

'Meet the Candidates' event held Tuesday 27th November 2012 at Hall for Gwinear

St Erth and Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council jointly agreed to hold a special public event whereby its Parishioners could meet and ask questions of the 7 candidates standing in the Election for the Gwinear-Gwithian & St Erth Electoral Division.

Each candidate was given the opportunity to tell the public why they deserve your vote.

Michael Roberts – Independent

Michael Roberts said advised that he had been a Parish Councillor for Gwinear-Gwithian for 10 years. He had spent the past 11 years involved in building the Hall for Gwinear. He moved to Cornwall in 200 and has been actively involved in the community including being a very active member of the Parish Council. The projects he is involved in on the Council are a traffic working group in Carnhell Green, a Towans project to preserve the character of the area in the form of a Neighbourhood Development Order which will help the community to ensure they have the say on development in certain areas, a Towans Ranger initiative which has only just started building momentum but does form part of the Parish Plan. He stated he is also involved in the renovation project for Reawla Park and helped organise a consultation event and is looking to form a group made up of local people to take the project forward. He is also a member of the Wall Hall committee. He said he likes to be involved in the community and always starts by talking to local residents as he feels he would need the support of them to move any project forward. He said his strengths would be taking local issues forward as he has dealt with so many first hand.

Anthony Lionel Pascoe (known as Lionel) – Conservative

Lionel Pascoe said that he was born in Gwinear Parish and lived in Fraddam which was on the border of the two Parishes. He said that he had 20 years experience on the Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council and was currently the Vice-Chairman. He said that he had served as a District Councillor for Penwith for 4 years and was instrumental in his time a District Councillor in getting a housing development in Connor Downs which was not wanted by the local community overturned. He said that the officers at Penwith had wanted to approve the application and between Ray Tovey and himself they had fought at Committee level for the application to be refused. He advised that when the application went to appeal he had spoken up on behalf of the residents and won and the refusal was upheld. He said that he felt there was far too much development happening within the Parishes and far more consideration was needed towards the Schools and infrastructure before more development should take place.

John Gillingham – Mebyon Kernow

John Gillingham said that he was standing against any cuts particularly in rural areas where he believed this was particularly damaging. He said that as he grew up in the Countryside he knew how vital a service public transport is. He stated that is he was elected he would hold the position as a full time job and wanted to represent you the people and Cornwall as a whole well and wanted those on the outside world looking on Cornwall to see this. He said that he had found it difficult getting full time employment and being able to afford to buy a house and felt that these were issues that needed to be addressed in this area. He said that any housing built needed to be for the community and not just for short term gain. He said that he felt the natural environment was very

important to us and wanted to protect Cornwall from overdevelopment. He said that he wanted fair wages and the idea of the proposed local wage in a place like Cornwall would be wrong as wages are already low generally and the cost of living in this area is high compared to places such as London. He said that he felt the funding received by Cornwall was disproportionate to larger areas such as London for vital facilities such as hospitals and schools and these were all issues he wanted to stand for to change.

Sheila Furneaux – Independent

Sheila Furneaux said that she had moved to Cornwall in 1983 and had two children; she said that she had been involved with the work of Parish Councils for the last 30 years. She said that as she had not been involved at County level in the past she felt that she would bring fresh ideas to the Council. She said that as she was independent she was here to represent the people not a party. She said that had been the Chair of a local animal charity group and the residents group at St Erth, she had been an organiser for the shoe box appeal and the teacher at a local Sunday school. She said that she was currently employed as a dental nurse but would give up this position if elected as she felt this was a full time job and would need her full attention.

Derek Elliott – Independent

Derek Elliott said that he had been a member of the Trelawney Alliance for 5 years and was currently the Vice-Chairman. He said that he had been supporting local groups speak out against the mass housing. He said that he marched in 2009 through Camborne for the Alliance, alongside George Eustice although he felt that his views had since changed on mass housing but his views would not change. He said that he was involved in heritage works on Holman's and helped fight against the closure and sale of the Treva Toddler Stop building in Camborne. He said that he had worked closely with Treleigh School in Redruth to reduce the speed limit outside and managed to put enough pressure on Highways to have this changed. He said that he was part of a Hayle pressure group which worked with ING to ensure the numbers of housing going in to the development there were not high and negotiated the heights of those houses also. He said that he had spoken at County Hall many times supporting various communities. He said that he had worked with the community at Angarrack and spoke out against the Asda proposed for Hayle at the Rugby Club mainly because there were no plans for the local community or the youth, they just had not thought about this in their plans and this is why he fought against this proposal and won. He said that he wrote many letters to the local press probably around 40 a year. He said that he supported the NHS particularly on the local wage issue and felt that there was a level of poor management within that needed addressing. He said that he had concerns about the EU, the closure of Post Offices and felt there needed to be more support for the youth and the elderly. He said that he was a keen sportsman particularly in bowls and felt he got his drive and enthusiasm from this. He felt that he need to fight for the truth and that the public's views were the ones that counted. He said that he had negotiated in his job at senior levels and been on various boards and chaired meetings and this would help in this job.

