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REPORTS FOR APRIL 2024 MEETING

SEG Report to SPC 16-04-2024

REACH: Rural Energy and Community Heat (funding opportunity)

Cllr. Phil Blease and I had our meeting prior to the REACH Zoom workshop (26th March) to put together a proposal for Stithians.

Because it was difficult to see what sort of project REACH were looking for we put together a main proposal but also had a back-up proposal in case the workshops were going in a different direction. Our main proposal was to produce an educational film on building retrofits and our back-up was to explore battery storage. Phil and I were fortunate in attending separate workshop breakout rooms giving us the opportunity to pursue both proposals. The educational film was not what they were looking for, so we pursued the battery storage proposal which they did show some interest in.

Because energy storage appeared to be the sort of project they were interested in, I filled out the REACH detailed questionnaire with this in mind. It was filled out on behalf of SPC and SEG, stating that SPC will take the lead in the project, but that SEG will work closely with the SPC to bring the project to a successful conclusion. The closing date for the questionnaire was 9th April, it was submitted on the 5th April, and we should have a reply by 26th April to say if we have been shortlisted to 5-10 applicants.

Below in italics is the main proposal: -

Our proposal is to explore the possibilities of Community Energy storage. Ideally this storage would be in the form of a container size battery that could be used to balance demand on the grid as well as provide our rural community with lower price electricity thereby also helping to reduce fuel poverty. However, if this is not plausible, we are also interested in providing storage in domestic batteries, Vehicle to Home (V2H) and Vehicle to Grid (V2G). We have experience with home batteries when run in conjunction with a Time of Use tariff, reducing our energy bill by 50 per cent. We also have experience of the benefits of V2H.

Stithians has reduced its carbon footprint through the early adoption of Air Source Heat Pumps and Ground Source Heat Pumps (Heat the Streets project). We estimate there are about 20% of the 550 homes now on ASHPs or GSHPs. It would be great to demonstrate how well these technologies work together to further reduce our carbon emissions and energy bills.

Stithians Energy Group has a good track record when it comes to engaging with the public on new technologies and to be able to demonstrate heat pumps working in conjunction with energy storage we think would be extremely beneficial.

Ground source heat pumps for schools.

A Zoom meeting was held between Christine (deputy head of Wallop school, Hampshire), Nikki Jones (fundraiser), me and Andy (Hampshire school buildings officer). Andy was very helpful but thought it would be quite challenging to raise enough money.

Christine and I showed Nikki around the school, and it was apparent that the insulation levels were very poor. I have sent Wouter Thijssen (Kensa MD), photos and plans of Wallop school so they can provide us with an idea of installation costs.

Events

I attended two of the three days at Fully Charged (Everything Electric) at ExCel London. As well as looking around the various green tec trade stands I attended numerous talks, these help me to keep up to date with the way technology is progressing. It was of particular interest to see Vehicle to Grid (V2G) being discussed for energy storage.

Help for SEG

Because there has not been any interest from parishioners regarding help for SEG, Phil has said he will pass on some of his other PC activities so that he can concentrate on the climate emergency issues.

Contacts

I met up with Jonathan Ferrier from Eynsham, Oxfordshire (Helen's lead) at Fully Charged. He wants to do similar to Stithians in helping reduce their carbon footprint.

The Stithians Times

The new issue of The Stithians Times is available and I have written an article entitled TWO MAJOR TRANSITION PROJECTS IN CORNWALL and features my visit to the geothermal project at United Downs and my granddaughter's article about South Crofty opening for tin production again.

Film

Although REACH didn't want the film project Phil and I think this could be a great way to engage with people on how to green retrofit their homes. Phil has found some funding options that he will be exploring.

Off the back of the St Cleer talk I have been contacted by Joe and Tony from St Ive parish who would like to make a similar film. (tony@tonyhillfilms.com) They are looking to come down in early May.



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Application PA24/02340

Proposal Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (details following outline consent PA22/06594 dated 06.09.2022 for the erection of a detached dwelling)

Location Land East of Green Gables Herniss Lane Herniss Cornwall

Applicant Mr Boulton Brian Boulton Developments Ltd

Decision Required:

Members are requested to consider the following report in order to reach an informed decision regarding the above planning application.

