PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Council Offices
Station House
Station Road
Padstow
Cornwall
PL28 8DA

Kathy Pemberton
Town Clerk
Email: enquiries@padstow-tc.gov.uk
Website: www.padstow-tc.gov.uk
Tel: 01841 532296

13 May 2026

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Dear Sir/Madam

I hereby give notice that the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held in the **Padstow Community Hub, Lawns Car Park, Padstow** on **Tuesday 19 May 2026** at **6.30pm.** All Members of Council are hereby summoned to attend.

Yours faithfully

Janet Dawe

Councillor Mrs J Dawe
Chair of the Council

AGENDA
Public & Press are invited to attend

1. **Apologies:** To receive apologies for absence.

2. **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on **Tuesday 20 May 2025.** p1-11

3. **Mayor's Report:** To receive Mayor's report for 2025/2026.

4. **Cornwall Councillor's Report:** To receive an update from Cornwall Councillor O'Keefe and receive any questions.

5. **Devon and Cornwall Police Report**: To receive report from Devon and Cornwall Police.

6. **Open Forum:** To receive and respond, as appropriate, to any questions.

Agenda Item 2).

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 20 May 2025 commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Hub, Lawns Car Park, Padstow

Present: Padstow Town Council (PTC): Councillor Mrs J Dawe (Chair of the Council and Town Mayoress), R Higman (Vice-Chairman), G Chapman, Mrs J Colwill, P Curgenven, K Freeman, A Hoskin, J O'Keefe (part), A Rees and M Rickard

In attendance: 10 members of the public
Councillor J O'Keefe: Cornwall Council (part)
PC Williams: Devon and Cornwall Police (part)
Mrs K Pemberton: Town Clerk, PTC
Mrs S Daly: Assistant Town Clerk/Assistant RFO, PTC

1 **Apologies**: None.

2 **The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting** held on Tuesday 14 May 2024 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

3 **Mayoress' Report**: The Mayoress opened the meeting by welcoming all to the meeting including Councillor O'Keefe, congratulating him on his successful election as a Cornwall Councillor.

Councillor Mrs Dawe provided an update on matters of interest from the past year outlining that it had been both a rewarding and challenging year. Matters of interest included community events, community grants, refurbishment of the Community Hub as well as interest from organisations to use the same and various improvement and maintenance works which took place.

Plans were taking place for the 2025 Community Fun Day (Saturday 20 September) as well as a Summer Holiday Programme. Cllr Mrs Dawe referred to an information leaflet which had further details of these events (copy of Mayoress' report attached).

PC Williams arrived at the meeting.

4 **Cornwall Councillor Report:** Cornwall Councillor (CC) James O'Keefe began by saying that he had only been in post for 3 weeks, most of this time being dedicated to training. He confirmed that the Liberal Democrats and Independents had formed a coalition. Liberal Democrats had been appointed as Council Leader and Chair of the Council, with an Independent appointed as Vice-Chair of the Council. Reform Councillors had abstained from voting and not spoken at the meeting.

Councillor O'Keefe advised that considerations were now being made to Committee appointments. He had put himself forward for Planning East, Licensing and Environment Scrutiny which included housing and rural bus and transport issues. He was looking

forward to representing all who had voted for him and being the voice for Padstow and the surrounding area.

5. **Devon and Cornwall Police Report**: Councillor Mrs Dawe welcomed PC Williams who was the Beat Manager for Bodmin.

PC Williams advised he was one of 5 Beat Managers. He referred to the Police's annual report (copy attached) outlining that there were no real spikes in crime and that Padstow was a safe town to live. He advised that most issues were public order offences and that whilst several offences were reports these were largely attributed to one individual. Crime figures were down by 0.8%.

Questions from the floor:

i) The Town Clerk advised that a member of the public had contacted the Council Office today to raise concern with suspected drug dealing taking place in public spaces in Padstow (Wheal Jubilee Parc and Link Road Car Park referred to). The member of public was advised to contact the police directly on this issue. The Town Clerk requested that the local police team patrol these areas more regularly.