Yvonne Bates – Liberal Democrats

Yvonne Bates said that you may have seen her loitering outside the co-op with her RNLI collection tin, she said that her parents and grandparents had always been involved in local councils and her grandfather had fought to save a library where she originates from and the library was still going strong. She said that

she had worked in retail and for the Department of Employment as well as Cornwall Council and Trading Standards. She said that she had worked in West Cornwall as a network supplier looking at the continuous improvement of Cornwall. She said that she had spent the last 10 years working in the NHS Trust buying goods. She said that she is now retired but still does voluntary work and is a trained advisor for Citizens Advice. She said she works for CA two half days a week as well as visiting St Michaels to make coffee regularly. She said she helped organise the Songs of Praise events and has worked with the RNLI for many years. She said she is in 3 Cornish choirs and regularly likes to walk the costal path at Godrevy. She said she had worked with various charities, one of which helped bring music to under privileged children. She said that she had worked as a temp in Finance at Cornwall Council and the One Stop Shop in Falmouth. She said that she felt Cornwall Council should not be selling off libraries and One Stop Shops and these must be protected. She said that she did not see a need to put car park charges up and this had been detrimental to the trade of local businesses at Gwithian Towans. She said that she wanted to know why CC had granted permission for the Heliport at St Erth. She said that she felt CC waste far too much money on consultants and luxury cars whilst trying to take away free bus services for the elderly. She said that the waste contract caused chaos and she was still waiting for her recycling containers and she felt this meant that everyone was paying for services that were not being delivered. She said that she had spoken to residents in Reawla and they wanted safe outdoor areas, they wanted to know why the skate ramp had been taken away. They said that they wanted off street parking and not trees planted on the bank. She said that there were problems in St Erth with parking that needed to be addressed. She said that her husband had died in 2007 and she did not have any children so she had plenty of time to do the job.

Malcolm Hurst – Labour

Malcolm Hurst apologised for being late, he had been held up as there had been a very serious accident in the village of Carnhell Green and this has delayed him. He said that he had been a lifelong member of the Labour party and said that it was imperative that the community felt important and that Cornwall Council were not listening to local communities. He said that he was a strong believer in the NHS and this must not die. He said that he believed in community spirit and this is what he would fight for.

The floor was opened up for local residents to ask questions to the candidates

Q1 – All the statements made are very reactive but we need somebody who can also be creative, thinking as Ray Tovey did on our behalf, what would you do that would be creative on our behalf?

Michael Roberts – Independent

Michael Roberts said that when he joined the Parish Council in 2000 he did feel that it was not very open towards the public and he along with Ray who was Chairman of the PC at that time introduced the public participation section on to the agenda which had not previously taken place. He said that he instigated the idea of the Reawla Streetscape project back in 2004 taking simple drawings to the PC and residents to ensure the community were behind the project. He said that he set up the Carnhell Green Working Group which had now started the journey of looking at ways to improve the village for pedestrians and road users and integrate the Parish running from Carnhell Green village up to Connor Downs.

Anthony Lionel Pascoe (known as Lionel) – Conservative

Lionel Pascoe said that he was Chairman of the Parish Council for 2 years and he been the Chairman of the Gwinear Show for many years. He felt if you can lead a show like that you can lead the community but that the community needs to be with you.

John Gillingham – Mebyon Kernow

John Gillingham said that if faced with the choice of taking the view of his political party or the community at County Hall he would take the view of the community forward. He said that he felt he would find his own path within the job and vote with his own thoughts, he asked would the other candidates do the same. He said that he would vote against development as Mebyon Kernow stood for this as was the community.

Sheila Furneaux – Independent

Sheila Furneaux said that she felt that she would bring new ideas to County Hall and was a very creative person by nature. She said that she carried out a job in London that no other woman at that time had ever achieved; she said that she liked challenges and would think outside of the box. She said that she would encourage the community and had the guts to take those views forward. She said that she did not need to follow any particular party.

