

# **1. MINUTES OF THE PORTHCURNO RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015**

**Friday 20 February at 7:30pm in the Minack Theatre Cafe**

Committee members present: Peter Ryder (Chair), John Wheeler (Secretary), Miranda Penhaligon (Membership Secretary), Louise Court (Vice-Chair) and Sue Wear (Treasurer).

## **1. Welcome**

- 1.1 Peter Ryder (PR) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Minack Theatre for providing the meeting venue and preparing supper. He stated that the AGM would be followed by the social part of the evening.

## **2. Apologies for Absence**

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from 37 members. PR informed the meeting that Bill Maddern, Councillor was unable to attend due to illness.

## **3. Minutes of the last meeting**

- 3.1 The minutes were accepted (proposed by Alan Wear, seconded by Jacqui Ryder).

## **4. Chairman's Report**

- 4.1 The Chairman's Report was made available to members as a separate document prior to the AGM.

- 4.2 PR reviewed highlights from his report.  
Communication to members was via four meetings, a social event, newsletter and meeting minutes. In addition a website had been set up for the Association. This was available for viewing during the meeting. The domain name for the website has been purchased ([www.pkrassoc.org](http://www.pkrassoc.org)) but until it was linked to the new website, members were asked to note the current address as sent out via email from the Secretary. The website carries PKRA meeting minutes, Parish Council minutes and various other items/links of interest to residents in Porthcurno.

- 4.4 Liaison between the PKRA and the Telegraph Museum, Minack Theatre and the PC had been regular during the year. Members of the committee attended most PC meetings. Updates from the local police representative for the area and from the National Trust were obtained when requested.

- 4.5 Main issues affecting PK currently are:

- 4.5.1 Traffic in the valley. This issue is ongoing from last year, but has progressed after an on-site meeting with the relevant Cornwall County Councillors in the summer (Minack, Museum and PKRA) and submission of a funding request within the

Council to progress analysis of the problem and potential solutions. This work will be closely followed and supported as needed during 2015.

4.5.2 Public toilets in the valley car park. Again an ongoing issue from last year, it has been noted that these toilets have been kept very well, by Geoff Preece, since coming under the control of the Parish Council. However there will be no County Council funding in 2015 and the shortfall (after turnstile earnings) must be met in some way. There is ongoing discussion on this important issue by the Parish Council, Porthcurno businesses, the National Trust, the PKRA and other interested parties. A number of questions were raised from the floor and this issue continues to be high on the PKRA agenda during 2015.

#### 4.6 Other Matters

4.6.1 A number of other matters were mentioned in the report for example, Trethewey Chapel and the current problem with visiting graves.

4.6.2 Actions outstanding from the 2014 Chairman's report. There were two outstanding actions for Cllr Maddern – these will be followed up with him as soon as practicable.

#### 4.7 Thanks

PR thanked the committee, the wider membership of the PKRA and colleagues representing the organisations in Porthcurno for their advice, support and hard work during 2014.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

5.1 SW reviewed the finances of the PKRA. There had been no expenditure in 2014 however some monies would be needed in 2015 to start up and maintain the domain name for the website. In addition, the PKRA may have to pay venues for holding meetings. Some part of the costs for meetings could be recovered through future charge for, or donations towards, meeting refreshments". The current balance stands as 2013, at £159.

### 6. Election of Officers for the coming year

6.1 All officers were willing to stand for another year. The membership agreed on this. Proposed by Jacqui Ryder, seconded by Bob Kirkup.

### 7. AOB and close of the AGM

7.1 A resident requested that we had more information on what the Museum could provide for locals after a disappointing experience there. Questions were also asked about the financial situation of the Museum. It was suggested Mark George could give a report at the next meeting. Action: PRKA Committee to follow up. Ideas for raising funds for the upkeep of the toilets were also discussed but it was

agreed to see what the outcome of current negotiations between the PC and other stakeholders was before taking these up further.

- 7.2 AGM was closed and followed by a social evening, with raffle in aid of funds for the Cricket Pavilion defibrillator (£38.50 raised) and local photo quiz.

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