

## **Minutes of the CAR meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008.**

Present: Chairman John Hough (JH), Secretary Clare Ireland (CI), Vice-Chair Eddie McCormick (EM).  
Also present: Residents of Camelford.

**1 – Welcome** – JH welcomed all present. He went on to confirm that this would be the last meeting at which he would be presiding as Chairman (see below).

**2 - Apologies:** Treasurer Mark Stockwood (MS) and B Hough.

**3 – Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008** – JH provided some copies to attendees and he gave a brief summary in which he stressed the attempts that CAR had made (so far without success) to get Sector Inspector Andy Lewis of Devon & Cornwall Police to come and address a residents meeting. Terry Tague asked JH a question about re-routing Heavy Goods Vehicles away from the main street (to be dealt with later on the agenda). A McCormick proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by M Baber, proposal passed.

**Presentation by Jill Jeffs re request for funding for tent(s) for Guides** – Ms Jeffs (District Commissioner for Camelford Guides) stressed the outdoor aspects of Guiding and stated that any help that CAR could provide would benefit groups from Camelford & St Breward. B Lush asked if Guides had approached Camelford Town Council and JH asked if the tents would be available for hire to other groups (i.e. not Guides). Ms Jeffs replied that Council would be asked and that due to insurance considerations other groups could not have access to the Guides' equipment. T Tague asked how frequently the tents would be used (and would hiring be a better option) and was told that normally there would be two week-ends and a full week per year and that hiring would prove more expensive in the long term. Ms Jeffs explained that it was vital that good quality tents be used as inferior tents would not stand up to the rigours of Guiding ventures (there are approximately 120 Guides/Rainbow members in the area), she suggested a total cost of £1000 would secure a quality good sized tent and provided Secretary CI with a brochure for CAR to study. An Executive Committee meeting will be arranged to discuss what, if any, help CAR can give to Guides.

**4 – Chairman's report** – JH read a letter that he had written to BT (copied to NCDC) re their proposal to remove numerous public phone boxes from the area. He has asked that they reconsider due to the rural nature of the community, intermittent mobile phone reception and the need for an alternative to residential land-lines in the event of emergency. BT had replied requesting that comments be addressed to NCDC. He had also written with regard to the planned installation of flood-lights at Sir James Smith School but the plans have been amended in the meantime. His final item of correspondence was a letter to the Chief Constable of Devon & Cornwall Police with regard to the attitude of Camelford Police to some of the residents of Tor View and to CAR over incidents of anti-social behaviour in that area. No reply has so far been received.

JH then confirmed that he was standing down as Chairman having fulfilled his obligation to remain in post for one year. There was one nomination for the vacancy (Terry Tague) proposed by CI, seconded by A. McCormick. Mr Tague (TT) accepted the position and duly took over as Chairman. He gave a brief summary of his undertakings with other local groups. He then asked that congratulations go to JH who was roundly applauded by those present.

**5 – Treasurer's report** – In the absence of Mark Stockwood his report was read out by CI. The report stated that CAR currently holds approximately £188 in the bank and went on to explain the past fund-raising endeavours of CAR, most notably as members of the Camelford Town Forum Fireworks Committee. This ensured that there was an adequate amount of funds for the forthcoming Fireworks Display. The report was approved.

**6 – Secretary's report** – None required for this meeting.

**7 – To discuss and assemble a list of problems which residents feel should be discussed with Sector Inspector Andy Lewis of Devon & Cornwall Police** (see also Chairman’s report above). CI felt that ongoing correspondence is vital because the Police don’t seem to understand CAR’s attempts to resolve local issues. M Baber and JH both commented on the lack of co-operation. B Ireland commented that co-operation is a two-way process and on the perceived attempt to thwart the efforts of CAR over the Extraordinary Meeting held in February to address the issue of anti-social behaviour. A McCormick asked who the other partners involved in PACT (Partners and Communities Together) actually are – the reply was that this information is not available. TT asked how the Town Council were liaising with PCSO Sam Smith – B Lush replied stating the patrols that both the Deputy Mayor and M Baber had joined - M Baber believes that in her experience the problem was the Police’s perception of CAR’s role in the community. For clarity the PACT statement of intent was read out to those present by CI. M Baber suggested that CAR write to the Police with a specific request to call a PACT meeting. TT will contact NCDC also to see if this issue can be progressed.