Date of Site Inspection:

11th April 2024.

Councillors who undertook the site inspection:

Cllr Bunclark and Cllr Iles.

REPORT:

Background:

The proposed development presents a thoughtful approach to foul drainage and roof water management, with provisions for treatment and soakaways. The utilization of existing access points ensures optimal visibility and accessibility, with ample parking for three cars designed to facilitate forward movement. The design of the dwelling harmonizes traditional aesthetics with modern elements, tailored to the site's specific character and constraints. External finishes and landscaping choices contribute to a cohesive and attractive development. Importantly, the size and orientation of the property mitigate any concerns regarding overlooking or overshadowing, while still maximizing garden and driveway space. Overall, the proposal demonstrates a balanced integration of function, design, and environmental consideration.

Matters of Concern:

For discussion at meeting.

No comments on portal as of today.

Cllr Adam Bunclark

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Jane E Richards
Clerk To Stithians Parish Council
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Your ref:
My ref: PA24/02005
Date: 12 April 2024

Dear Jane Richards

Application Proposal	PA24/02005 Installation of an array of photovoltaic solar panels, and construction of an underground cable to property.
Location	Trewithen Cottage Trewithen Stithians Truro
Applicant	Mr Will Legge
Grid Ref	173107 / 37747

The above-mentioned application has been received by the Development Management Service and is available for you to view and submit comments through the "Consultee Access Site".

1. You can access the application on which we are inviting your comments using the following link: <https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>
2. Retrieve the application by entering the reference quoted above and then clicking the "Search" button.
3. Details can then be found by clicking the "Documents" tab and then selecting "View Associated Documents".
4. If possible we would prefer that comments are submitted online by registering then selecting the "submit comments" icon and completing the online form which will immediately update our database and ensure that your comments are made available to the public.

If your response is likely to be longer than the equivalent of one side of A4 paper, please also submit a short executive summary of your comments.

If you are unable to submit comments online, any views you may have on the application should be emailed to planning@cornwall.gov.uk quoting reference number PA24/02005 by 3 May 2024.

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Kind regards

Joshua Bourne
Development Officer
Development Management Service

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Cornwall Council

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Clerk's Report for Meeting on 16th April 2024

11.1 Final Accounts for 2023/24

Summary of Decisions Required (Details in report):

- 1. To approve the final accounts for the 2023/24 Financial Year as detailed in the report.**
- 2. To approve the allocation of interest payments.**
- 3. To approve the allocation of the remaining budget of £146.49 to the Pavilion Replacement Fund.**

Report:

Final Accounts for 2023/24:

As Members are aware, it is normal practice to report the Council's current financial position at this point on the agenda. In April, however, the final accounts for the previous financial year take precedence. I can confirm that we have received the first instalment of the Precept for 2024/25 and that there are sufficient funds in the account to pay the invoices presented for authorisation at Item 18.

The following financial Reports, as of 31st March 2024 are attached:

Bank Reconciliation
Summary Report
Reserve Balance
Asset Register
PWLB Balance
Calculation of Interest for year 23/24

These reports have been submitted to the internal auditor, the audit will be concluded after the date of this meeting, therefore his report will be considered at the May meeting.

Allocation of Outstanding Funds from 23/24:

The Expenditure Budget was £2,425 underspent and Income Budget showed a variance of - £270.97 the total remaining from the 2023 / 24 Budget is therefore £2,154.03, which transfers into the General Fund, this now stands at £47,656.74. Earmarked Reserves account for a further £121,340.65.

Once the Interest payments detailed in the attached report have been allocated to the relevant reserves it will leave a balance of £146.49. Under Minute 06/03/13(2), it was resolved that any underspend should be transferred to the Pavilion Replacement Fund.

2023/024 saw considerable expenditure from the Ear Marked Reserves, £23,895.75 from the Playing Field Development Fund and £9,500 spend from the Institute Funds.