Derek Elliott – Independent

Derek Elliott said that he had been the Chairman of a start charity which helped street children in Ethiopia; he said that it was not easy but that he had lots of ideas. He said that he was invited to a meeting in Constantine once and Alex Robertson was there, he had only been in the job for 3 weeks and had said that the Liberal democrats would not even talk to the Conservatives and he said that he had wished him luck. He said that he had always been proactive in the industries he had worked in and represented the people not a party.

Yvonne Bates – Liberal Democrats

Yvonne Bates said that she was a Liberal Democrat but had a mind of her own. She said that she would not be whipped in to the party line and could speak as she thought. She said that she was organised and methodical and needed to be focused to deal with any political persuasion.

Malcolm Hurst – Labour

Malcolm Hurst said that there was only 1 labour member at County and he may vote with him occasionally but joking aside he said that he wanted to work for the people.

Q2 – I Live in St Erth and there has been a lot of talk about Gwinear-Gwithian, we don't want to an afterthought as we are fighting many things in our area too.

Malcolm Hurst – Labour

Malcolm Hurst said that he felt the Heliport idea was a non starter and the park and ride was not necessary. He did feel that the railway was an important part of the area. He said that public transport needs to be better.

Yvonne Bates – Liberal Democrats

Yvonne Bates said she was not if CC would drop the park and ride scheme and she would need to speak to the people of the area first before making any decisions. She said it would be important to talk to the residents association to understand the concerns locally and take these back to CC.

Derek Elliott – Independent

Derek Elliott said that he was confident he could cover the whole area, he said that the railways were an issue and that St Erth station should be used more, he said that he wanted to get things done and be at the forefront not just letter writing.

Sheila Furneaux – Independent

Sheila Furneaux said that she had spent time in St Erth and will represent the whole area at Cornwall Council

John Gillingham – Mebyon Kernow

John Gillingham said that as a child he remembers playing near the river in St Erth and never knew any more other than the Church, he was surprised to see a settlement beyond but felt it is such an idyllic spot. I do think that CC does not represent communities; the boundaries seem odd and needs to be redesigned so communities are represented. Trains and bus services need to be integrated more in St Erth and Gwinear-Gwithian.

Anthony Lionel Pascoe (known as Lionel) – Conservative

Lionel Pascoe said he lives on the border of both Parishes and know the area of St Erth very well, he said that he had represented the area before and fought and one for the area.

Michael Roberts – Independent

Michael Roberts advised that when he decided to stand for the position he attended the St Erth Parish Council meeting to see how he could work with the Parish Council as he felt they are part of the political structure and there for the community.

Q3 – Is Cornwall Council efficient and how will you tackle erudite officers within?

Michael Roberts – Independent

Michael Roberts said that he felt he was a pragmatic person and that this hall, (Hall for Gwinear) which he had helped build, was self supporting. He felt that there were more efficient ways to help support the community. He said that he worked for many years on an Arts Council for youth and had worked hard in that role.

Anthony Lionel Pascoe (known as Lionel) – Conservative

Lionel Pascoe said that the current Council had saved a lot of money over their time and it was necessary. He said that local Councils had to look at their precepts and felt that the Fire and police services were the ones that were taking most of the rises in Council Tax.

John Gillingham – Mebyon Kernow

John Gillingham said that he was against the cuts and felt that privatisation does not work how can you make a profit and save money. He said that a private company doesn't come under the Freedom of Information Act rules and he saw this as side stepping questions. He said that Cornwall is already under funded with only one major hospital, CC could be run better under several different Local Councils as it was before.

Sheila Furneaux – Independent

Sheila Furneaux said that she felt CC was currently inefficient and that privatisation takes the good bits only. She said that you only have to look at the hospital car park which was privatised recently and now we have no say in the charges. She said that Cornwall is underfunded and we should be applying for more in line with the rest of the Country.

Derek Elliott – Independent

Derek Elliott said that he was horrified to learn the salaries of certain people and the term 'you need to pay those figures to attract the calibre of person you require'. He felt that the amount of money spent on consultants was a waste of money. On privatisation he said if someone can do it cheaper and create jobs then something is fundamentally wrong and improvement is needed.

Yvonne Bates – Liberal Democrats

Yvonne Bates said that the fact is that CC is buying luxury cars but want to cut free buses for the elderly. Consultant costs are too high and she opposes privatisation. Services should be kept in house. She said that she was taken on as a temp at CC for a 2 month contract and finished the job in 2 weeks, she then asked what else she could do and she spent a week sorting out 16 months of back filing, she spent the remaining time sorting out invoices that should have already been issued so knew first hand of the inefficiency within.

