



## TREBETHERICK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### **Minutes of TRA Annual General Meeting held at the Perceval Institute on Thursday 17 April 2025 at 5.30 for 6.30 pm start**

The formal meeting was preceded by a 'drinks and nibbles hour' to give plenty of time for everyone to socialise. A total of 65 members and guests attended the meeting – up from last year. Many thanks to David Stevens, Clare Oakley and Susie Hoddell for their help with the registration of attendees, Jonathan Beard for running the bar, and all Committee members for setting out the tables and chairs.

#### **1. Chair's Welcome – Simon Smith**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Susie Hoddell, Mary-Anne Smith and Clare Oakley for making the sandwiches and Flo and Chris at Trebetherick Stores for cooking the sausages from Watts the Butchers.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence – Jonathan Beard (Honorary Secretary)**

Des Hobson (TRA Environmental Officer)

Kevin and Marigold Lawton (members)

James Murray (member)

PCSO Scott Wheeler (Police)

Luke Tamblin (Latitude 50)

Tom O'Donnell (The Point)

#### **3. Approval of Minutes of AGM 2024**

The minutes of the 2023 AGM, which were circulated with the Agenda, were approved unanimously - proposed by Priscilla Baxter and seconded by Mark Somers.

#### **4. Chair's Report**

Trebetherick is a community and like any community relies on its members to thrive. There is lots going on in the area and as well as keeping tabs on what is going on in our immediate area, we also Maintain an interest in Polzeath and Rock.

I hope that you have had an opportunity to speak to committee members and friends. The Committee members give their time and energy for free and are very hardworking. The committee prepare four newsletters each year, organise this meeting and the summer party which this year is on 23rd August 4.00 to 6.00 which slightly earlier than usual. Other TRA events such as walks and talks have been suggested and if anyone has a particular interest and would like to talk about events, then we would be happy discuss them.

There are many local issues to be aware of from the continuing monitoring of the beach both at Polzeath and Daymer, the worrying and continuous movement of the sand and the depletion of the sand in the estuary cause by dredging. The recent road closures have been of concern for local shops and businesses and a constant priority is maintaining the Daymer Bay toilets as a facility for all. Of course, there is good news as well and Cornish Choughs have recently been sighted on the Greenaway.

It is a fine balance between being a campaigning and an amenity group. At present, and I believe that we have the correct balance, we are hopefully the eyes and ears that are able to

keep you up to date and informed via our newsletters and emails as required. We rely on you the members to keep us in touch with things that might concern you but we wish mainly to make members aware and provide information rather than campaign. There will of course be exceptions such as the speed of traffic and Daymer Bay which may require more positive action. Trebetherick is a beautiful place and one which we should all treasure and look after. We can all help and an active TRA is just one way of doing this. With that in mind, suggestions from members and comments are welcomed.

## 5. **Approval of Committee Members**

Simon introduced the Committee members and explained their roles after thanking Susie Hoddell who has recently stepped down from the Committee but who he hopes will maintain an honorary sandwich making role!

**Jonathan Beard** is the Honorary Secretary, monitors existing footpaths and roads and edits the Newsletter: Please send any articles that might be of interest to: [trahonsec@gmail.com](mailto:trahonsec@gmail.com)

**Endellion Sharpe**, who was the previous Chair and our longest-serving Committee member, is now a permanent resident and alerts us to local issues as they arise. She also contributes to the newsletter with topical and local news, history and quiz questions.

**Clare Oakley** organises the art show with Patricia Glasswell, maintains the website and deals with any general enquiries: [traenquiries2022@gmail.com](mailto:traenquiries2022@gmail.com) She also organises the Easter Beach clean.

**David Stevens** has taken over from Michael Somers as Membership Secretary: [tramemsec@gmail.com](mailto:tramemsec@gmail.com)

**Brian Morley** has taken over from Michael; Somers as Treasurer of the TRA: [tratreasurerpl27@gmail.com](mailto:tratreasurerpl27@gmail.com) and is also treasurer of the CIC

**Julian Webb**, who is a permanent resident, is our Liaison Officer for St Minver Lowlands PC and Cornwall Council. The Committee were delighted when he was recently appointed as a Parish Councillor. He is also a director of Polzeath Village CIC.

