



**Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Friends of Par Beach  
held on Thursday 21st September 2023  
At Gott Hall, Par Green.**

**Apologies were received from:** Gill Butler, Chris Michel and Marian Shepherd.

**Welcome** from Jenny Tagney (JT, Chair)

**Minutes of the 2022 AGM:** Nothing arising from last year's meeting.

**Chair's report:** Jenny referred those present to the overview of activities and achievements over the past year which had been prepared and sent to members via email prior to (and copies available at) the meeting.

We are now back to pre-Covid activity levels. Over the last year FoPB have been increasing ties with Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Three Bays Wildlife and Friends of Fowey Estuary. We look forward to building on these relationships in the coming year with a view to increasing our research involvement. We would like to be hoping to undertake regular species surveys once sufficient volunteers are trained, which will include flora and fauna around the dunes, wider nature reserve and shoreline. Jenny was keen to call upon known experts in our community, such as Phil Hunt, to be involved in this work.

**Treasurers Report** (Accounts provided as written copy on the night): FoPB remains solvent. We have 264 paid up members and 5200 FB followers. We held 5 successful events which brought new members, raised awareness of our beach and local nature reserve and get the local community involved. We recently received a Magic Little Grant through the partnership between local giving and postcode Local Trust. Post Code local trust is a grant giving charity funded by players of people's postcode lottery and local giving is the UK's leading membership and support network for local charities and community groups. We received £500 towards developing a nature trail and 'rubbing' posts along the dunes.

All T&T Bell invoices have been settled and the remaining funds in the T&T bank account will be held in case of any future expenses. Discussions are still ongoing with Cornwall Council regarding the installation of a new defibrillator.

**Election of Committee Officers:**

**Chair:** Jenny Tagney was nominated by Janice Hillier and seconded by Brian Harrison

**Secretary:** As no nominations had been received for this post and none at the meeting, Jenny Tagney proposed this role was included with ordinary committee members and discussed at the next committee meeting.

**Treasurer:** Janice Hillier was nominated by Jenny Tagney and seconded by Brian Harrison

**Ordinary Committee members:** Laura Hackett was nominated by Jenny Tagney and seconded by Janice Hillier

Nina Harding was nominated by Janice Hillier and seconded by Brian Harrison

Brian Harrison was nominated by Jenny Tagney and Janice Hillier

Phil Gadd was nominated by Janice Hillier and seconded by Jenny Tagney

Mike Freemantle was nominated by Jenny Tagney, seconded by Janice Hillier  
Richard Parks was nominated by Janice Hillier, seconded by Brian Harrison  
Nick Hillier was nominated by Janice Hillier, seconded by Aileen Ryder  
Simon Tagney was nominated by Nick Hillier, seconded by Brian Harrison

**Resolutions:** None

**Any Other Business:** none raised.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and participating inviting all to stay, have refreshments and then hear the presentation from Katie Belman of Cornwall Wildlife Trust about Sea Grass in St Austell Bay.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 19.25.