Malcolm Hurst – Labour

Malcolm Hurst said that he agreed with everything that had already been said and would say the same himself. He said that he felt strongly about saving public libraries and felt it was a mistake to create one Council.

Q4 – How do your policies deal with the different issues across the communities?

Malcolm Hurst – Labour

Malcolm Hurst said that he feels he gets on with people well and can connect with all age groups and political parties.

Yvonne Bates – Liberal Democrats

Yvonne Bates said that she felt there were different levels of problems and people don't always agree. She said that in her work at Citizens Advice she was trained to treat people all the same and sometimes had to deal with difficult people. She said that she felt listening to people was always key. She said that she would have to deal with each issue as it arose and if needed would deal with the bigger issues within the community such as the transport hub or park and ride rather than necessarily focusing on the issue of one person but that all issues were important.

Derek Elliott – Independent

Derek Elliott said that prioritisation was key, he will deal with issues as he can. He said he would need to look at the whole community and prioritise as necessary.

Sheila Furneaux – Independent

Sheila Furneaux said that we all have a right to a view, some are from individuals, some are from groups but in her opinion any issue can be put right. She said that you need to be understating and compassionate for all, any problem can be resolved if you try hard enough.

John Gillingham – Mebyon Kernow

John Gillingham said he would be as inclusive as possible, he felt that young people needed to be brought in to the political process and in to the community more. He said that he cared for a disabled friend in a rural area and knows how hard it is to get around, I want to use that experience if I am elected.

Anthony Lionel Pascoe (known as Lionel) – Conservative

Lionel Pascoe said that he is a people's man and always attends local meeting regularly, he said that he would attend both Parish Council meetings. He said that he was very close to Ray Tovey and worked together both on the Parish Council and at Penwith. He said he has the experience to listen to people and community groups.

Michael Roberts – Independent

Michael Roberts said that he always works from the bottom up and starts with the residents. He said that he has worked closely with residents and community groups on many projects.

Q5 – If elected what will you have your name on in 4 months time?

Michael Roberts – Independent

Michael Roberts said that he would probably need the time to gain an understanding of County Hall and how it operates and would hope to make a difference from this in the new term. He said that he felt he would not be able to achieve anything to large but would take the time to understand the process and what committees he would want to be involved with to best aid the community.

Anthony Lionel Pascoe (known as Lionel) – Conservative

Lionel Pascoe said that he was a self-employed farmer and the first thing he would need to do was find his way around County Hall.

John Gillingham – Mebyon Kernow

John Gillingham said that he would need time to find his feet. He said the first challenge may be the vote which he believed is taking part next month to change the system of decisions being made at cabinet level rather than committee. He said that if he is a Councillor at that meeting he would vote to change it back to committee voting.

Sheila Furneaux – Independent

Sheila Furneaux said that she had been told by CC that they would be considered trainees to start with anyway but she would want to find out who is important and her way around, she wasn't sure if in the short time anyone would be able to get on to committees but felt she would like to achieve something in the time but it was tight.

Derek Elliott – Independent

Derek Elliott said it would be a learning curve but said that his phone number is on his leaflets and he is always available even if he is not elected he will still carry on with his other voluntary work for the community.

Yvonne Bates – Liberal Democrats

Yvonne Bates said that she would meet as many people as possible within the Parishes along with the local residents associations and try and resolve quick fix issues people have. She said she had 21 years experience working in the NHS and health and well being support were very important, she would like to look at these.

Malcolm Hurst – Labour

Malcolm Hurst said that health was a real issue in his mind and that Cornwall was third from bottom in the earnings table, this needed to be addressed.

Q 6 – Will those who do not get elected still lobby the person who does on our behalf?

All candidates said yes this goes without saying.

Q7 – what is your current employment and do you see this role as a full time job?

Michael Roberts – Independent

Michael Roberts said that he currently helps run a small holiday let business and is a self employed electrician. He said he already spends around 4-5hours a week on Parish Council business but would see this as a full time job and approach it that way.

Anthony Lionel Pascoe (known as Lionel) – Conservative

Lionel Pascoe said he is self employed as a live stock farmer but found the time to work as a District Councillor would find the time for this.

John Gillingham – Mebyon Kernow

John Gillingham said he was currently unemployed but did do some voluntary work, he said he would see this as a full time job.

