

MEETING No.

**Minutes of the Access & Amenities Committee Meeting of Feock Parish Council held on
Monday 24th March 2025 at 6pm at the Parish Council Office, Market Street, Devoran, TR3
6QA at 6pm**

Members present: CARNON DOWNS DEVORAN FEOCK
 B Yates A Allen C Dyke
 A Avard J Newman R Brickell
 P Allen R Bowers
 K Hambly-Staite

In attendance: Cllr Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Council
 Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk

Chair: Cllr A Allen

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed those present and remind attendees of the Civility & Respect Pledge.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Allen.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLUTION: CLLR AVARD PROPOSED THE MINUTES OF THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2025 AS CIRCULATED BY THE CLERK, BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIR AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows:

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1st March 2025, CC team cannot put this up as there is no post to attach it to. Clerk has made a laminated version to be put up in the layby.

Link to consultation regarding changes to Playing Place bus stop circulated.

6. NATURE RECOVERY

The Chair thanked Cllr Alvey for attending to answer any questions about Nature Recovery.

Cllr Alvey gave an overview of Nature Recovery. As part of the Environment Act the previous government legislated that the entire country was to be covered by Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS), 5 local councils were invited to be pilot areas which would form the templates for the roll out. Cornwall was one of the 5. Pilot LNRS completed by Cornwall Council, 48 areas across the country were designated. Cornwall Council was designated the LNRS for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

The template is set out by the Government template and Natural England. As at today LNRS got rubber stamp from Isles of Scilly Council today, Cllr Alvey was presenting to CC cabinet on Weds. Then will go to the Secretary of State for final approval. Cornwall will be the third of the 48 nationally to be published. The Strategy is on the Cornwall Council website under the cabinet papers. It was noted that the Forest for Cornwall has now planted its millionth tree.

Cllr P Allen said that we had planted about 600 trees in the parish and the Council had an aim to plant one tree for every resident which was about 3600. Would there be a call for sites for planting of trees like there had been for development sites?

Cllr Alvey said that there wouldn't be as such but there may be a call for sites for landowners to look at their own land that could be developed further under the LNRS.

Cllr Dyke said she knew the Cornwall plan was a really good plan. Is there a direct link to the new Cornwall Local Plan and allocations in the local plan for places for nature, would there be an opportunity for the Parish Council to allocate sites for nature in any review of the Neighbourhood Plan? Cllr Alvey said yes there was certainly the opportunity to identify sites in the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Cllr Brickell had concerns about the impact of the new strategies and cuts to subsidies such as SFI on farmers and if any additional money would be made available to farmers.

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that the protection of the AONB via planning policies and the Planning Inspectorate had been very poor. With this new initiative is there any evidence that Government will be supporting the principles of Nature Recovery via planning.

Cllr Alvey said the LNRS is not a planning policy document. The evidence base within it will support the Local Plan and Nature Recovery aspects will sit in the Local Plan. How this would work with housing targets and developments such as solar farms he was unsure.

Cllr Bowers said the government has a target of clean power by 2030. Are the Government putting the same backing behind the 30 by 30 strategy? Cllr Alvey said he felt it would be difficult to meet, in somewhere like Cornwall where there is a lot of green space undeveloped it is probably achievable. Cllr Bowers said that he felt that we are struggling to preserve what we already have with things like cutting branches off trees to improve views. Cllr Alvey said that he felt education was important to encourage people to do the right things and preserve what we already have. Cornwall Council would be making a charge on developers to go into a fund to monitor biodiversity net gain, it is hoped that this will make developers realise that they do have to do what they say they are going to do as part of any S106.

Cllr P Allen said he understood the LNRS included the marine environment. Cllr Alvey clarified that Natural England were firm that the LNRS should not involve the marine environment so it is not included but that Cornwall Council were doing their own work on nature recovery in the marine environment.

Cllr P Allen had attended a meeting of the Fal and Helford Charter of the Sea and updated the meeting about its aims, the consultation was currently live online for anyone to comment on.

Cllr Hambly-Staite asked when the Nature Recovery mapping would be available to Parish Councils. Cllr Alvey said this was available now. The Clerk would circulate the link to all.

Cllr Bowers asked if there was any other feedback from the public consultation. Cllr Alvey said that Otters, Beavers and pollinators featured strongly and the decline of species in people's concerns.

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7. MYFEOCK WELLBEING REPORT

The Clerk read out the Wellbeing & Information Advisers report.

8. ACTIVE FEOCK UPDATE

It was agreed that the location for the proposed bike rack at Fourturnings needed looking at and establishing who owned the car park to see if any changes to the access could be made to enable a bike rack to be installed.

