

CC Report for the Town Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023

This report covers the period 15<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> August to ensure the report can be seen by all fellow town councillors with all other council papers prior to the above meeting.

Following on from last month's report:

**Belle View Square:** Although not officially informed, despite email enquiry, it would appear the groundworks are now complete although both sandbags and barriers stacked against the wall.

**Macey St:** Work is about to be start in this area, full scope of work not known.

**Kingsley Avenue:** Unfortunately, the Feasibility study concluded that it was not financially viable to consider construction on this site, I have cut and pasted the salient points of this report below in italics:

*While I appreciate this will be a disappointing, the council rightly has to balance the housing needs of its residents and how it invests capital into delivering housing whilst demonstrating value for money. Unfortunately, given the cost per unit of £483,000 provided in developing on a limited capacity site, it is anticipated that comparable units could be acquired significantly cheaper and quicker from the open market - posing less financial risk to the council than own-build development at the site.*

*Please be assured that the council is however keen to look at other opportunities for the site and will be exploring as such, whether that be through partnership with a private developer or disposing of the site in order to bring forward development.*

**Harvey St Flats:** This is an ongoing issue and will remain so for the foreseeable future.

**Trevol Business Park:** Latest update from Environmental Agency to Cornwall FR & S, again in italics below:

*I have some good news, I have it on good authority that all the waste from the WILKO site is being removed and disposed of at ROODES ill check up on that and let you know but wanted to pass on some good info!*

Unfortunately, no date for this waste transfer is included, so although **partly** good news not as yet fully resolved.

**Public Pathways:** Work continues, interrupted by staff holidays etc.

**Garages rear of Roberts Avenue:** As yet no date for demolition or use of site on completion.

**Community Garden Area/Grassed Areas:** Visited a site in Penlee Park with Rebecca Dickson, Community Partnership Officer (east), Cormac where the residents wish to take over the management of a small area within a cul-de-sac. Some really helpful advice given by Rebecca who welcomed such community groups. I also took the opportunity to discuss and tour Torpoint's overgrown grassed areas within Torpoint but unfortunately as stated previously this is a CC policy and chances of a change are remote to say the least.

**Anti-Social Behaviour:** The proposed meeting did not happen due to non-availability of some officers, again I did take the opportunity to speak briefly to our Beat Manager and PCSO at Edgcombe Car Show and they hope, once settled into their new premises at Antony a meeting will be held.

**Electric Scooters and Bikes:** As has happened with electric scooters incidents of electric bikes causing fires has been reported throughout the country. I sought re-assurance from both Cornwall Housing Limited (CHL) and Cornwall Fire and Rescue Services (CFRS) that advice was being given to residents within HMO's and blocks of flats. I was assured by CHL that a leaflet drop had been

undertaken along with regular inspections of communal areas to ensure areas are kept clear of these potentially hazardous items. On the reverse of this the CFRS state that although they supported the stance of CHL the Fire Safety Order did not extend into the occupiers' residence so, similar to private residencies, could only offer advice with no powers of enforcement.

**Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP):** I recently forwarded to the Town Clerk the LAEP for distribution to all councillors, which considering the town council's support of Climate Change gives everyone the opportunity to have their say on Green Energy.

**CC Meetings attended during this month:**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July NCH Truro - Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny (HASCOSC) presentation reference CQC future visits/inspections.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July NCH Truro – Full Council

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August Bodmin East Cornwall Planning Mtg.

Various Virtual Mtgs.