PC Williams advised that if a member of public sees this taking place, then this is a "crime in progress" and therefore they should call 999. He also outlined other methods of contacting the police for non-urgent issues, which were included in the leaflets provided at the meeting. These were emailing the local Neighbourhood Team or calling 101.

He further advised of the Neighbourhood Support Team who will "blitz" an area, problem solving matters such as anti-social behaviour or drug dealing.

ii) Comment was made that the police knew who local drug dealers are but don't do anything about it. PC Williams advised that he welcomed any information on specific matters to look at. He did advise that local policing was "thin on the ground" but there was a police response team 24/7 and that the police welcomed any intelligence on issues of concern.

6 **Open Forum**: Questions received from the floor:

i) Concern raised with number of weeds on pavements and litter around Padstow and that further out of the main town is forgotten about. The member of public commenting that he had "not seen Padstow look so dirty". Cornwall Councillor O'Keefe advised that he would escalate the matter and find out who best to take this forward.

ii) Members of the public raised concern with Cornwall Council closing Link Road Public Toilets. Padstow Social Club representatives advised they were "inundated" with people

wishing to use their facilities, it would get worse as it "wasn't even the summer holidays yet". They advised that they had a paper and online petition for Cornwall Council. They further outlined, whilst there were free toilets in the town provided by PTC it wasn't right or fair to the elderly or people with young children who desperately needed to use the toilets after having a long journey, that Cornwall Council did not provide a toilet facility on its car park. Questions were raised as to what Cornwall Council could do to keep them open, suggested charging for their use.

The Town Clerk added that Cormwall Council did fund these facilities via its car park income and asked if this could be revisited, particularly as it's in a busy tourism location and a busy/well used Cornwall Council Link Road public car park.

Cornwall Councillor O'Keefe advised that he had already submitted a report on this matter and would be attending a meeting to "fight the case" he did say however that Cornwall Council were getting rid of a number of their assets.

iii) A member of public advised that 3 years ago he contacted Cornwall Council to improve road markings/layout at the bottom of Station Road. He considered that people not from the area drive straight into the car park unaware of the oncoming traffic and route into town. Both Councillor Mrs Dawe and Cornwall Councillor O'Keefe advised this had been raised with Cornwall Council but would be raised further during the ongoing conversations with regards to the Railway Car Park bus stop.

iv) Concerns over safety and crime were expressed with the streetlights turning off at 12 am. PC Williams advised that he had not seen a spike in crime. Cornwall Councillor O'Keefe advised this wasn't something which Cornwall Council were looking to review or change.

Cornwall Councillor O'Keefe left the meeting at 7.05 pm.

v) Concern raised at the number of vehicles parked on the roadway at Harlyn Bay on the yellow lines, instead of in the car park. She considered the issue was worse since the car park was now charging and will only get worse. It caused access issues, particularly with buses. It was confirmed that Cornwall Council were the enforcement authority, PTC had raised this issue before and could raise again. PC Williams also mentioned that if a vehicle was considered an obstruction, then police could intervene. The member of public added that a "purge" by enforcement officers was needed to get the message across loud and clear that you cannot park on the double yellow lines.

vi) Comment was made at the mess of one of the allotments, with the dandelion seeds blowing into their garden. The Town Clerk advised that this matter was being addressed by the Town Council with the allotment holder.

vii) A member of public queried what was an appropriate time for the Town Council to respond to a query. She had raised an issue last July about the size of allotments and potential to split them but had not received a response. The Town Clerk advised that her email must have been overlooked, and she apologised for not being responded too. However, the issue she refers to was looked at by the relevant Committee who agreed that when larger plots were surrendered, they would be reviewed as to the potential to split them into smaller plots. The Town Clerk also asked the member of the public if she had expressed an interest in being placed on the Allotment Waiting List, and if so to provide her contact details at the end of the meeting.

viii) A member of public expressed his thanks to Padstow Town Council for the work that they do.

ix) St Petroc Church representative expressed thanks to Padstow Town Council and their workers for keeping the Churchyard clean and tidy. They were also very grateful for the Churchyard tree management plan and tree works.