Copies of the Asset Register and a Statement of the various PWLB Loans are attached to this report.

AGENDA ITEM 11

As Members have previously been made aware, the total value of the Council's assets for audit purposes does not change year on year unless an asset is either disposed of or acquired.

If Members have any queries on the final accounts, please advise me of them prior to the meeting so that I can prepare a suitable response.

11.2 To consider Renewal of the Membership of Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) & NALC

Decision Required:

Decision regarding the renewal of the Membership to CALC / NALC for 2024 / 25.

Report:

The invoice for annual membership has been received, this amounts to £862.58, Members are asked to consider the renewal of the subscription to CALC / NALC.

I can advise Members that during 2023/24 I have not contacted CALC for any advice or guidance on any Parish Council matters, little information has been supplied that is not available from other sources, such as the Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC), local forums or fellow Clerks.

Training sessions are provided, however, no courses have been booked by Stithians Parish Council in the past 2 years – it should be noted that these courses incur an additional charge in addition to the annual membership.

The Council has been invited to attend the CALC Annual General Meeting in recent years, but have not sent a representative.

Having reviewed the service they have offered over the last 12 months, I would ask the Members to consider not renewing the membership of CALC / NALC for 2024/25.

11.3 Notice Board / Brief Rules for Meadowside Cemetery.

Decision Required:

To agree quotes are sourced for the provision of general information notice boards for Meadowside Cemetery.

The rules and regulations pertaining to Meadowside Cemetery are published on the website and are routinely provided to residents who reserve a plot in the Cemetery and families organising a burial of a family member. However, it is appreciated that families are clearly not in a position to understand what is or is not permissible when dealing with the loss of a family member.

I am therefore recommending that a simple sign is placed at each entrance to Meadowside, that briefly outlines the expectations, suggested wording is as follows:

MEADOWSIDE LAWN CEMETERY

Everyone is welcome to visit the Cemetery please respect the peace and dignity of these facilities as well as other users.

To facilitate its upkeep and maintenance Meadowside Cemetery is designated as a lawned cemetery.

Only headstones are allowed and graves must not be planted.

Please note that whilst dogs are permitted in the cemetery they must be kept on a lead at all times without exception. Please clean up after your dog.

11.4 To consider setting up a 'what's app' group for Members

Decision required

To agree to set up a 'what's app' group for Members.

As Clerk, there are occasions when a response is required from Members to a communication or request for assistance, the proposal is that a 'what's app' group is set up, to alert Members of a communication that may require a response, this would not be used as a formal method of contact.

**Jane E Richards
Clerk / RFO,
10th April 2024**

Stithians Parish Council
Reserves Balance
2023-2024

<u>Reserve</u>	<u>OpeningBalance</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Spend</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>CurrentBalance</u>
Earmarked					
Playing Field Development	29,753.56	12,617.20	23,895.75	596.67	19,071.68
Tennis Court Fencing	8,816.27	2,000.00			10,816.27
Pavilion Replacement	49,444.75	8,141.85			57,586.60
Legacies	10,572.37				10,572.37
Community Fund	424.42				424.42
Institute Fund	22,834.44	-6,000.00	9,500.00		7,334.44
Longdowns Play Area	8,500.00	-8,500.00			0.00
Contested By-Election	3,245.00				3,245.00
Fingerposts	1,120.00				1,120.00
Monies Held for Lantern Parade	139.18		139.18		0.00
CIL Receipts	857.82			1,032.68	1,890.50
KCC Event 2023		-207.70	1,024.70	1,232.40	0.00
Donations for Play Equipment A	7,240.27	207.70	7,781.60	843.00	509.37
Scarecrow Festival			1,242.30	1,242.30	0.00
Benches for Parish					0.00
Enhanced LMP	3,420.00		650.00		2,770.00
Stithians Football Club Temp F:		6,000.00			6,000.00
Total Earmarked	146,368.08	14,259.05	44,233.53	4,947.05	121,340.65
TOTAL RESERVE	146,368.08	14,259.05	44,233.53	4,947.05	121,340.65
GENERAL FUND					47,656.74
TOTAL FUNDS					168,997.39

Stithians Parish Council
Annual Return

6 April 2024 (2023-2024)

Accounts for Year from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

This is prepared based on the information in "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils : a Practitioners' Guide"

Important note: These figures have been prepared on a RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS basis.

* Note :- An asterisk to the right of the box below indicates it is an item that has changed by more than 15% and £200 from the previous year and probably warrants a comment in your notes. This is only an indication and should not be considered exclusive. You will only see asterisks if this is the second year you have used the report .

Box No.	Description	Year ending		
		31/03/2023 £	31/03/2024 £	
1	Balances brought fwd	189,055	191,278	
2	Annual precept	79,500	81,090	
3	Total other receipts	49,226	27,722	*
4	Staff Costs	21,466	23,386	
5	Loan interest/capital repayment	6,813	4,523	*
6	Total other payments	98,223	103,183	
7	Balances carried forward	191,278	168,997	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Inve	191,278	168,997	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Ter	367,242	383,597	
10	Total Borrowings	19,042	15,394	*

CALCULATION OF INTEREST FOR YEAR 2023 - 2024

Harold Phillips & Albert Collins Legacies

Principal	£	10,572.37
Interest Rate		1.30 % As applied to Business Call Account
Term		12 Months
INTEREST	£	137.44

Remaining Interest to be allocated to Reserve Accounts

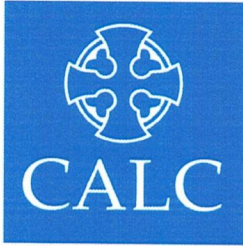
Total Interest Received	£	2,007.54	Figure Updated from SCRIBE
H Phillips Interest	£	137.44	<u>Credited directly to Playing Field Development Fund</u>
Remaining Interest	£	1,870.10	Allocated to Reserves below

Reserve	Balance	Interest	
<u>Playing Field Development Fund</u>	£ 19,071.68	£ 286.90	To be Credited to Playing Field Reserve on 1st April 2024
<u>Pavilion Replacement Fund</u>	£ 57,586.60	£ 866.29	To be Credited to Pavilion Replacement Reserve on 1st April 2024
<u>General Reserve</u>	£ 47,656.74	£ 716.91	To be Credited to General Reserve on 1st April 2024
Total	£ 124,315.02	£ 1,870.10	

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BALANCE TAKEN FROM RESERVE BALANCE REPORT AS 31ST MARCH

For Report



Cornwall ALC Limited

Unit 1a, 1 Riverside House, Heron Way,
Newham, Truro, Cornwall TR1 2XN

INVOICE

Company Registration No: 10573746

Tel: 01872 326969

Email: enquiries@cornwallalc.org.uk

VAT No: 935 1609 24

To: Stithians Parish Council

Invoice No:2425_189

Date: 01.04.2024

Payment Terms: Due on receipt of invoice

Description				Net £	VAT %	Total £																
<u>Annual Membership Subscription 2024/2025</u>																						
Standard Rated - CALC subscription				604.62	20	725.54																
Zero Rated - NALC subscription				137.04	0	137.04																
				Total Goods and Services		741.66																
				Total VAT		120.92																
				Total (GBP)		862.58																
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				Total Due		862.58																

Payment Options:

Internet Banking/BACS: Sort Code: 60-83-01 A/C No: 20379876 A/C Name: Cornwall ALC Limited

Cheques: Please make payable to Cornwall ALC Limited



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Authorisation of Payments –April 2024

Decisions Required:

1. To authorise the payment of invoices received & regular payments due for the period 24th March – 17th April 2024, Voucher No's: 1 - 16, Total: £8,247.09
2. To authorise payments by Direct Debit in May 2024: £79.99 to Microsoft 365 (Annual Subscription) due on the 13th May 2024 and £35.00 for the GDPR/ Data Protection Fee due on 21st May 2024.

REPORT:

The attached Payments Awaiting Authorisation Reports dated 15th April 2024 details all invoices received, or payments made since the meeting held on the 19th March 2024.

