

Public meeting of Menheniot Parish Council was held at The Old School Menheniot at 19.00 on Thursday 19th February 2026

Councillors present

Cllr Adrian Cole, Chair, Cllr Steve Roberts, Vice Chair, Cllr's Pat Cade, Peter Luck, Eve Easterbrook, Keith Goldsmith, Jerry Tucker, Elliot Harrison.

In attendance

6 members of the public

Minutes taken by Cllr Steve Roberts

101/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Sean Smith.

102/25 Members declaration of interest

None

103/25 Chair's welcome and opening remarks

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting noting that Cllr Harrison's documentation had been sent to the Monitoring Officer.

104/25 Public Participation

Noted that Will Sneyd was invited as requested but not in attendance.

Emma Grange presented a proposal for a project involving the community to create wooden poppies to be placed on the entrance to the village. Cllr Luck suggested that as similar has been developed over the years in Merrymeet that Emma make contact with the Residents Association. Need to liaise with grounds contractor so they are aware. Principle of a grant circa £100 to fund the project proposed and agreed

Proposed Cllr Goldsmith **Seconded** Cllr Easterbrook Agreed.

Janice Turner presented two matters;

1 A response from her FOI request seeking the number of reports of Drug use have the Police had in Playing Field area of Menheniot Liskeard in the past 15 years. The reply was nil. It was explained this was in support of the retention of the existing tree area adjacent to the MUGA.

2 Requested update on issue raised last May. The Chair confirmed that no bye law to enforce the dogs must be kept on leads signs in the Playing field. The actions adopted from the community consultation include improved signage and seeking the creation of a separate dog exercise area in the Parish. PCSO Edser reminded that there is support and advice available from the Dog Warden. Information to be forwarded to MPC and publicity given to the issue.

PCSO Steve Edser reported the latest reported crimes in the Parish ; 1 Harrasment, 1 theft, 1vehicle interference. An additional investigation in progress of theft of parcels.

There is a spate of increased shop lifting in Liskeard.

Speeding in Menheniot averaging 19-24 mph which is a positive trend. The CSW team was congratulated on the impact they make.

The application for parking restrictions by the school and elsewhere to Cornwall is progressing. It is suggested that the Neighbourhood team is emailed if there are serious parking issues. Cllr Roberts to co ordinate contact.

105/25 Minutes of meeting

Confirmation of minutes from 20th November 2025.

Proposed Cllr Roberts **Seconded** Cllr Luck All agreed

Finance.

This item was brought forward to allow the applicant to present.

107/25 B Small Grants

Emma Grange presented an application from the Nursery School for a grant of £54 to purchase and lay additional gravel to the area of the green by the Old School to avoid slip hazard in icy conditions.

Proposed Cllr Tucker **Seconded** Cllr Goldsmith All agreed

106/25 Planning

A PA26/00762 Listed Building Consent for roof replacement, window repairs and rendering Ten creek Farm Plymouth Rd Liskeard

Councillors having considered the application agreed to support the proposal.

Proposed Cllr Tucker **Seconded** Cllr Easterbrook All agreed

PA26/00810 Non Material amendment Torr Farm Menheniot Liskeard

Councillors having considered the application agreed to support the proposal

Proposed Cllr Easterbrook **Seconded** Cllr Tucker All agreed

B The following applications were notified after the agenda was published.

PA26/00860 Construction of agricultural machinery store Crossways Menheniot Liskeard PL14 3RF

PA25/09495 Subdivision and conversion of building to create two dwellings and new vehicular access Methodist Church East Rd Menheniot.

Councillors agreed these would be referred to the Working Group to recommend.

PA25/08664 Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed extension to existing Dormer.

Councillors having considered the application agreed to support the application however would request that the Menheniot Design Guide is followed as regards both in design of the extended dormer to be in keeping and the choice of materials.

C PA25/08343 Discharge of condition 13 under PA22/03642 Noted.

As a general comment the Chair reminded Cllrs that it was noted that work was due to commence on the drive throughs, builders merchants and the commercial units. The development to the east of the hybrid application site remains as outline approval including the creation of the access from Roseland.