Councillor Mrs J Dawe closed the meeting, thanking all for attending.

Meeting closed at 7.13 pm

minute reference 3.

Annual Parish Meeting – 20 May 2025

Mayor's update.

I would like to welcome you all to the Annual Parish Meeting of Padstow Town Council. I have recently been elected a Chair/Mayor of Padstow Town Council. I am appreciative of my fellow councillors for putting their trust in me, which is very much an honour and a privilege. Cllr Richard Higman was duly elected Vice -Chair and Deputy Mayor.

As you will know, both Parish and Town Council and Cornwall Council elections took place on 1st May. Padstow Town Council was uncontested, with familiar faces seeking re-election, along with one new Councillor, Cllr David Eddy, who was welcomed at our first meeting last week. Former Councillors Mrs Teri Walter and Charlie Watson Smyth did not stand for election between them having a combined 60 years of service to our community and the Town Council. Council expressed its thanks to them at our meeting in April.

I would like to congratulate Councillor O'Keefe who is not only a Town Councillor but was also successful in the Cornwall Council election for Cornwall Councillor for Padstow. I know that Cllr O'Keefe has the best interests for our community and wish him the very best in his new Cornwall Councillor role. Thanks were expressed to the outgoing Cornwall Councillor Stephen Rushworth on behalf of our community and Council at the last meeting he attended.

I'd also like to express thanks to all our Council staff for the work they carry out on behalf of our community and the support they offer to the Town Councillors.

2024 was both a rewarding and challenging year. Probably the most challenging was the bus issue. As a Council, despite coming under fire from all areas, we never once lost sight of what is important to our community. However, as a Town Council we are not responsible for the operation of bus services or their infrastructure. We were pleased that through the determination of Padstow Town Council that we are working proactively with Cornwall Council and Go Cornwall for our community.

We are currently working on plans to relocate the bus stop to the opposite side of the current space (to the current staff and visitor parking area). As a Council we have agreed to pay for these works which will include the new bus stop area

and shelter, the removal of the current bus stop shelter and infrastructure and relining works which will include relocation of the staff and visitor parking area.

These works will see an annual loss of approximately £10,000 to our car park income, and we are currently waiting on further information to ascertain the full cost of these works. Once we are further ahead with these plans, we will of course keep you updated.

Cornwall Council will be providing professional advice in drawing up plans, agreements and any planning matters. We hope this displays our commitment to our community in this regard whilst being mindful of health and safety. We still consider Cornwall Council need to do more to the infrastructure of Padstow to both sustain and improve bus services and are happy to engage with them further on this issue.

I hope that you have all had an opportunity to look around the Community Hub this evening, seeing the newly refurbished meeting spaces which Padstow Town Council will continue to offer free of charge to any organisations or group that is of benefit to our community. We continue to support the Food Bank and Man Down and with the additional spaces have already had interest from our Local Police Team with regards to regular drop-ins for residents to raise concerns, seek advice and meet their local policing team. The NHS Vaccination Team has also been in touch to book a vaccination drop-in clinic on 4th June 2025. More details will be available once this has been confirmed. We are also hopeful that the Department for Work and Pensions will be able to provide services in our community, presently the nearest office is in Bodmin. Our Community Hub will be offered free of charge for them to meet their clients, aswell as a Work Coach and Employment Advisor.

We hope that you took the opportunity to enjoy the Fun Day held in September last year which was a free to all event hosted by Padstow Town Council. We were blessed with fantastic weather and the feedback we received was very positive and appreciative. Planning is underway for the 2025 Community Fun Day and this will take place on Saturday 20th September from 12pm until 4pm. More details will be shared on what to expect soon. We were also pleased with the amateur photo competition and will be running another this year with the subject being "Heritage and History", more details to follow soon. (Last year's winning photos are displayed here?)

Last summer, we also hosted an outdoor cinema event and provided the street safari's for both the summer and Christmas holidays, which proved to be very popular.