Explanatory Notes (where applicable)

Voucher No	Details
8 - 9	Clerk's Salary & HMRC Payment for March
11 - 12	Details the payments for the Environmental Maintenance Contract, payable in 12 equal payments. The total monthly payment is £2,687.93

Direct Debits Due in May 2024

Date	Amount	Details
13/04/24	£79.99	Microsoft 365
21/05/24	£35.00	GDPR / Data Protection Annual Fee

J E Richards
Clerk / RFO
15th April 2024

Stithians Parish Council

15 April 2024 (2024-2025)

PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
1	Website Maintenance	15/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Website Hosting & Support Pac	Vision ICT	S	1,150.00	230.00	1,380.00
2	Toilet Repairs & Maintenance	15/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Direct Debit	General Maintenance	Screwfix	S	16.24	3.25	19.49
3	Toilet Repairs & Maintenance	15/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Direct Debit	General Maintenance	Screwfix	S	1.58	0.31	1.89
4	Toilet Repairs & Maintenance	15/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Toilet Maintenance	MacSalvors Ltd	S	6.08	1.22	7.30
5	ICCM Membership	15/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	ICCM Membership Fee	ICCM	E	95.00		95.00
6	Admin Expenses	02/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Visa Debit	Stationery	Viking	S	109.91	21.98	131.89
7	Electricity for Footpath Lighting	04/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Electricity Stithians Bowling Clu	Stithians Bowling Club	L	322.18	16.11	338.29
8	Clerks Salary NETT	15/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Clerks Salary Nett	Clerk / RFO	X	1,476.77		1,476.77
8	Clerks Working from Home Allc	15/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Clerks Salary Nett	Clerk / RFO	X	26.00		26.00
9	Clerks HMRC Employer	15/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Clerks HMRC Employer (NI)	HMRC	X	150.92		150.92
10	Clerk HMRC Employee	15/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Clerks HMRC Employee Paymei	HMRC	X	374.89		374.89
11	EMC Highway Verge Maintenan	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Emc Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	138.41		138.41
11	EMC Litter Clearance	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Emc Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	173.76		173.76
11	EMC Haverigg Cemetery Mainte	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Emc Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	59.32		59.32
11	EMC Lower Churchyard Mainte	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Emc Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	88.98		88.98
11	EMC Closed Churchyard Mainte	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Emc Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	108.75		108.75
11	EMC Footpath Maintenance	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Emc Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	227.39		227.39
11	EMC Longdowns Bus Shelter Cl	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Emc Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	29.66		29.66
11	EMC Crelow Fields Caretaking	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Emc Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	54.38		54.38
11	EMC Crelow Fields Grass Cutti	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Emc Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	54.38		54.38
11	EMC Crelow Fields Hedge Trin	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Emc Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	34.60		34.60
11	EMC Cleaning of Notice Boards	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Emc Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	9.65		9.65
11	EMC Maintenance of Speed Sig	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Emc Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	58.33		58.33
12	EMC Meadowside Cemetery Ma	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	196.56		196.56
12	EMC Toilet Cleaning	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	241.34		241.34
12	EMC Weed Treatment	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	44.49		44.49
12	EMC Playing Field Grass Cutting	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	386.90		386.90
12	EMC Playing Field Hedge Trimm	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	49.43		49.43
12	EMC Playing Field Caretaker	17/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payrn	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	731.60		731.60
13	PWLB Loan 2 New Playing Field	02/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Direct Debit	PWLB Playing Field Loan 2	PWLB	E	694.63		694.63
14	PWLB Loan 3 Stithians Centre	02/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Direct Debit	PWLB Stithians Centre Loan 3	PWLB	E	783.36		783.36
15	Toilet Cleaning Materials	15/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Toilet Cleaning & Security	Booker Ltd	S	24.99	5.00	29.99
16	Toilets - Electricity	15/04/2024		Lloyds Current Accou	Direct Debit	Electricity - Toilet (Wellness Hu	Corona Energy	L	46.42	2.32	48.74
Total									7,966.90	280.19	8,247.09