

Minutes from the Penrhos Village meeting on Friday, 22 June 2018

1. 15 people attended the meeting. One absented himself after the second item on the agenda. Craig Loane and Emma Manchand chaired the meeting.

Craig welcomed everyone. 14 apologies were noted, 11 of whom had expressed support for a village association and 3 offered no opinion. In the absence of a volunteer CH was appointed minute taker.

2. Is a Penrhos Village Association a good idea?
There was overwhelming support in the meeting for the creation of a PVA.

One attendee, MD, read from a script opposing the creation of the PVA for various reasons, including:

- A new association is, in his view, unnecessary and is there sufficient appetite for one? – (of the people who have expressed a view 25 support an association and 1 does not, 96% in favour).
- An association might be considered too corporate in style.
- An association might create division within the community.
- Is the PCC not sufficient for events involving the church building?
- The PVA might speak in the village's name without necessarily having a mandate.

Various meeting attendees explained how, in their view, these concerns were being addressed or why they were not material.

- CH confirmed there was an appetite for a new community structure, not affiliated to the church, open to all, which operated in a democratic and transparent way. Unlike the PCC, which is church affiliated and run, the PVA would be open to everyone with a wide community remit. If the committee fails to represent the community there is a mechanism for replacing it.

- JB is on the committee for the Green Fund which controls the distribution of significant funds for community use. There needs to be a body to which such funds are distributed which cannot be the church. An association would assist with applications for future funds.
- SA told the meeting the PCC is slowly dying with most on the Counsel being more senior members of the community. Fresh blood needs to be introduced and, as only communicants (those who take communion) are able to sit on the PCC, another structure is required to increase appeal to younger people.
- GA explained that the church restoration is mostly funded by Heritage Lottery Funds. Penrhos was one of the last churches to receive such funding as HLF has now stopped grants for church restoration, partly due to a failure of PCCs to deliver on a requirement to offer alternative uses for restored churches. A PVA would demonstrate a commitment to alternative community uses for the church and help deliver on our obligations to the HLF.

The PVA will work in conjunction with the PCC and not in competition with it, with joint meetings happening on occasion.

The meeting agreed that the PVA should be created.

3. A few minor changes were proposed to the draft constitution. The revised draft will be available on the Penrhos website and adopted at a subsequent meeting.
4. Approve membership of the committee.

Alex Wilson, Claire Adams, Julian Howe, Emma Manchand, Craig Loane and Paul Barrows (after the meeting) have volunteered to be committee members and Sally Adams volunteered to be treasurer. All are duly appointed.

5. The following initial goals were approved
 - Better broadband
 - Alternative uses for the church

- A village taxi service (TC has volunteered to help organise this)
 - Installing the village defibrillator (now fully funded)
 - Creating a summer holiday crèche facility
 - First aid courses
 - Social events (a pop up bar is proposed)
6. It was agreed that the defibrillator be bought using the funds granted through the Green Fund (£1,000) with the balance funded from monies raised to date through the PVA. It was also agreed that the village defibrillator would be installed at Woodlands Farm Barns on an exterior wall. Training to be made available to the village.
7. The PVA will support the creation of a glamping unit and multifunctional space in the church. The committee will discuss how the unit will be managed and volunteers organised.
8. Organising a children's play/nativity for the carol service to be discussed at the first committee meeting.
9. A dedicated PVA page will be added to the village website which will hold all agendas, minutes of meetings, events and news.
10. It was agreed that the PVA does not need a village mission statement.
11. AOB
- A neighbourhood watch scheme will be discussed at the first PVA committee meeting
 - There is an appetite for a village fete in 2019. FC offered to be involved
 - The village wine walk will go ahead, organised by PR and CH. It will be advertised in the July TNT.
 - Volunteers are requested for July garden opening teas on 8, 28 and 29 July.