**Ed Green** has taken over as Chair of the Daymer Bay CIC from Henry Herzberg and sits on the TRA Committee to maintain the close link between the two organisations. Again, this year we would ask that anyone interested in joining the committee make themselves known as the more the merrier.

Existing and new committee members were approved unanimously - proposed by Guy Wilson and seconded by Chris Pearman.

## 6. **Membership Secretary's Report (David Stevens)**

David thanked Michael Somers for his longstanding service as membership secretary. He was pleased to announce that the TRA was going strong with an increase in membership to 362. 103 of these members are associates meaning that the TRA currently represents over 250 households and businesses in the Trebetherick area.

## 7. Treasurer's Report (Brian Morley)

The Annual Accounts were previously circulated with the agenda, and copies were also made available at the meeting. Brian also thanked Michael Somers and Priscilla Baxter for their help with the handover. He also thanked the owners of the Car Park (Sharon and Peter) and the owner of the Shop (Tony) for the help with keeping the toilets open.

The total TRA income in 2024 was £5,468 – an increase due to more donations and profit from the Art Show. At the end of the year, we had £4,943 in the bank.

The TRA makes an annual donation of £3,000. The Committee has agreed that we would increase this by £2,000 for this coming year only, upon full agreement of the committee, if necessary due to a shortfall, although this now looks unlikely.

The Treasurer's Report and our annual donation to the Daymer Bay CIC was approved unanimously - proposed by Priscilla Baxter and seconded by Ian Matheson. The appointment of Will Howard Davis to examine the 2025 accounts was unanimously approved - proposed by Susie Hoddell and seconded by Tammy Clarke.

## 8. Daymer Bay CIC Report (Ed Green)

Ed, Brian and David took over as directors of CIC shortly after last year's AGM. Ed offered his thanks to the Herzberg family, Michael Somers and Priscilla Baxter for all their previous work in setting up and running the CIC. We were all shocked by the sudden and tragic death of Joe Herzberg and very grateful to Tony for all his help in keeping the toilets open in the interim before a new cleaning and maintenance contract could be agreed with LCS, who also look after the toilets at Polzeath. We hope that LCS will help us deliver a better, cleaner set of loos in time.

The Propelair 'low water use' system has proved to be a poor decision due to frequent blockages and high maintenance costs. It will be replaced with standard flushing toilets after Easter thanks to a very generous donation from a local donor. The annual cost of running the loos is between £20-30k, and given the potential that the installation of flushing loos will increase the cost of emptying the septic tank, the CIC would be most grateful for any ongoing standing orders from TRA members and any additional donations. If any member in addition would like to make a donation to the Daymer Bay CIC, the bank details are:

**Account name: The Daymer Bay Community Interest Company,**

**Account Number: 31545426,**

**Sort Code: 40-45-10**

The access fee for using the toilets has led to a lot of vandalism and abuse, because users force the door if they don't have any change or hold the door open for others despite the warning klaxon. Collecting the cash and banking it is also problematic. It has therefore been decided to make the toilets free with the help of local businesses, who have already pledged nearly £10k. The businesses will be rewarded with their names on a Donors' Board displayed prominently outside the loos. The doors will also have QR codes to encourage users to make an electronic donation.

The CIC is halfway to becoming a CIO, which allows us to claim an additional 25% in Gift Aid for donations. The main delay is with Cornwall Council who need to amend the lease details.

**9. Parish Council and Polzeath Village CIC Report (Julian Webb)**

Julian attended the monthly meetings of the St Minver Lowlands PC for 6 months before being co-opted as a Councillor in October 2024 when an occasional vacancy arose (total of 10 Councillors). Parish Council elections are being held on 1 May 2025 because 14 people have put their name forward to stand. The Chair has urged all members of the TRA to vote for Julian because he is the only Councillor who lives in Trebetherick and there are no St Minver Lowlands Councillors living in Polzeath either! He has proved to be a vital link between the TRA Committee and the PC.