Sheila Furneaux – Independent

Sheila Furneaux said that she had a busy life as did most people and did voluntary work as well as her current job. She said she saw this as a full time occupation and would leave her job if she was elected.

Derek Elliott – Independent

Derek Elliott said he was now retired so would have plenty of time.

Yvonne Bates – Liberal Democrats

Yvonne Bates said she was now retired and may have to stop making the tea at St Michael's, she said that she accepts it is a full time position but would like to carry on her work on behalf of Citizens Advice as well.

Malcolm Hurst – Labour

Malcolm Hurst said he retired in September, he said he was a musical man and this took up some of his time as well as model engine making but that he would have plenty of time if elected to do the job.

Q8 – Cornwall Council talk of devolving services to Parish & Town Council's but have no money to hand over to run the services in a lot of cases, with the possibility of a 2% cap on local Council budgets how will this work?

Malcolm Hurst – Labour

Malcolm Hurst said that he felt closing facilities such as tourist information was a bad idea as was the proposed toilet closures in places such as St Erth. He felt that any services that are devolved need to come with the appropriate finances.

Yvonne Bates – Liberal Democrats

Yvonne Bates said she agreed, toilets are needed within the community and the money to run them should follow.

Derek Elliott – Independent

Derek Elliott said that he was a letter writer and had tackled this issue in that way before; he felt things were out of proportion at County Hall with millions being spent on the wrong things whilst other much smaller but greatly needed local assets were being lost

Sheila Furneaux – Independent

Sheila Furneaux said that the inefficiency of County Hall was top priority and need to be addressed as soon as possible.

John Gillingham – Mebyon Kernow

John Gillingham said that there have to be certain cuts as savings need to be made, but he did feel that it was the things that cost money that were being given away but things like car parks are being kept because they make money.

Anthony Lionel Pascoe (known as Lionel) – Conservative

Lionel Pascoe said that the toilets at Gwithian are under threat and he does not agree with the way in which this has been handled at CC, he said that someone has to tackle it at County level.

Michael Roberts – Independent

Michael Roberts said that he was at the St Erth Parish Council meeting when they met with Cornwall Council officers to discuss the toilets and said that CC could not give any money to the Parish Council and would not hand over the freehold either, he felt this was ridiculous and felt that there was devolution money available for these sorts of projects at CC. He said Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council had the same problem at Reawla Park and are fighting for the best possible solution for the community. He said that we need to address the 2% cap problem but did feel that local assets can be run more efficiently at a local level by the people who benefit from them most.

Q9 – how will your voice be heard against the non-elected planning officers who seem to be the tail wagging the dog?

Michael Roberts – Independent

Michael Roberts said that officers are employees of the Council and must be treated as such, they have their job to do and as a Cornwall Councillor I would have mine but I would ensure that they are doing their jobs properly.

Anthony Lionel Pascoe (known as Lionel) – Conservative

Lionel Pascoe said that when he was a District Councillor he fought for the people of Connor Downs and one, he said he was not afraid to stand up and be counted.

John Gillingham – Mebyon Kernow

John Gillingham said that Kevin Lavery and his ilk need to have their powers reined in; I have been advised that planners have been told to give the okay to anything coming through and Councillors need to have more control. The cabinet system is no good and committees are a better way forward.

Sheila Furneaux – Independent

Sheila Furneaux said that employers expect employees to listen to them; she said that she thought the transport hub was still going ahead and that they need to listen to us on these issues.

Derek Elliott – Independent

Derek Elliott said that he had written many letters on this subject but felt it would be far easier for him if he could speak to the people face to face, he said that he had never been out of work and had carried out a lot of negotiations in his career and he would take these skills with him to County Hall.

Yvonne Bates – Liberal Democrats

Yvonne Bates said that she worked for an automotive company and as a negotiator for 21 years; she said you need to be prepared to go to meetings. She said that she felt a lot of things get rushed through and you need to be concise, well prepared and speaks properly about that point to be heard.

Malcolm Hurst – Labour

Malcolm Hurst said that he had worked for British Rail for many years and can work with civil servants and get his point of view over to change attitudes.

Q10 – How will you deal with health, wealth and prosperity for the community?

Malcolm Hurst – Labour

Malcolm Hurst said that he was passionate about the NHS service and would fight for the community. He felt you should treat everyone as you would wish to be treated. He felt that everyone should have a job and equality and a house to live in that they could afford. So his objectives were the retaining a good health service, affordable housing and keeping the community together through job creation.

