



Cornwall Archaeological Society

Area Representatives' Group

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday 15th October 2016

1. **Welcome** and all-round introductions; new members and visitors welcomed.
Apologies/not present: KS, R Hoskins, R Heard, PO, JP.
2. **The Minutes** of the meeting on 19th March were approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** password to Members' section of CAS website; progress with schools, including event for teachers (IR); Talks Evenings, three speakers sufficient (NJ).
4. **Oral reports:**
 - BO on Daniel Gumb, Trelaske House, a cross (SM), and a sundial set up by Daniel Gumb, with related paperwork surviving.
 - SJ on neglected earthworks and Roseland 'castles'. A neglected leaf pictured.
 - VJ on a cross base at Lanhadron, now uncovered, with inscription.
 - SE on concern about the future of the museum collection at Poldowrian. NJ said that the RCM could only take it on if given ownership. Anna Tyacke the person to approach.
 - AL on Mayon Brew Cross at Sennen; found 1973, in centre of field and twice knocked over, needs a steel pin. Also crosses on A30 isolated by works at Temple, and now overgrown. Also a medieval Culverhouse at Towednack.
 - DR on Listed William White house at St Columb (former Rectory?) moated and neglected; CC failed to secure action, Cornwall Buildings Group concerned.
 - ET on security of former ROC bunker at Hangman Barrow.
 - SH on submerged forest important re-appearance at Mawgan Porth.
 - NJ on a stone lying in grass N of Hurlers, visible on Google Earth, showing drill marks possibly for gunpowder (fireworks?)
5. **Monument Watch Report (ET).**

The database now up to date, thanks to assistant Hannah. ARs had contributed c.500 monitoring reports to May 2016. Distinction maintained between monitoring and new sites reports. Apparently only in Lincolnshire was there a comparable county-wide system for MW. NJ commented on the relative success of wildlife enthusiasts at securing large turnouts for special occasions; might we (CAS) seek to emulate by declaring a planned outing to visit a single highlighted class of monument, all on the same day?

6. **The CAS website.**

SJ introduced the Monument of the Month proposal, by which all ARs in ABC order would be asked to supply a picture and a short (max 250 words) text to appear prominently on the website. It was agreed that this would draw greater attention to the importance of MW among CAS members. PC to send out list with details of how to submit the monthly contributions.

It was agreed to accept RS' s offer to edit a monthly account of AR activities for the website, and a digest for each Newsletter. **(Success in this will greatly depend on ARs remembering to let Roger know what they have been doing!)**

7. **Training Day and Monument Category for 2017**

It was agreed that Medieval should be the category, offering wide scope - crosses, bridges, stonework, castles, etc . As for Training, this should be arranged early in the year, with a suggested date or dates by Christmas, to be circulated very early in the New Year. (Action by AP-J and ET)

8. This item (report on 2016 Training Day) had to be left out. IR will be giving his report at both of the Members' Talks Evenings, at Truro and at Liskeard.

9. **Date of next meeting.**

March 25th was agreed, but the Conference Centre proved not to be available on that day, so Saturday April 1st 2017 is to be the date instead.

10. **Colette Beckham, Partnership Manager, Cornwall AONB**, supported by Richard Hardy, Development Officer, talked about the scope, objectives and plans of the AONB. (These can be seen at www.cornwallaonb.org.uk/management-plan). She described plans for 'scrub-busting' with the help of student volunteers, and recognised that ARs would have invaluable knowledge about SMs and other sites which might merit attention by carefully-supervised volunteers. PC will circulate a list of parishes which fall within the scattered area of the AONB.

Colette and Richard were warmly thanked for their attendance and contribution.

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