

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Chairman's Report January 2015

- **The Council: Council Meetings:** The Council meets each month both in Polruan and at Whitecross and we are always pleased to see members of the public at these meetings. We value your comments and questions so please keep attending, and make any point that concerns you during the time allowed for public participation prior to the commencement of the Council meeting. This is the time when you can raise points about items on the agenda. Most meetings take place on the last Monday of every month but when we meet at Whitecross this changes to a Tuesday. The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday, 23rd February, at the WI Hall, Polruan. The March meeting takes place on Monday, 30th at the WI Hall, Polruan.
- **Parish Clerk:** Mrs Lynette Philp from Polperro will be joining us as Clerk to the Council with effect from 1st February. We look forward to her arrival. Mrs Gillian Thompson, who has acted as Locum Clerk since November will be leaving us at the end of January. We should like to thank her for all that she has done for us.
- **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP):** Thank you to all those who attended last time; the next meeting will take place at 7.00pm in the WI Hall in Polruan on Thursday 29th January.
- **Website:** The Parish website continues to attract visitors to the site where you can find local information, parish council minutes and other documents. All businesses who operate in the parish are invited to advertise there for £25 pa which goes towards the upkeep of the website. All not for profit organisations can promote themselves free. The new and important upgrade to the site of the addition of an Events diary continues to be popular. Go to the website to add your event. It is a free facility for use by the Parish: www.lanteglosbyfowey.org.uk
- **Lanteglos in Bloom:** The next meeting will be held in February, so please look at the noticeboards and website for date, time and venue.
- Cllr Adrian Fisher has left employment with Cory and has taken up a new post but will remain a Councillor. We wish him well. We trust that Cory will appointment a replacement with good local knowledge as soon as possible.
- **Polruan Quay Toilets:** The proposed meeting between representatives of the Parish Council, The Town Trust and Cornwall Council with Cllr Edwina Hannaford's support has still to take place. The aim is to set in place a realistic longer term proposal and legally binding agreement on how the facility will be run and maintained. It is our intention to keep these facilities open. Jon James has contact with South West Water and a detailed note is in preparation.
- **Living Well Scheme:** This scheme which is organised jointly between Cornwall Council and Age UK Cornwall seeks to enable people, especially older and vulnerable residents, to access seamless health & social care services so they can be supported to live the lives they want to the best of their abilities. The scheme has been piloted in Newquay and West Penwith, and is now being extended to communities in East Cornwall served by Derriford Hospital. The aim

is to support people who already have one or two long term conditions and are using a social care package. One of the greatest problem for this group is social isolation and through being part of the scheme the goal is for people not to end up in acute medical care. Referrals are made by GPs. People say they want friends and social contact. One or two goals are set in one or more guided conversations. In the pilot scheme all the claims have been positive. Achieving goals has been shown to improve health. It is not about cutting services but about people using them less. The scheme is now to be extended to SE Cornwall including Launceston, Saltash, Rame and Looe. It should include us. Funding comes from the Cabinet Office and the scheme is predominantly aimed at older people. Information is available on the web link: [Living Well: Pioneer for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly](#)

- **Dog Welfare & Enforcement, and Environmental Crime:** At a recent Liskeard & Looe Community Network Panel Phil Browning (Environmental Crime Enforcement Officer at Cornwall Council has spoken of the new Public Space Protection Order which came in October and will be rolled over as part of the Police Act in 2020. It protects land and open spaces it is thought need protection, for example from skate boarding and dogs off leads. It will replace Dog Control Orders. There is a difference between fly-tipping and littering. Anything up to black bag size is littering, any larger and it is fly-tipping. Most fly-tipping is by lazy people who cannot be bothered to get household waste to Connon Down. The new Waste Charge has not made any difference in fly-tipping. There is no more asbestos, plasterboard, tyres than before the charge was introduced. He also spoke of the duty of care that householders have when employing contractors and should ask what licences they have, after all, about £100 will have been added into the quote for work to be carried out. His advice was to ask for assurance that builders and gardeners are licensed to carry waste. Prosecutions are not easy in that identification of the offender has to be positive. There have been four successful prosecutions in the last two years. Simon Diaper (Dog Welfare & Enforcement Officer) reported that stray dogs will always be rehomed where possible if the owner cannot be traced. Putting dogs down is a last resort and will only be done on advice from a vet or if the animal is out of control. Dog waste should be reported on CC website. All dogs will have to be tagged by 2016 and wear a collar. There are stickers about fouling that can be fixed to any lamp-post. Both Phil and Simon will target areas reported for recurring problems and for any incident of fly-tipping.
- Meanwhile thank you for your support and please continue to come to our meetings as we value your input.

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