

PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A 'CLOSED' FACEBOOK GROUP FOR SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Presented to Sithney Parish Council, 1st of October 2019.

1 'The Group'

- 1a** This proposal seeks the permission of Sithney Parish Council for the formation of a 'Closed' Facebook Group (hereafter referred to as 'the group') for the Council.
- 1b** It would be a 'Closed' group open only to parishoners, whose eligibility for membership would be based on a supplied post code and/or other criteria defined by the Council.
- 1c** The name of the group would be 'Sithney Parish Council'.

2 Role and purpose of 'The Group'

- 2a** The group would act as a tool for the dissemination of information from the Council to members on its activities and plans, as well as a mechanism to seek views and opinions.
- 2b** The group would also offer the opportunity to parishoners to raise issues that may be of concern or interest to fellow parishoners or the Council itself.
- 2c** The group would have clearly defined parameters that would require potential members to agree with prior to being admitted to membership.
- 2d** The use by group members for advertising goods, products or services would be banned.

3 Relationship to the Council Website

- 3a** The group would act as a compliment to the existing Council website, which would remain as the hub for the storage of minutes, council documents and so on as at present.
- 3b** The group would provide links to the website, such as, for example, to agendas, minutes and documents.

4 Group Management

- 4a** The group would be managed and maintained by one or more nominated members of the Council and operate within the parameters set out in the Council's policy on the use of Social Media.
- 4b** The Administrator(s) Facebook profile would be clearly identified as a member of Sithney Parish Council and separate from any personal profile(s).
- 4c** The Governance of administrator(s) would be through Sithney Parish Council Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct for Councillors.
- 4d** The Administrator(s) would be responsible for upholding the integrity of the group and the reputation of the Council by ensuring that the parameters of the group are maintained.
- 4e** This would include the removal of postings that contravene the Council's policy on the use of Social Media.

5 Reporting

- 5a** The administrator(s) would report on a regular basis (as agreed) to the Council.

6 Council Authority

- 6a** The Council has the power and authority to close the group and change administrator(s) at any time should it be appropriate or necessary, subject to Standing Orders.

*Parish Councillor,
1st October 2019.*