In the last 12 months we have undertaken improvements and maintenance works which have included:

- Community Hub reconfiguration and refurbishment
- Refurbishment of the War Memorial – cleaning and re-lettering
- Trevone Beach (Empty purse side) New Handrail and rebuild of Cornish stone walling
- In the Plantation, the old compost heaps have been removed and placement of a newly fenced section
- South Quay slipway fencing and gateway
- Camel Road improvements: resurfacing works, installation of cycle racks and signage (the latter to be put in place soon)
- Phase 1 of the Churchyard Yew Tree Management Plan

We have also enjoyed providing community support which has included:

Free of charge use of Council land for various community events, such as the Padstow Carnival, Sea Cadets Anniversary Parade, Lobster Lollipop and the Padstow to Rock swim.

Working with Padstow British Legion by providing health and safety support for the Remembrance Day Parade and the organisation of and cost for the road closures.

Also, in support of our community we awarded a total of £34,373 in community grants to local organisations benefitting the parish residents for 2024/25 and in this year 2025/26 £35,000 was awarded.

As a Council we were very pleased to work with Cornwall Council's Strategic Historic Environment Team. Going back to 2022 when human bones were found by the coast path at Trevone (Newtrain Bay), we were interested to learn that amongst other identifying factors such as determining the bones were that of a male in his mid-thirties, and the possible area or areas of the UK where he may have lived, the bones showed evidence of pronounced features which indicated well developed upper body muscle mass, linked to a life carrying out hard manual labour and teeth found showed marks where something had been pulled across them, maybe nets or ropes, which would all fit the pattern you may find

on a sailor. Whilst nobody knows who he is, he has been fondly referred to as 'Cliff' and we were only too happy to provide his final resting place in Padstow Cemetery. His burial was attended by Cllrs Higman, O'Keefe and Dawe.

As a Town Council, we are consultee for planning applications in our Parish. Between April 2024 and March 2025, we considered 63 applications and responded to 7 five-day protocols.

This year we will continue with our community role and support, as well as focusing on the bus stop improvements in the Railway Car Park, we will also be reviewing our cemetery spaces and what we can do to protect this going forward. We will also continue with areas of improvement and maintenance, one of which being the area in and around the White Shelter. (The Marks Shelter).

The Council has also been working with LJD Coaching to deliver a summer programme this year. Full details are to be confirmed however, we are looking to provide 6 sessions in total during the main summer holidays. Padstow Town Council will be subsidising £17 for each placement (Parish residents only) up to a maximum of 50 places per session, this will include a light breakfast as well as activities, all of which will be delivered via the Community Hub and MUGA. LJD Coaching has put in a request to register thee with the Time 2 Move Programme to be able to offer free sessions to children who are eligible for Free School Meals. We hope to hear further on this next month and will keep you updated.

Finally, I'd like to thank you all for your attendance and draw your attention to the information flyers available.

