



Cornwall Archaeological Society

Area Representatives' Group

Minutes of meeting held on Saturday 19th March 2016

1. **Apologies** were received from KS, SH, SE. Jennie Hancock, Fran Deacon, Brian Oldham, Veronica Summers and Richard Hoskin were welcomed as visitors.
2. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 10th October 2015 were approved.
3. **Arising from the Minutes:** Item 6; DR reported that a Heritage Kernow Board was to be formed to give structure to the HK Forum. CAS was to be represented on the Board by NJ. Item 7; CITIZAN action was expected this summer, said ET.
4. **Access to Archaeological Information:** in an extremely wide-ranging talk NJ illustrated just how much was now available on line, from the actual resources applied to the creation of the Development Plan for his village of Feock. He showed us maps carrying a wide variety of topographical and historical information, all accessed through Cornwall Council mapping sites.
5. **The New CAS Website:** NJ explained that the Webmaster, Millie Holman, must receive material from all those responsible for the Society' various activities. The Members' Password had been sent out with the recent NL, and would be changed annually. Minnie had established a Facebook page, and would act as gateway for those not having Facebook accounts.
6. **HER and Heritage At Risk listing:** ET reported that a smartphone app was in preparation; once achieved this would greatly ease the business of direct reporting to the HER. She was in great hopes of being given an employed assistant, whose immediate task would be to engage with the great backlog of reports. Meanwhile she was welcoming all reports and dealing with them in order of significance. She also mentioned the 2017 possibility of an HLF-funded Buildings At Risk survey in St Austell. DS reported that the Launceston U3A had undertaken a Buildings Study.
7. **Work with schoolchildren:** IR suggested technology as a way to interest young people in archaeology. The available online mapping systems were

an obvious example. No school in Cornwall could be far from a monument or site. Discussion followed, with examples quoted. Much depended on funding, especially for any school travel.

8. **Talks Evenings, 2017:** it was reported that the Trustees had agreed to the Members' and the Area Reps' Evenings being combined, with either completely distinct, or identical, programmes with three elements to be offered in Truro and Liskeard.

9. **Kresen Kernow Volunteers:** IR explained that all those working on MW could be worth money to the KK Project during the grant period - £40 per report or £150 for a day's work. Every report sent in could be credited. Enrolment forms were circulated for completion by all present.

10. **The Year of the Barrow:** NJ proposed that the MW concerns of the Society could be grouped, as perhaps into Cairns, Megalithic Monuments, Prehistoric Settlements, Medieval Monuments and Barrows. One category could be the special focus of the year, and he suggested Barrows for 2016. A Barrows Training Day, to be directed by Andy Jones, had been arranged for July 23rd. Enrolment was invited, and the immediate response was warmly supportive, with nearly all present indicating interest. The obvious conclusion was that everyone should be sent details of the Training Day, as soon as these were available.

11. **Highlights around the table:** PN on surveying in the grounds of Pencarrow, with a training event possible. DG reported concern about pony damage at Treryn-dinas near Porthcurnow. RH had concerns about some barrows, with ploughing, forestry and obstructive owners. DR mentioned stones of interest in Lostwithiel churchyard. ET had sixteen new reports of church graffiti, and a training day was planned at Mylor in early May (details on the CAS website). She also said that the Cornwall Gardens Trust was trying to revive garden recording across Cornwall. AP-J mentioned that repairs had been carried out to the waterwheel at Tregargas near St Stephen. IR referred to Dexter cattle being used to keep down bracken on the former Caradon and Moorswater railway. AL reported repairs at St Buryan, where an 11th century gravestone was in use as a step; also a cross knocked down at St Endellion, which it was hoped to repair. Brian Oldham mentioned an old Looe Canal sign on private ground which surely should be cared for. (E&OE)

12. **Date of next meeting:** this was agreed as Saturday 15th October 2016.

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