

**SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT TRANNACK CP SCHOOL AT 7.15PM ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2013**

**Present:-**

**Cllr. P. Martin, Cllr. I Paterson, Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith Cllr. B. Deacon, Cllr. M. Morgans, Cllr. A. Pascoe and Cllr. E. Williams.**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None.****2. CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Bickford-Smith and all his team who had worked so hard to make the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations such a success. He said that good progress was being made with the proposed Affordable Housing scheme. He thanked ex Cllr. Ashmore for all his efforts in arranging the purchase and upkeep of the ex BT boxes, and for assisting the Lowertown Community Group in opening a lending library in the box at Lowertown. He thanked Cllr. Paterson for all his work on footpaths, and PAP for all their hard work and commitment during the year. He said that regrettably the Parish Council were two Councillors short and he hoped that they could be recruited via co-option at the next meeting. He said that following his election to Cornwall Council he would be standing down as Chairman of the Council this year.

**3. TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK AS RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Clerk had distributed copies of the Receipts and Payments Account and Bank Reconciliation Statement to Councillors prior to the meeting.

The accounts had been audited by Cllr. Bickford-Smith during the year and Mr. David Gallie (Internal Auditor) at the end of the year. The Accounts will be sent to Grant Thornton, appointed by the Audit Commission, for Audit on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

The Council brought forward £21,387 into 2012 and ended the year with £24,830

**The major expenditure during the year was:-**

Maintenance of Footpaths and Bridleways; treatment of PC notice boards; donation to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations; grants to Chynhale Chapel and St. Sithney Church in respect of maintenance.

**Donations had been made to:-**

<b>Cornwall Air Ambulance</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Sithney and Lowertown over 60's committee</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>South Kerrier Heritage Trust</b>	<b>40.00</b>
<b>1st Sithney Green Brownies and Rainbows</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>RBL Poppy Appeal</b>	<b>60.00</b>

**The major income for the year was:-**

The Precept, grant towards the footpath and bridleway maintenance; sales of Millennium Maps and Diamond Jubilee Mugs

The Precept had been set at £15.615 for 2013/14, although with government grants this had been reduced to a figure less than last year.

Thus the PC have adequate funds to conduct their business for the forthcoming year.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith proposed, Cllr. Morgans seconded and it was carried that a vote of thanks be given to the Clerk for all her hard work.

**4. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RAISED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE PARISH - None**