**8 – Update on NHS Dental Service provision** – Feedback appears to be very good – new dentists appointed and NHS registration available at Highfield practice. JH proposed that CAR write a letter of thanks to Jane Feierabend of Oasis Dental Care and Andrew Tyas of Primary Care Trust.

**9 – Update on footway (Delavue Terrace to Valley Truckle)** – EM stated that the latest information he was aware of suggested that finance was in place to have the footway installed. JH reported on a request made to ‘back off’ on the request for holiday route diversion of HGV’s until the footpath was completed because of safety aspects. B Lush believes that the path should be completed by September but there is no provision for the path to be lit. Monica Cochrane then spoke with regard to an exercise her husband had undertaken in respect of HGV traffic going through the town and EM asked that a copy be forwarded to CAR to study. TT requested that CAR write to County Councillor Janey Comber regarding the road signs which refer to diversion. M Baber expressed concern over the speed of HGV’s through the centre of town (especially Dairy Crest vehicles) and asked that those concerns be made known in writing to the company. A McCormick asked that Town Council also be asked to contact DairyCrest on this issue. F Samuel added that signage at Kennards House directs traffic heading for Wadebridge through Camelford which exacerbates the situation. B Ireland added that signage at Wadebridge also directed eastbound traffic through Camelford.

**10 – Correspondence** – CI had received a phone call from PCSO Smith asking if a PACT meeting would be beneficial though not specifically about Tor View (see comments elsewhere in these notes). A discussion followed on where and how the information/replies on PACT cards were collected and collated (there being no letter-box at the Police station) but drop-off boxes at other locations. The location of any PACT meeting would need to be well advertised and the meeting room booked and paid for.

**11 – CAR’s future –**

(a) 750<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Camelford Charter. Suggestions include a medieval banquet, a party in Enfield Park with entertainment and perhaps a street party, all of which would involve other groups/organisations contributing ideas and time for the benefit of the whole community with events taking place from June 2009. CI will write to the Town Council requesting their support for CAR’s application to NCDC’s Community Chest fund. Nearer to the date CAR will approach local businesses for support/funding to further involve the community.

(b) Fund-raising endeavours – CAR will continue to hold events on a (fairly) regular basis with profits going to local good causes.

**12 – Anti-social behaviour update –**

(a) General – M Baber reported on a noticeable improvement at weekends and commented on the marvellous efforts of PCSO Smith had made in improving community awareness – M Baber also believes that the police presence has been a major factor in reducing anti-social behaviour in the area. There also appears to have been a marked reduction in the incidence of under-age drinking.

(b) Tor View – further to the Extraordinary Meeting of CAR held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008 which sought to address this matter – the situation is ongoing and will continue to be monitored.

**13 – To appoint a CAR trustee for Camelford Hall –** TT proposed that CI continue, seconded by M Baber and approved.

**14 – Youth section for CAR –** From an anonymous suggestion received via the ‘Feedback’ form on the CAR website – TT recommended that CAR contact both Jonathan Holt (Youth Club & Town Forum) and PCSO Smith so that this suggestion can be progressed.

**15 – Any Other Business –**

(a) A Pollard apologised and felt he could no longer be one of the CAR reps at Town Forum – TT proposed that B Ireland take over this role, seconded by A McCormick and agreed.

(b) TT asked that Town Council be approached to consider re-lining the area of Churchfield Car Park currently designated as a ‘coach park’ to allow car parking.

**16 – Date of next meeting –** 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008, 7.30pm at Camelford Hall.

Meeting closed.