107/25 A Finance

B Accounts Payable

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
05/02/26	Kayleigh Newbould	Salary	£244.25
05/02/26	HMRC	PAYE	£61.00
19/02/26	Menheniot Playgroup	Small Grant	£54.00
		TOTAL	£359.25

Proposed Cllr Easterbrook **Seconded** Cllr Tucker All Agreed

108/25 Chairs Report

A Clerk /RFO Recruitment

Advised that Cllrs Cole and Roberts continue to cover the role. Advertisement placed on CALC website closes 27/2/26. Interviews planned following week. CALC have been advised and are supportive of actions being taken.

B

That Charity Commission advice confirmed that in respect of the Playing Field Charity all Cllrs should be named as Trustees with one named contact. Proposed that this is amended.

Proposed Cllr Cole **Seconded** Cllr Roberts All agreed

C

Cllr Roberts confirmed that revised Face book pages had been launched but despite publicity it was reported as being a possible scam and therefore were not allowed to remain. This is being remedied.

Attention was drawn to the articles in the Parish Magazine which it is hoped can be increased with support of Cllrs. As part of greater community involvement a Volunteer Group is to be formed to bring together many strands of support. The group will help support the Parish Council in its work eg Emergency Planning(plan to be reviewed including support from volunteers) , input to working groups, **and** the community eg Neighbourhood watch, community transport, etc.

Other elements of profile raising intended, “ghost” presence at Cherry Fayre, checking that name of Clerk correct on references by other organisations. Cllrs to advise Cllr Roberts of amendments.

D

The proposed ToR for the Community Development Project Group were circulated and accepted by all. The opportunity for individuals and groups to be involved will be publicised.

The proposed Merrymeet CIC was discussed and Rob Diamond MPGRA gave an outline of the land proposal and the business plan including articles of association and the request for the Parish Council to be shown as recipient in the Asset Lock provisions.

Proposed Cllr Cole **Seconded** Cllr Roberts All agreed

The main components of the proposal of land hub building, off lead dog area, allotments were noted.

The proposed Menheniot playing field proposal would focus on improvements to children’s play area and the walking path.

An overall concept plan was needed for both elements.

It is proposed that an expression of interest is prepared and submitted by MPC to the Cornwall Council CIL Community Grant Fund. It will include the commitment to support the project financially from reserves as indicated in the budget papers. Agreement is needed to proceed.

Proposed Cllr Luck **Seconded** Cllr Harrison All agreed

As part of this project delivery, it was proposed to subscribe to a Grant Directory. Suggested were noted on possible sources of funding from PCSO Edser (PCC fund) and Cllr Goldsmith .

E Litter Bins

This item was deferred

F Public Realm Improvements

The report was accepted and it was agreed to send POs to Weldspray and LG Surfacing Solutions for the work

Proposed Cllr Cole **Seconded** Cllr Luck All agreed

109/25 Councillor Vacancy

Awaiting confirmation from CCC to proceed to advertise for co option.

110/25 Actions agreed

Following the item re buses last meeting Chair has agreed to wait until after the public meeting being arranged for 5/3/26 to see how the PC can best support the campaign before reporting back to full council. In the meantime Cllr Luck agreed to follow up Tilley’s Bus Service in Bude. All Cllrs asked to think about the issue and to attend meeting on the 5th March so we can respond.

111/15 Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

ACTIONS:

PERSON	SUBJECT	DEADLINE
SR	Contact DCP Neighbourhood Team re parking issues around school entrance/junctions.	Update next meeting
ALL	Offer suggested inout on behalf of MPC for the Church Magazine.	15th of each month
SR	Prepare presentation to Councillors for the prospect of Menheniot Parish Volunteer Group	Update next meeting
FGP WG (AC/SR/EE)	Review applications received for the Clerk’s position, and proceed to interview after closing date (27/02/26)	Update next meeting

AC	Proceed with amendment of Trustees for East Road Recreation Ground.	Update next meeting
SR	Liase with FB and progress MPC presence	20/02/2026
EE/PC	Set up and approve February payments	Month end
AC/SR	Advertise TOR for Community Development Project Group on Noticeboards and Social Media.	28/02/26
AC	Prepare and submit EOI to CCC CIL Fund	22/06/26
SR	Purchase Grant Funding Directory 2026/27	Update next meeting
SR	Follow up funding sources suggested by KG/Steve Edser	Update next meeting
AC	Issue PO's to Weldsray and LG Surfacing Solutions	27/06/26
PL	Contact Tilley's Bus Services. Bude	Update after Public Meeting
ALL	Maximise MPC attendance at Public Transport Metting	05/03/2026