

Torpoint TC Meeting report –June 2021

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County Hall

Meetings are back face to face at New County Hall, as they are here. We are conducting all informal meetings and training via MS Teams until at least September, but any full council or committee meetings must be held in person. The Councils AGM was held at the end of May.

I attended last week, the first Childrens and Families OSC meeting at County Hall. I was pleased to take part in the debate to decide the work programme for the next year. After speaking to local Early Years Providers across the division, I am deeply concerned about the widening gap between funding and costs and the precarious financial state this leaves our local settings in. I have managed to ensure that this is discussed and looked into over the next year by the committee, as well as looking at the severe lack of under 2s childcare provision, of which we are seriously lacking here.

Cornwall Housing

I am being made aware of an increasing amount of Cornwall Housing repairs and maintenance that has not been completed, some for some quite considerable time and some causing quite dangerous conditions. I have been raising these with our internal case work system and hope to have a meeting fairly soon with the housing officer for this area.

Rame Cluster

I will be restarting the Rame Cluster meetings in July, which will be extended to invite a representative from the 2 new Parishes included within the larger division – namely St Germans and the far West of Torpoint. We will be inviting Adam O’Neill (transport officer) to come and update the cluster group on the now defunct Rame Circulatory system. The circulatory system has been thoroughly risk assessed, and it was felt that the risks in Antony could not be mitigated well enough to allow the scheme to progress. The funding has been secured though, so there will be improvements to the road in Antony for safe pedestrian crossing and then improvements to the road in Crafhole to relieve the congestion there.

Committees

Committees for Cornwall Council have now been decided – I am on

1. Childrens and Families Oversight and Scrutiny Committee
2. Central Planning
3. Miscellaneous Licencing

I should hopefully be put on the Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee and I have applied for the Cornwall AONB committee as well.