Yvonne Bates – Liberal Democrats

Yvonne Bates said that she had grave concerns about the care and support in adult health due to cutbacks; she said they did need to look to see if any money could be better spent.

Derek Elliott – Independent

Derek Elliott said that those people responsible for budgets should talk to the nurses etc as they are usually full of examples of money being wasted, he said that millions has been spent in the last 15 years on convergence and things like superfast broadband and solar farms but how does this help Cornwall. Where are the job plans/ he said that tourism was key and the scale of housing proposed will ruin tourism.

Sheila Furneaux – Independent

Sheila Furneaux said that she felt health is a banner and warned that if Treliske does not achieve foundation status the hospital will be lost. She said that there are too many people who claim benefits who are capable of working and certain people receive far too many benefits whereas others do not receive enough help. She felt it was imperative to get youngsters into work but could not understand the figures quoted by Cornwall Council of 48,000 new homes with 50,000 new jobs. As for prosperity she said we all need a certain amount to live on.

John Gillingham – Mebyon Kernow

John Gillingham said he was shocked to discover 80% of housing claimants are in paid employment in Cornwall, better wages are needed. We don't need 48,000 new houses and our countryside is our best asset. He said there are children in Cornwall who have never even visited the beach which is sad.

Cornwall has been neglected for years and Councillors no longer think outside the box, fresh ideas are needed and a new perspective. Local skills and trades are also needed and we have been on the wrong road for too long, it is time for change.

Anthony Lionel Pascoe (known as Lionel) – Conservative

Lionel Pascoe said that he marched alongside 20,000 people when there was a threat of closure for the hospital in Penzance and we must look after our NHS. He said that he agrees with all of the points made by the other candidates but at the end of the day money can't buy health.

Michael Roberts – Independent

Michael Roberts said Cornwall is the last post and the rest of Britain can generally do things cheaper because of their position. What Cornwall Council spends to keep its beaches clean is tiny compared to other areas of the Country and these are our assets and a necessary part of our area, which is why I am involved with projects like the ranger for the Gwithian. I am all for industry and tourism but we must also protect our natural assets. I think Cornwall is beautiful if not better out of season.

Q 11 – what are you going to do to change the lack of public transport in rural places?

Malcolm Hurst – Labour

Malcolm Hurst said that this was an essential service and one we had to pay good money for, he felt that the cheapest option is not always the best option.

Yvonne Bates – Liberal Democrats

Yvonne Bates said that this was very important; she said she needed to get to St Erth tomorrow but can't get there direct from Angarrack. She said that when she visited Turkey they run small mini buses that carry around 10 people but run more often and maybe this could be an option for our rural areas.

Derek Elliott – Independent

Derek Elliott said that he uses buses as much as he can and recently used a service with an offer of 50p per ride and the bus was full to capacity, everyone on board said that if they only had to pay a £1 or so for the service they would use it more. He did agree that different sized buses could be a way forward and if you get a service right people will use it. He said that Truro and Camborne seem to have a much better run service than we do.

Sheila Furneaux – Independent

Sheila Furneaux said that with such a large proportion of our population being elderly this was an essential service and a rural area needs good transport links.

John Gillingham – Mebyon Kernow

John Gillingham said that he uses the public transport system regularly and said sometimes he is the only person on the bus. He said fares are too high and he pays as much as £5 to get to Truro, buses are not well integrated with trains and need to be. They also need to be integrated more with footpaths and cycle routes. He said that in other countries they have cable cars and trams maybe we should look at this.

Anthony Lionel Pascoe (known as Lionel) – Conservative

Lionel Pascoe said that he remembers as a child in Fraddam there being a bus every hour but you are lucky to see one a day now. At the end of the day if you don't use it you will lose it, people use their cars these days and there are not the grants available towards public transport that there used to be.

Michael Roberts – Independent

Michael Roberts said that there are no buses direct from Gwinear to Hayle and he worked with Gwinear School when they had a mini bus but unfortunately it was lost because it was not economically viable. He did at the time suggest integrating the service with a return bus for residents at the time but this was not taken up, it may have worked. He said he was still working with Gwinear School on walk to school ideas and was looking at a permissive paths scheme to link the Gwinear Ward to the Gwithian Ward from Carnhell Village right up through to Connor Downs which was a dangerous route for someone trying to walk. I like to look at problems and try and work out a different way of approaching it to try and get an end result.

The notes above were taken to the best of our abilities.

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