



Turnchapel Residents' Association

Minutes of the TRA meeting held on 29th January 2026 at 7:30pm at the Boringdon Arms

Attending from the Committee: Lorraine, Harriet, Luc, Mark, Toni

Apologies: Kris, Sarah, Anthony

Chair's update

Lorraine welcomed everyone to the meeting noting apologies received from Kris, Antony & Sarah.

Lorraine thanked the village for being a friendly place to live and offered all new villagers and attendees the opportunity introduce themselves.

The Minutes from the meeting held on 23rd October 2025 were then approved.

CHC Cattewater Harbour Commission

Richard Allen from the Cattewater Harbour Commission (CHC) was invited on behalf of the TRA and the TRA Moorings group to give a brief summary of future mooring options.

Richard introduced himself and colleagues (Cameron and Evie). Together they explained about the future options for the TRA moorings, emphasizing the regulatory, safety, insurance and future financial costs etc.

Those in attendance were provided with an opportunity to ask some questions.

As this was not a specific dedicated moorings meeting it was explained that future questions etc. should be directed to CHC or via the TRA Moorings communication group.

Treasurer's report

Financial summary for 2025: opening balance £3,934; closing balance £5,711.

Income highlights: £1,400 from quizzes and history walk; approximately £360 from the Christmas fair; eight memberships totalling £65; £200 grant from the council for painting (unused).

Expenditures: £125 on insurance; £900 for a PA system; small cost associated with Halloween event. £128 for the Defibrillator

Recognition given to Harriet, Richard, and volunteers for quizzes and events; general appreciation for Christmas fair contributors (Santa, stallholders, elves, bakers, tombola).

Agreement to donate proceeds from last Christmas fair to charity and to advertise future Christmas fair proceeds going to charity in advance.

Charity options discussed: Chestnut Appeal (men's health: prostate/testicular cancer), Hope for the Homeless, Garage Cafe (meals and food bank, Union Street), Plymouth Food Bank.

Decision to split donation between Chestnut Appeal and Garage Cafe; total available from Christmas fair after expenses: £350.

As a member questioned the donation to the Charities instead of keeping the money for the TRA. Confirmation of sufficient reserves (£5,700) retained for general needs; charitable donation pertains specifically to Christmas fair proceeds.

#Loveturnchapel 2030

Luc Explained about #Loveturnchapel 2030 with some areas completed and asked for considerations to be made to where villagers would like to be in 5 years' time.

Community ideas folder for village improvements (e.g., tide bell, weather station, floral displays, water testing); call for working groups and structured planning to secure funding and avoid single-person vetoes; folder circulated for knowledge/input.

Update on Last Year's Events

Lorraine Updated the meeting of the success of last year's events (Pumpkin/Halloween, village Clean-ups, Music Quizzes, Advent windows and Crochet Xmas Tree).

2026 Village Events

- 9th March- Top Garden Discussion- 7pm in the Boringdon
- 22nd March- Pacific Oyster Talk- 11am in the square
- 4th April- Easter Activities- (details to follow)
- 24th & 25th April – The Clovelly Bay Pie & Cider Festival
- 6th June - Village Swap Shop 11am
- 4th July - Summer BBQ & Sports Day
- October - Murder Mystery (date to be confirmed)
- Turnchapel In Bloom- details to follow

History Group

Harriet Dinsmore spoke about the history group, actively encouraging the involvement of children and making the Mural idea all inclusive. She provided a schedule of dates for future involvement

Village Club Updates

Luc gave an update confirming the Turnchapel Sailing Club season starts in April. Their general assembly meeting is on 16th March. Sailing nights may move from Fridays to Saturday mornings or Wednesdays. The club regatta, open to everyone with a village connection, will take place the weekend before the last weekend of August. Everyone is welcome to join the club for sailing where members range from 4 years old to 60ish! Luc also confirmed they can organise sessions for PBL2 and more.

Harriet gave an update on the success and fun of the Book Club, currently with 10 members on a Sunday night once /month

Tesla Northmore informed the meeting of a charity swim event she is completing with x14 cold water dips in February, the villagers offered support.

AOB

Speeding traffic- additional signs to slow down suggested and agreed to use TRA funds.

Rob Dixon spoke regarding the Marine Conservation Project and concerns over an invasive species of razor-sharp pacific oysters being found on local beaches, and a talk being held on 22nd March to forage and learn more via a qualified body. A sign was suggested for the beaches to warn of the dangers especially at low tide.

Village garden at top of village has been trimmed by the Council, suggestions were made to keep it maintained and in a good useable condition, including having a bench placed in it.

Paul and Lindsay were thanked for the maintenance of the defibrillator located at The Clovelly. The TRA funds pays for pads, training/certification.

Concerns were raised regarding floodwater in the West End of the village, it was suggested the issue be reported to SW Water/ EA/ Highways.

Jordan (Landlord of the Boringdon) informed the meeting of imminent repairs to the roof of the pub, including scaffolding being used and he will inform those likely to be affected

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TBC, but it was agreed to continue to hold meetings on a Thursday evening.