**MINUTES OF MINING VILLAGES REGENERATION GROUP MEETING**

**Held on 14th November 2019 at Chacewater Village Hall**

**Present:**

Fiona Barnard Gwennap PC

Angie Beckham Chacewater PC

Chris Bell St Day PC

Philip Blease Stithians PC

Charlotte Caldwell Cornwall Council

Peter Chesworth Chacewater PC

Richard Forrest Gwennap PC

Rob Knill (Chairman) Chacewater PC

Carl Martin Carharrack PC

Simon Mould (part of time) Cornwall Council

Ashley Wood Lanner PC

Elaine Youlton Lanner PC

**Apologies:**

Liz Allcorn Cornwall Council

Mary Anson Lanner PC

James Biscoe Co-Opted Member

John Calvert Stithians PC

Cllr Joyce Duffin Cornwall Council

Cllr John Dyer Cornwall Council

Steve Leech Chacewater PC

Tim Luscombe Lanner PC

Tony Reynolds Carharrack PC

Cllr John Thomas Cornwall Council

Attendees and Apologies noted as above.

**Minutes of last meeting – matters arising**

The revised minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

**Neighbourhoods/Public Health & Protection**

RK has requested more laminated “Eyes on You” posters from Cornwall Council for wider use across Mining Villages (MV).

He also advised that he is in liaison with the Fire Service regarding a visit to the Tolvaddon Critical Control Centre (custodians of deployable CCTV) in the New Year and will contact members when a date is arranged.

CB circulated drafts of the St Day version of the “Eyes on You” posters/stickers which is about to go to the printers.

**Churchyards Website**

RK had distributed the email update from Streamline to all ahead of the meeting – in short, Paul Mahoney is pressing on with the site which should be ready for viewing later Dec/early 2020.

**Casualty Reduction work/Speeding**

The Casualty Reduction Strategy was well received, principally because it had definitive Action points. Mobile Activated Signs (MAS) working very well (CB handed out a report by way of factual evidence) and fixed Visual Activated Signs (VAS) also making a difference. However, it is important to press Highways to site them correctly in the first instance and RK questioned why local knowledge was not taken more into account with something so important.

**Cornwall Council Planning Session**

AW reported that the change in staffing structure in the Planning Service was showing definite signs of improved communication and understanding. There remained concerns regarding Enforcement but all acknowledged that with increased leadership (county split into two teams now!) and parallel increase in resources things could improve.

RK advised that, following Chacewater PC meeting with member of Cornwall Council’s senior Planning Team, they will be forwarding them a copy of their Enforcement database for comment if/as required. A version of this approach was already adopted by most MV parishes.

**Mining Trails Update**

RK advised that he had received many positive comments about all Trails in the Chacewater area and had observed a definite increase in the use of electric bikes along Trails and PRoW, esp along the Poldice/Devoran element of the Mining Trails portfolio.

The next Mining Trails meeting will take place at Lanner Village Hall at 2.00pm on Wed 4th Dec 2019, for which reports have been requested from each Parish on the material condition of their trail(s). A collective bid for CIL money was discussed as an option to repair aspects of the Trails and so will be raised for 4th December agenda.

RK spoke about cyclist black spots/ danger points at both Todpool and Twelveheads, which Cormac will hopefully address with re-painted/new on road red paint triangle signage. He also advised that there was a potential offer from Environment Agency (EA) staff of 2 volunteering days, which should be explored.

RK stated that the Trails leaflet has gone to print and that it would also be available in electronic format. **Action:** RK to circulate a copy.

**Expanding MVRG Membership to include Portreath PC**

RK reported a positive interaction with members from Portreath PC at the recent CPIR CNP, when they expressed a desire to attend the next MVRG meeting with a view to potentially re-joining. **Action:** RK to write to the Chairman of Portreath PC, CC to send RK CM’s email address.

**Treasurer’s Report**

EY circulated the accounts, reported that she still cannot access the online bank account and so is in discussion with HSBC to resolve this matter.

It was confirmed that uncommitted funds, added to those ring-fenced, will cover the Churchyards website invoice when received.

