

SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Cllr Alice Burt

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Minutes of the full council meeting of Sennen parish council at Sennen Churchtown Hall held on Wednesday 11th June 2025 at 7.00 pm.

Cllr A Burt (chairman), Cllr R Puddiphatt (vice-chairman), Cllr K Hann, Cllr K Shannon, Cllr G Patterson-Beedle and Cllr J George.

Clerk Jodie Ellis, Cornwall Councillor B Clemens and five members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** – no apologies, all members were present.
2. **Acceptance of minutes** – The Minutes of the Annual council meeting held on the 14th May 2025 were unanimously agreed and signed by the chairman.
3. **Declarations of interest for items on this agenda** – Cllr K Shannon in item 14 Sennen beach toilets and planning PA25/03123.
4. **To consider any applications for dispensations under section 33 of the localism act 2011** – none received.
5. **Citizen of the year award** – The citizen of the year award for 2024 was awarded to Sadie Knight for all her hard work and dedication in the parish especially on the new Sennen surf club building project, unfortunately she was unable to make the meeting. The outstanding citizen award was awarded to Ken Hall who unfortunately was also unable to make the meeting. Ken is an outstanding member of the parish giving up so much of his time to teach, help and support the community and is a deserving recipient.

6. Grants awarded in 2024/2025

Sennen School - £400 Samantha Gillion headteacher of Sennen school advised the money was used to maintain the school and community playground which the school use during the day and is open to the community out of hours. The money was used on cutting and health and safety requirements.

Cornwall Air Ambulance - £500 – towards the heli2 appeal for a second helicopter for Cornwall.

Sennen & Land end pre-school - £5800 towards renovations for the pre-school.

Royal British legion - £100 towards Remembrance Day and poppy crosses.

Sennen Churchtown hall - £164.00 - The grant was used to purchase new Christmas lights for the exterior of the hall due to the previous ones being damaged in a storm.

Hedgepigs and Hoglets - £150 – the grant was used towards the purchase of a Poltec Vet Grade hutch.

YMCA Cornwall - £250 - Helen Wilson-Prowse, Head of Operations at YMCA Cornwall advised the grant was used towards a new roof for one of their buildings that houses 20 vulnerable people. The total project was £76,000, they raised £50,000 and used reserves for the shortfall. A new campaign is being launched on Monday to build 4 new flats. There is currently 40 people on the waiting list.

CAB - £100 - Waillim Wong Communications Officer advised that 7700 people were assisted in Cornwall last year, which is nearly a record number of cases for the bureau. In Sennen parish 13 people were helped which is quite high for a rural area. The main issues at present are benefits. The Penzance office currently has no drop-in facility as volunteers are desperately needed. Anyone with some spare time that thinks they could help please visit CAB's website.

Sennen Cove recreational Centre - £500 - The Sennen Cove Recreation Centre trustees thanked Sennen Parish Council for the £500 grant towards their rebuild project. This helped to finance the initial work needed to allow the project to commence (including the removal of asbestos and party wall agreement) and, along with the supporting letter received in 2023, was invaluable in helping them to achieve their funding goals, including receiving over £372k from the Community Ownership Fund, and enabling the rebuild to proceed.

The building work is now well underway to be completed by the end of 2025, ready to refit and reopen by Spring 2026.

Sennen churchtown Hall - £300 for the Fun Day. The money was to be used for the hire of the outside toilets. Unfortunately, due to the weather the event had to be cancelled, the hall were unable to get the money returned for the toilets.

Sennen Surf club and Junior lifeguards - £250 - The funding very generously awarded by the Parish Council was absolutely instrumental in allowing young people in our community to gain the qualifications and the skills needed to work on our beaches this summer as lifeguards. As well as this, it has also allowed volunteers to

renew and qualify as lifeguards in order to pass on skills and ensure that local children have the opportunity to learn to surf and be safe on the beach and in the sea, which as we are surrounded by water, is surely an essential skill.

- 7. Public participation** – Samantha Gillion headteacher of Sennen school, confirmed that unfortunately Sennen pre-school will cease to trade from July. The school have gone out to consultation to lower the age bracket for the school to include 3-year-olds as they have the capacity and qualified staff in place. The consultation will run for three weeks, to date all responses have been positive. Once the consultation has ended then a formal application will be submitted. This change will ensure the sustainability of the school for future years. A successful CIL grant was received by the school which will be used to look at new fencing at the end of the field by the community polytunnels.
- 8. Chairman's comments** – Cllr Burt has nothing to report.
- 9. Councillors' questions and comments** - 24-hour notice in accordance with Standing Orders advisable
Guy Pace from CAP has invited Sennen PC to a meeting in June to discuss Lift share Pilot Mobility ways, Cllr Paterson-Beedle kindly agreed to attend and report back.
- 10. Cornwall councillor's comments** – Cllr. Brian Clemens gave the following report: 'We have at last confirmed the cabinet for the administration and many of you will have seen the list in the press or on the council website. The leader has insisted that we as members of the administration will be the voice of common sense and residents will be at the front of all we do going forward, I certainly want the members to be involved earlier in the decision making process and have an opportunity to speak up for residents before cabinet and officers have made executive decisions that will be difficult if not impossible to change. On a personal note, I have been allocated a rather large number of committee seats: Health and adult care (osc), Appeals, Licensing act, Standards, Together for families (osc), Community wellbeing (osc), West sub planning (nominated chair) Plus, four sub seats along with two advocate positions and an outside body as the council rep on the Penwith Dark skies along with Charing the Penwith CAP. Busses continue to be an issue since the withdrawal of the coaster service and I have been meeting with transport for Cornwall and first bus to try and put something in place for the September bus review I am hoping that Gemma will forward some info before the meeting that I can share, this not just a Cornwall issue but a national problem that was exacerbated by the covid pandemic and numbers although up slightly last year are still way short of pre-pandemic levels. The monthly police drop-in sessions are still running at St Just Library on the first Monday of the month and issues you are having can be taken by officer's present as they also cover this area as part of the neighbourhood team' I have heard unofficially that our community chest grant has been dropped from £3000.00 per annum to £1,400 a year something we all feared but felt would probably be the case.

Cllr Shannon left

11. Planning:

PA25/03123 - Old Success Inn Sennen Cove Penzance - proposed Shepherd Hut comprising pizza kitchen with servery and bar dispense area. The application was discussed and Cllrs wished to support the local business but had concerns regarding pedestrian and vehicular access and safety on the junction. It was RESOLVED to support the application on the condition that highways have been consulted and are happy with the safety of the junction and any visibility issues.

Cllr Shannon returned

12. Public rights of way –

118/15 – The new post has not yet been received from Cormac, as soon as they are the volunteers will install.
118/6/1 FP down to Nanjizel which has an uneven surface on the bottom section of the path – unfortunately the countryside officer has not yet had the chance to visit.

Pavement weed removal – Clerk has received two quotes and will source a further one for July's meeting for discussion.

Stonechair Lane pavement weed issues –Cllr Burt and Puddiphatt will meet on site with CGS.

The hole in the pavement at Mayon has now been repaired.

- 13. Highways** – VAS – Cllrs discussed the options, and it was agreed that the priority is to ensure the cameras are maintained and working rather than collecting the data. Clerk to ask Ian Watling for a quote to maintain the three cameras.

Cllr Shannon left

14.Amenities –

Sennen beach disabled toilet emergency alarm has been damaged and needs replacing, clerk has asked the electrician for a quote.

The toilet door replacement lock has been installed.

The new gate to the rear of the toilets will be completed by the 18.06.25

Water usage – the water consumption for the toilets for Apr – June 2024 was 181.03 cubic meters, Apr – June 2025 was 126.16 cubic meters slightly down on last year for the same period.

The old notice board outside of the Spar shop will be removed by the 17.06.25

Cllr Puddiphatt has checked, and the toilets do have clear signage advising users where the bins are located.

Cllr Shannon returned

15.Newsletter – Councillors agreed to arrange a meeting to work on the newsletter.**16.Bus Service –** Land's End to St Ives coaster service. Cllr Clemens advised that there are 172 routes in Cornwall, 69 commercial and 69 contracted. The coaster service is a commercial service by First Bus and the 2025 service was modelled on 2024. There has been a decline in numbers paired with additional costs such as NI meaning the service has become unsustainable. CC and central government want to see bus services in rural parishes but unfortunately many routes are not financially viable. It is hoped central government will be introducing funding for services in rural parishes. Cllr Clemens is continuing to work with CC to look at options.**17.Land End –** It was noted that Lands end are going to look into applying to install a bus shelter at the bus stop.**18.Cemetery –** the clerk advised there had been no issues to report.**19.Clerk's report and correspondence –**

The clerk email mailbox needs additional storage at a cost of £15.00 for the year. All Councillors were in favour to request this from the email provide.

Trustee information for Sennen community centre and Sennen Cove recreational centre – clerk has been in contact with CALC and is now waiting to receive the governing documents from the charity commission so that the details can be confirmed. Once these documents are received it is likely a solicitor will need to be instructed to review or set up if any of the documents are missing. The PC insurance will also need to be checked to ensure it covers trustees.

20.Payments – It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Stevens & Nicholls plumbing and heating – Sennen toilets attend faulty hand dryer	£72.00
Sennen Surf Club – Grant for first aid training equipment	£463.00
Ian Watling Property services – parish maintenance, bench repairs and toilet lock repairs	£279.00
Crystal Clear – Sennen beach toilet cleaning – May 2025	£950.53
ICT Connect – website monthly charge	£12.00
Jodie Ellis – clerk salary	£951.29
HMRC – PAYE	£253.55
Source for Business – beach toilets water	£371.48
	£3,352.85

21.Financial report of the clerk – Approval of financial reports

To approve the financial reports and Budget monitoring reports – It was RESOLVED to approve the reports.

To approve CIL report 2024/2025 – It was RESOLVED to approve the report.

22.To discuss and approve the following policies:

Financial Regulations 2025 edition – It was RESOLVED to approve the latest edition.

Standing orders 2025 edition– It was RESOLVED to approve the latest edition.

23.Co-option – Two applications have been received from Alan Collins and John Nicholas. It was RESOLVED by vote, all in favour to co-opt both candidates. Both signed their acceptance of office.**24.Items for next month's agenda –** SNAG – to look at setting up the group details. CAP AGM 02.07.25**25.Time and date of the next meeting –** Wednesday 9th July 2025 at 7.00pm for the ordinary parish council meeting at Sennen Churchtown Hall.