Minute reference 5

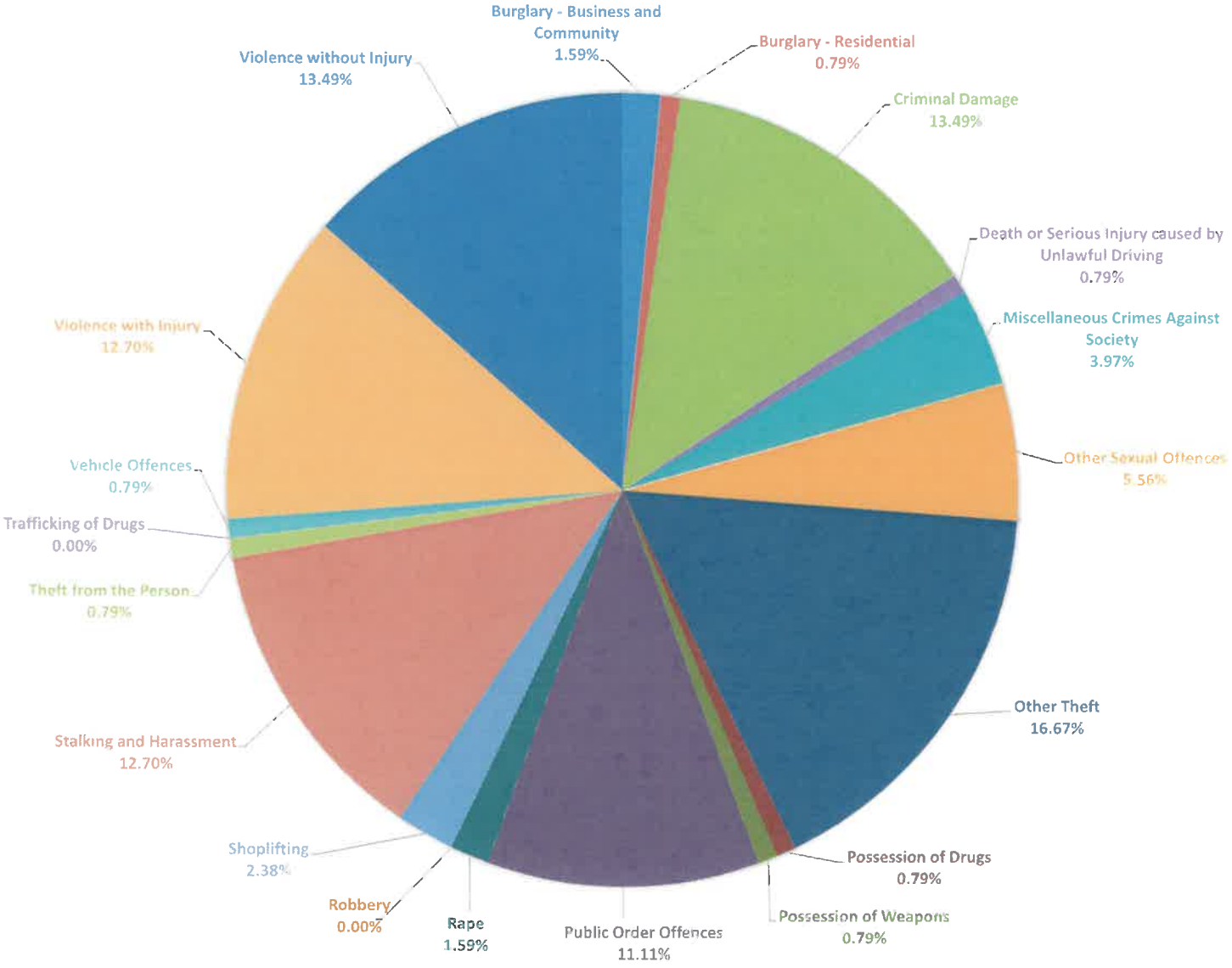
PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
20 MAY 2025

REPORT RECEIVED FROM DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE, NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

Contents:

- Padstow Parish Statistics: May 2025 - April 2025 and May 2023 – April 2024
- Pie Chart of offences: May 2024 – April 2025

Padstow	May 2024 to April 2025	May 2023 to April 2024	% Change
Totals	126	127	-0.8%
Burglary - Business and Community	2	0	Increase
Burglary - Residential	1	3	-66.7%
Criminal Damage	17	15	13.3%
Death or Serious Injury caused by Unlawful Driving	1	0	Increase
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	5	1	400.0%
Other Sexual Offences	7	4	75.0%
Other Theft	21	16	31.3%
Possession of Drugs	1	2	-50.0%
Possession of Weapons	1	1	0.0%
Public Order Offences	14	5	180.0%
Rape	2	1	100.0%
Robbery	0	1	-100.0%
Shoplifting	3	9	-66.7%
Stalking and Harassment	16	16	0.0%
Theft from the Person	1	0	Increase
Trafficking of Drugs	0	1	-100.0%
Vehicle Offences	1	3	-66.7%
Violence with Injury	16	32	-50.0%
Violence without Injury	17	17	0.0%

Increase in RED No Change in BROWN Decrease in GREEN

MAY 2024 TO APRIL 2025