**MVRG Constitution**

The departing chair is responsible for actions arising from the meeting chaired until the next meeting and liaises with incoming chair for agenda to be issued by incoming chair.

**Parish Reports**

Taken as read with the following additions;

Gwennap PC

Kevin Furnish has requested to brief the MVRG on aspects of the Cornwall Community Land Trust (CCLT) affecting some MV Parishes at the January meeting

Lanner PC

* The PC are receiving more letters in opposition to the proposed boundary change by Redruth TC to the Community Governance Review.
* Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points being pursued for use in Lanner Square and long term thinking towards a shared Community Electric Bus set up

St Day PC

* Climate Change meeting on 25th Nov at the Enterprise Centre.
* New surgery is shortly due for completion
* Major concerns expressed regarding the United Downs Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) closure – transport facts don’t seem to support this need.

**Action(s):**

* CC actioned to invite a senior officer from Cornwall Council Waste to brief at the next MVRG meeting.
* CB to circulate the email again regarding the meeting he attended on this subject CC.

Stithians PC

* Nothing additional to report

Chacewater PC

* Chacewater hosting an Environmental “Question Time” Thurs 28th Nov (Village Hall) at which prospective parliamentary candidates will be “grilled”

**Community Link Officer’s Report**

CC gave the following verbal update;

* She thanked those who attended and supported the Community Chest Celebration event held at Stithians Church on 16th Oct. She is now looking for new venues for the 2020 event.
* The Redruth Youth café Hideaway 77 officially launched on 12th Sept at 77 Fore Street in Redruth (above Warrens Bakery) visit the website at [www.hideaway77.co.uk](http://www.hideaway77.co.uk) and please signpost young people there – its opening hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings 6-9pm. It is proving so popular that there will be a Saturday opening once a month also.
* The Localism Summit at Wadebridge showground on 6th Nov was well received - various issues were debated that align with the MVRG aspirations.
* The CPIR CN Panel (CNP) meeting on 12th Nov included an inspiring visit to Mary Anson’s care home at Scorrier, Crossroads. This was followed by the main meeting at Kresen Kernow, Redruth, which provided various presentations focused on “Health of the People and the Place”. The evening concluded with a tour of this fantastic new building and facility. Both meetings were very well attended with over 70 at Kresen Kernow.
* The next CNP meeting takes place on 22nd Jan 2020 at Pool School Academy and the topics will include: The Family Learning Hub, Cornwall Council’s budget consultation and a talk from veterans at Active Plus CIC.
* A motion was proposed and agreed at the recent CPIR CNP to set up a CPIR Climate Change Action Group.

**Rural Status Report (RSR) – Simon Mould, guest speaker, Cornwall Council**

SM confirmed that Cornwall Council does recognise this important piece of work and will be deployed around relevant desk areas within Cornwall Council if/as required. He supports the links with the different key partner agencies and that the CLO (Charlotte Caldwell) is the link in to the Council services.

It was agreed that parishes will supply updates to the RSR to AW who will then incorporate these into the next version of the document and forward it to SM.

He explained how Towns are focusing on “Place Shaping” and agreed that many threads are applicable to other rural areas, as identified in the RSR as presented.

He is keen that we “hold the mirror up” to public sector organisations and look for a common definition and understanding of “Place”. In particular, there may be conflicts between “place” and “community”.

He welcomed challenge and said that there is an opportunity to lever in more resources at a CN area level.

Community Emergency Plans (CEPs) were discussed and CC stressed it was important to contact her to arrange support and templates in drafting such a valuable plan.

CB commented that 40% of our electorate live in rural areas and that the report could help similar areas in Cornwall.

Debate followed and other points identified included:

* The ‘Report It’ tool will include logging instances of Illegal Use of PRoW/Trails at some point in the New Year.
* The Summit and Climate Change – funding needed to support some action.
* Crowdfunder can be a useful addition to Community Chest funding, to enable it to stretch further.
* Other key organisations were thought to be key to the RSR action, including LEP, Chamber, Climate Change groups

All thanked SM for his input and attendance.

**Date, time and venue of next meeting**

To be held at the Stithians Centre on 16th Jan 2020 2-4pm.