The Polzeath Village CIC is taking over the funding of the Beach Ranger Service from 1 April 2025 and CC has agreed in principle to lease the Coronation Gardens to the CIC. The BRS costs £50k per year and this income largely comes from CC, SMLPC and SMHPC.

**10. Beach Clean and Art Exhibition (Clare Oakley)**

Clare confirmed that the Daymer Beach clean will be held on Saturday 19 April at the later time of 2-4pm because high tide is in the morning. She hopes to run an Art Show next Easter depending on the support of enough local artists and also after finding a suitable new venue.

**11. Environmental Report (Jonathan Beard for Des Hobson)**

Jonathan reassured the members that the campaign to reduce traffic speeds through the village would continue because residents have noted increased traffic speeds since the double yellow lines were introduced. He has informed the CC Highways Officer that we will be requesting a 20mph speed limit through the village when this residential limit is introduced into our area of Cornwall. He hopes that the money can be found to pay for at least one permanent speed monitor rather than the temporary one that moves from site to site around the area. The main areas of concern being the top of Worthy Hill by the store where there is a blind bend and the bottom of Worthy hill where there is no footway.

**12. Report from Polzeath Beach Ranger Service**

Andy Stewart gave a short verbal report and submitted a more detailed report which was posted at the meeting: [https://www.facebook.com/PZ.Ranger/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/PZ.Ranger/?locale=en_GB)

The new demarcation boulders in the beach carpark created a controversial talking point last year, with some saying they wouldn't endure the high tides and storm surges, and they liked the posts. However, the boulders lasted well and didn't need to be moved. Most consider the appearance in keeping with the beach environment and the beach carpark is staying for the time being.

There is work being completed to the bank below Seaview Carpark at the top of the beach. There are reclaimed sleepers being installed at the base, to raise and bolster the bank, which will be populated with seeded bags to vegetate and stabilise it for years to come. In addition, there are sturdy wooden steps being built for improved access. The work is being paid for by the Making Space for Sand Project, in a trade-off with the owners of the carpark for increased disabled parking, and an increase in the grace period for parking before charges are incurred.

The CCTV system continues to serve as a deterrent to crime and ASB and has also been used by the local police as an investigative and evidential mechanism for ongoing cases. It is worth noting that when a crime is committed in neighbouring areas, the perpetrators are likely to have travelled to that area by passing our camera system, and therefore 'time & date' stamping their presence.

The summer antisocial behaviour continues to be a threat to the reputation of the area during early July and we are grateful for the assistance of the Police Community Support

Officers based in Bodmin. We continue to encourage the social gatherings with the caveat of behavioural boundaries. With our intervention, last year was slightly better than the year before, which was slightly better than the year before that. Our approach prioritises the safety and welfare of those attending, as we engage and educate as best we can before enforcement becomes unavoidable. It is important to not displace the problems back to Daymer or Rock where there is less infrastructure to deal with it.

As ever, if you have any questions or would like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact us on [pz-ranger@outlook.com](mailto:pz-ranger@outlook.com)

### **13. Community Policing Report**

PCSO Scott Wheeler submitted a detailed report on behalf of the neighbourhood beat manager PC Phil Bartlett. which was posted at the meeting. In his absence, a short summary was presented by Simon Smith. The most common crimes committed in our area were antisocial behaviour (ASB) and violence (both often alcohol-related). Reassuringly, there were very few reports of theft or burglary.

### **14. Any Other Business**

1. Endellion announced that a second Cornwall Air Ambulance has recently been acquired and will soon be operational.
2. Julian and Endellion are planning some expeditions around the local area and Jonathan would like to organise some community footpath and litter clearing events. More details to follow by email.
3. Rory, who lives near Post Quin, informed us that the application for a Seaweed Farm in Port Quin Bay has finally been rejected after a campaign costing over £50k and with the help of our local MP Ben Maguire.
4. Julian and Sandra Webb will be opening their garden on 29-30 June 2025 as part of the National Gardens Scheme. More details to follow by email.

The meeting finished at 8pm