Active Feock Event

The Clerk ran through the idea of having an event to promote Active Feock and the gym equipment at either Pengelly Meadows or Retallack Recreation Area. Cllr Hambly-Staite commented that the Pengelly Meadows event held just after the lockdown ended was very successful and it was a shame that the Retallack event had to be cancelled due to a weather warning.

It was agreed to hold the event at Retallack from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 21st June to avoid the local Regattas.

Planting on footpaths

Cllr P Allen had met with our contractor to explain the works needed on the bus lane to make room for the Oak trees to be planted. Cllr Brickell had planted the Hawthorns at Dyson's Field.

9. SMALL GRANTS APPLICATION

The Clerk advised there were 3 applications to consider and £770 left in the small grants budget, each was for £200 and were as follows:

Devoran Tots & Toys for sensory toys, St Feock & Pill Regatta for a new tea urn and Carnon Downs Community Association for a new Christmas Light.

There was a discussion regarding the groups acknowledging the funding the Parish Council had provided and how this could be done as a condition of funding.

It was agreed to invite the groups who had received funding to Electors Meeting to tell the Council about what they had spent the funding on. Cllr Newman said he could arrange for stickers to be designed that could be put on to funded pieces of equipment and it was agreed for him to investigate this regarding design and any costs.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED THAT ALL THREE APPLICATIONS BE APPROVED (TOTS & TOYS, CARNON DOWNS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND ST FEOCK & PILL REGATTA) AT £200 EACH, SECONDED BY CLLR BOWERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. RISK ASSESSMENTS

Cllr Bowers asked how often the bus shelters were cleaned, some also needed painting.

Cllr P Allen said that Restronguet Creek Society had asked if it would be acceptable to put a 5 Knot speed limit sign at Carnon Mine as they wanted to put these at entry points to the water

Cllr Bowers and Dyke had concerns about this due to the impact on the listed building of Carnon Mine and that craft capable of more than 5 knots were not launched from Carnon Mine. It was felt speed signs would be better on buoys in the creek.

It was agreed that this should be put on the Parish Council agenda for further discussion as well as finding out more about the design of the signs.

11. ABANDONED BOATS & WRECK FREE FALMOUTH UPDATE

Cllr P Allen had attended a meeting in Falmouth about this, it had been suggested that a scheme was needed to pay for disposal of boat at the end of its life as by the time it reached its last owner it was worth very little but that owner was the one who had to find the money to dispose of it correctly, this was likely the reason that so many boats were abandoned around the local area.

Cllr P Allen had written a number of years ago about boats that were abandoned locally and this had been circulated to the Committee, this was now becoming a large issue across the local area. There was the potential for funding to remove abandoned boats if the Parish Council was minded to be pro-active in removal of boats from our own land.

It was agreed that the simplest method to keep track of who owns certain boats was to ask owners to put their name and phone number on the boat so they can be contacted if there is an issue. We do have some details of ownership for Restronguet Point and Carnon Yard.

12. PASSING PLACES ALONG THE TRAM ROAD

Issues continued with parking in passing places which when the Tram Road was busy caused problems where the road was single track with lots of vehicles having to reverse and this caused a nuisance. The Clerk had Passing Place signs and it was agreed for them to be put as follows:

Devoran by the swing

Chychoose Beach (previous sign had been removed and not able to be found).

The sign near to Binfield Cottage had been removed but has now been put back up more securely.

13. BUS SHELTER GRAFITTI/DECORATION/MURALS

Cllr Hambly-Staite said that reserves had been put aside for 3 noticeboards to go in the bus shelters. There had however been a spate of graffiti on the Fourturnings bus shelter and

ways to discourage this were if murals were painted on the shelters. There were some impressive examples in Fowey which were shown to the Committee.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE WOULD INVESTIGATE COSTS AND ARTISTS FOR PAINTING MURALS ON OUR BLOCK BUS SHELTERS, SECONDED BY CLLR AVARD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. CARNON DOWNS PHONEBOX LEAFLET HOLDERS

The Clerk advised that the leaflets were being eaten by snails and would the Committee support purchasing lidded/waterproof holders to hold copies of Connect, Feock Trails and Whats On leaflets to trial in Carnon Downs.

RESOLUTION: CLLR DYKE PROPOSED THE CLERK PURCHASE 3 LEAFLET HOLDERS, SECONDED BY CLLR BRICKELL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. REPLACEMENT CHERRY TREE ON BUS LANE

It was noted that one cherry tree has died and one had been stolen.

RESOLUTION: CLLR P ALLEN PROPOSED £100 BE ALLOCATED FROM THE ACCESS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE BUDGET TO PURCHASE A NEW PRUNUS PANDORA TREE FROM BURNCOOSE NURSERIES, SECONDED BY CLLR HAMBLY-STAITHE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm