

St Stephens by Launceston Rural Parish Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on 11 April 2024 at Langore Village Hall.

24/1 **Present:** Cllrs. J Heaton, C Gunning, C Frost, S Goodenough, Ranson, Hayden and Lipscombe Clerk in attendance.

24/2 **Apologies :** Cllr Paynter

24/3 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Ranson aspects of Langore Green.

24/4 **Minutes:** Minutes of meeting 14 March 2024 were agreed.

24/5 **Cym Downing** from **Launceston Memory Café** was invited to introduce the work of the Memory Café. The café was started by Cym many years ago and was the first in Cornwall. Several others have subsequently opened following Launceston's lead. Help is available 24/7.

Support workers work 5 days a week so that café is open on Saturdays to help carers. Other cafes in Cornwall are open on different days.

Launceston Café is a registered charity and recently held a fundraiser with Johnny Cowling at Trethorne. It's all about socialising, living with someone with dementia is isolating, people do not wish to visit homes with dementia sufferers.

An invitation was extended for anyone interested to visit. Volunteers are always wanted, they will receive first aid training and DBS checks. 2 trustees are also needed.

They meet every other Saturday at Central Methodist

A resolution to thank Cym and make a donation of £50 was unanimously approved.

24/6 **Public representation;** Thanks were expressed to all who assisted with the clean on the Green.

Disquiet was expressed regarding the new procedures to obtain an appointment at the medical centre. The online system is not mandatory and help is available to those in difficulty. The Practice Manager is to visit parishes to explain and assist.

24/7 **Motion of no confidence in Chairman:** was proposed by Cllr Ranson and seconded by Cllr Goodenough. The motion was lost by 3 in favour and 4 against. (for Ranson, Goodenough and Hayden, against Heaton, Gunning, Frost and Lipscombe)

24/8 **Correspondence:** A request from Launceston Methodist Circuit was made for a grant to help maintain Truscott Cemetery. Cllr Heaton declared an interest and left the room

It was agreed to make a grant of £250. Cllr Heaton returned.

24/9 Reports;

Health matters: A 30% reduction in running costs is being imposed. GPs are under increasing pressure from the ICB. The MIU in Launceston will close for a week to enable works on the floor.

Launceston TC ; The annual Parish Meeting was the previous day. Museum pop up is open.

Truscott; The seeds have been sown on the green. The pond survey has been completed, newts and pond snails being recorded. Consideration is being given to registration as a local nature reserve.

Village Hall and Green; the spring clean has taken place. Bulbs have been planted, new play equipment installed and old disposed of. A table tennis weekend is imminent.

24/10 Highways **and Village Greens:** Truscott pond is a 19th century drover's pond and is of national importance.

Clerk to circulate instruction manual to working party.

24/11 Finance.

a) Cheques for payment :

Cheques as below approved,

Chq 028 Cornwall ALC £259.46

Chq 030 Launceston Memory Café £50

Chq 031 LAMC Graveyard Fund £250 (Cllr Heaton left the room for this item, see above)

It was agreed not to renew OSS membership by 4 votes to 3

24/12 **Planning**: Underwood Farm PA24/01462. Cllr Ranson questioned the veracity of the comment regarding drainage. He then proposed we recommend approval which was unanimously agreed.

23/13 Date of next meeting to be arranged

23/14 meeting closed at 2210

