

Long Rock Memorial Institute

Registered Charity 1093057

MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Long Rock Memorial Institute charity held at the Murley Hall, Ludgvan on Wednesday 11 January 2023, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllrs R Mann (Chairman), A Branchett, S Miucci, J Munday, M Payne, R Porter, A Segal.

Present: public – 18 members of the public at the start of the meeting. More joined after the meeting had started and so approximately 26 members of the public during the meeting.

Officer support: Clerk to the Parish Council

1. **Apologies for absence** – were received from Cllrs Price Jones, Elliott and Cartwright.
2. **Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that it was good to see such a healthy number of people attending. He explained that this was the annual general meeting of the charity, the first held by the parish council in its role as sole corporate trustee .

3. **Overview – Long Rock Memorial Institute**

The Clerk gave an overview with a brief history of the Long Rock Memorial Institute and some information on the work that had been carried out in previous years by the former trustees and the local community. It was understood that the hall had been in situ since May 1922 and housed the two memorial plaques listing the names of those who had lost their lives in the two world wars. The hall had been run by volunteer trustees for many years, and from the late 90s there had been plans to replace the hall with a new-build hall on the same site. It was thought that lack of funding had meant that the proposed development did not go ahead at that time, although planning permission to demolish and rebuild had been granted in 2000.

The hall had fallen into disuse and dilapidation, and by 2020 the parish council was in discussion with the two remaining former trustees as there were insufficient trustees remaining to run the charity.

The trusteeship had been transferred to the parish council in August 2021 and since then the parish council had worked to bring the charity's paperwork and banking arrangements back into order, and had secured the site as it would be unsafe for users or trespassers.

It was planned to demolish the building as it was considered to be in a condition beyond repair. Once the site was cleared, it was planned to carry out a community consultation on future use of the site, to inform future decisions. Historic England had recently given notice that they would consider assessing the hall for Listing, further update was expected in due course.

Any future plans for the site would take into account the new community hall to be built with the new housing development on the sports field.

4. Minutes of the previous AGM

It was noted that it was not known when the last AGM had been held, and there were no minutes to present for approval.

5. Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2022

Those at the meeting received and considered the annual accounts. A vote was taken and it was **Resolved** – to approve the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2022.

6. Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2022

Those at the meeting noted that the Annual Report had been available online, and that much of its content had been covered in the overview earlier in the meeting. **Resolved** – to approve the Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2022.

7. Alterations to the administration arrangements for the charity

Those at the meeting considered the proposed alterations to the administration arrangements. Although the reasons for seeking to make the changes were respected, it was **Resolved** not to make the alterations to the administration arrangements.

Spokespeople for the recently formed Long Rock Residents Association explained that the residents association sought to take on the trusteeship of the charity and so did not want the changes to be made (to bring meeting arrangements into line with those of the parish council) because they would not want to wait until the next AGM to revert to the existing administrative arrangements.

8. Open Forum

Residents of the Long Rock village raised their comments and questions with the trustees, including:

- The villagers felt that they had not been approached or advised of what is, or has been, happening with the institute. Also it was felt that the trusteeship had been passed to the council without seeking other residents to continue the work of the former trustees.
- In a written note to the Chairman, the spokespeople asked that the council accept their offer and make a decision at the AGM to proceed as soon as possible
- There had been a lot of interest in the founding of a residents association for Long Rock to manage the hall with the intentions of restoring or rebuilding it.

- The hall was considered to have historical value and memories and due to its location it was the centre of the village and so council and should be restored on the existing site
- The residents association wanted to work with the parish council with a view to having the hall up and running again with the future intention of relinquishing the workload of the council
- The parish council was thanked for having taken on the trusteeship of the hall, but now the residents association want to take it back
- Questioned whether the proposed new hall to be built on the sports field site under the s.106 agreement, could instead be built on the Memorial Institute site? It was explained that this question had previously been raised with the developer and they had not agreed to this. The s.106 agreement had been changed and it was understood that it could not now be changed unilaterally.
- Residents asked about the expected Long Rock road improvements and were advised that the parish council was waiting to be consulted, and that it was hoped that with the recent vacancy of a Cornwall Councillor for the area, when a new ward member was elected it was hoped that they would be proactive in bringing about these improvements.

It was agreed to arrange for a meeting to enable discussion between the trustees and the residents association on the calls from the residents association to take on the trusteeship of the charity.

Meeting closed: 7.14pm

Signed by Chairman: