

History Working Party Minutes

Minutes of Meeting on 8th July 2022 at 10.00 am in The Pattern Hall, Charlestown.

Attendees: Cllr T Reynolds (co-Chair) & Andy Trudgian, Charlestown History Group (co-Chair), Cllr Nick Foster and Sue Facey.

1. Update from Charlestown History Group.

Some light work has been continuing at the Battery and once full access to the coast path has been restored the plans for the flagpole can be pursued. Cllr Mustoe has offered some money towards this but to date the Parish Council have not been approached. The autumn will see the previously agreed tree felling go ahead as per the granted planning permission. In the spring the flagpole is scheduled to be put in place.

Planning for Charles Rashleigh's bicentenary is ongoing. His death was in March 1823 so it's an option to tie in the first raising of a flag on the newly installed flagpole near to that date or perhaps on St Piran's Day. This is still to be decided and dates will be agreed by the end of the year.

The CHG have had an active event programme recently. The High Tea event at the Galley went well and was held to a capacity crowd! New events are planned such as a Treasure Hunt around the village in September, another Quiz Night and a St Piran's Day event.

The Harbour have given their permission for the CHG to go into the Polmear mine area whenever they wish and are supportive of clearance work.

2. Charlestown Historic Trail Brochure.

A draft proposal to design an historic trail has been commissioned by a resident and produced by a professional design Company. It was felt that the proposal was too expensive to be funded by the Parish Council alone. The idea has been on the CHG's and the History Working Party's list of 'to do' items for some time without any real progression. Alternative proposals were discussed which could be produced by the group to discuss with the Parish Council. The idea will have one centrally placed Interpretation Board in the village with several sites of interest shown. These sites of interest could have QR Codes for further information. The Interpretation Board and QR codes would incur about half the cost of the historic trail work and still be a very worthwhile and informative addition to the visitor's experience. The HWP are very conscious of Lyndon Allen's Walking Tours, which has received support from the Parish Council, and would feel it's best to include him in any future discussions. The siting of the boards and the necessity for any planning permission will also need careful consideration.

It was agreed that TR would discuss our views with the resident who commissioned the brochure about our alternative view. TR will also produce some walking tour ideas for the next meeting. AT will draft some ideas for the pictorial element of the Interpretation Board for the next meeting.