/1/24 which outlined a number of issues relating to residents. This follows other letters sent to individuals (not the TRA) and emails to Harriet as Chair of the TRA.
  - Anthony raised the issue that parked cars could block emergency access for residents. As the TRA meeting minutes recorded on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019, Neil the Watch Manager for the local fire service visited to check emergency access. He confirmed then that parked cars around Clovelly View would not pose an obstacle. Anthony is saying this is not the case. Matt is keen for reassurance to ensure that access is still possible for emergencies, for the whole neighbourhood and especially for those with health conditions.
  - Can we ask the local fire service to return and repeat the assessment, as it is 5 years since the last one? HD will request that someone does this and ask them to come to a meeting to speak to us to confirm or flag up any issues.
  - AE pointed out that Turnchapel Boatyard as a commercial organisation will have a different risk assessment to that for residents and will need a different fire service response. As a resident with concerns we need to represent them to find out facts.
  - Anthony also raised the issue of the need for flood defences. SL to contact The Environment Agency / services. Also, CH shared that there is guidance for residents in the event of flooding which can be viewed here:  
<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/prepare-flooding>

#### **4) Item 1 - Split of Committee and Facebook admin (TN)**

Toni confirmed the TRA has absolutely no affiliation with the Turnchapel Facebook group. For clarification, Toni will leave the Committee.

Simon suggested a TRA page directing people to the website. Agreed that we should add disclaimer / pinned post directing people to the website.

#### **5) Item 2 - #loveturnchapel 2030 (LB)**

Luc keen to take ideas further having done 2 workshop sessions. One for businesses, one for homes. Will do members mailing and flier to tell people about it.

Can then do feasibility study on what can be planned.

AE – PCC long term plan coming to fruition this year.

## 6) Item 3 - Donations from members from the 1st January (CL)

Suggestion of voluntary donation for membership - £5 per year from 1/1/2024

## 7) Item 4 - Volunteers for the Committee

At the next meeting in April we have 3 committee members standing down including the Secretary and Chair. Please make yourself known to the committee members and / email secretary@tra.org. (HD)

## 8) Item 5 - Youth Committee update (?)

Request for a basketball hoop

## 9) Item 6 – Village upkeep

- Dog poo and cigarette butts
  - We'll investigate signs for dog poo
  - Cigarette butts have been noticeably increasing outside the house now owned by SeaRegs – someone will have a word with SeaRegs
  - Suggestion to have a 'weed outside your house day'
- Waitrose lamppost incident
  - They admitted responsibility; lamppost was replaced but with a modern tall post. Harriet has followed up; they admitted responsibility – assume they paid the council to replace? Will chase again and say need to replace like for like
- Road closure signs to be removed?
  - We'll check for contact numbers and contact PCC. Will move to bottom car park.
- Domestic bins to stay in the square?
  - Agreed to leave them as useful and get emptied
- Can broken toys be tidied away or disposed of?
  - Been tidied!
- Jago and Matt will do more work to enhance the square
- SWCP have put up fingerpost near Jennycliff – possible request another for Lorna Sheriff

## 10) Item 7 – Future Events

- Next music quiz Sunday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm. Max 6 in a team. £2 each. Raffle prizes welcome (RP)
- Christmas Tree structure will be used for an easter event. (ZL/TN)
  - 12pm the Bori Sat 27/1. Spring/Easter event in the square. Also summer option coming up...
- Easter egg hunt?
  - Someone would need to go to a supermarket and request eggs. Tesla offered help!
- Summer festival?
  - No news.
  - Chris suggestion for 4 July / Bastille day
- Midnight Walk for St Luke's on July 7<sup>th</sup> (ladies)
  - Let's get a group for this
- Men's Big Day Out
  - As above!
- PLCC Stars in their Eyes 20 April 24

- Contact Simon Law [slaw@markholt.co.uk](mailto:slaw@markholt.co.uk)
- History talks
  - TBC but next one will be soon.

### **11) Item 3 – Future meetings**

- Zoom meetings to continue? In the spirit of community should we be face-to-face only?  
Comments from people on Zoom – fits with timing and health issues
- Thinking of ways to encourage more representation from the whole village. Currently 4 meetings a year – Sept / Jan / April / June. Should one or two of these be afternoon meetings?
  - Agree to trial a Saturday afternoon and Sunday evening 5-6pm.

### **12) Any other business**

Chris requested a space but kayak spaces are limited. Discussed if we should have 1 per person.

2 volunteers came forward for roles to start in March

Secretary - Chris

Chair - Lorraine

More volunteers are welcome and votes will take place at the next AGM meeting (details below).

Phone box – mistaken notice of closure. We clarified it will stay as a phone box. Process if we want to keep using / repurpose? If no other phone in certain distance, need to be kept.

Security camera gone up on shed – facing the shed.

### **13) Details of next meeting**

Next meeting date proposed for 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at The Boringdon Arms – AGM