

## CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR JANUARY 2022



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I have decided to write an overarching update each month, that will be sent to the 6 Parishes and 1 Town Council that sits within the **Rame Peninsula & St Germans** division. I hope that this will give an overall picture of the work being done across the division and will help inform Parish & Town Councillors.

### **Cornwall Council –**

Cornwall Councillors have been working hard to scrutinise the upcoming proposed budget for the next financial year, this has meant budgets for each service area coming before the relevant scrutiny committees. I sit on the **Children's and Families Oversight & Scrutiny Committee**; we had the opportunity to scrutinise the proposed budget for that area on the 19th January 2022. There are proposed cuts of £5.2m to Children's and Families Services in the coming year, from small items like not providing the book that we normally give to those leaving preschool before heading off to 'big' school to huge things like cutting the family conferencing service which works to keep families together and the behavioural intervention work that helps those with behavioural issues as early as possible. This in addition to cutting advertised posts for Social Workers that have been difficult to fill over the last few years. Opposition Councillors did propose an amendment to the recommendation but, unfortunately, that was defeated.

The new **Highways scheme** has just been launched, many thanks to parish and town Councillors that attended my Rame Cluster update meeting on the subject – as we discussed, there is a very short turn around for this first year's projects and I would like to again encourage PCs to submit at least one proposal that is deliverable within this upcoming financial year. There were several questions on the **20 is Plenty scheme**, so to be clear – this will be discussed at the next Community Network Panel (16th March) to decide if individual 20mph schemes should be put forward or if they would rather wait for the upcoming Cornwall Council wide 20 is Plenty scheme which will likely bring its own funding.

As you will all be aware, there is currently a consultation on tolls underway for the **Tamar Crossings (bridge and ferry)**, I would encourage all Town and Parish Councils to share the consultation and to take part – the link for this can be found on Let's Talk Cornwall. I am receiving a large amount of correspondence on this matter as you would expect and I would be grateful for the views of the councils for when we come to vote on this in our full Council meeting.

### **Around the Peninsula -**

We had a long overdue meeting on the **Looe to Cremyll Cycle Route**, as you would expect this has been delayed while undergoing a budget review. The good news is this early planning and development stage will now be completed, and a report is expected imminently from Alexis Field, Looe Valley Trails Project Director. I will provide an update as soon as this is available.

Aecom have very nearly finished the **Houster Hill, Millbrook feasibility study** that was commissioned by Millbrook PC regarding the West Street narrows area of the village. There will be some video study work done over the Easter Holidays when the traffic picks up again on this difficult junction.

Public consultation will commence in February for the proposed **Traffic Regulation Order on Military Road**. This is for proposed Double Yellow Lines from the junction of the B3274 along Military Road for approx. 400m

The **Air Quality Monitors** are now installed in Tideford, there are teething issues with the data dashboard but it is hoped these will be resolved very soon.

I have had numerous communications from residents in Torpoint regarding the difficulties being caused by the **Wildanet superfast broadband installation**. I have arranged a meeting with the Wildanet team, Cllr Tivnan and members of Torpoint TC to walk around the area to look at the issues that are being caused.

Plans are in full swing for the return of the **Black Prince Parade** in Millbrook, Kingsand and Cawsand on Monday 2nd May.

## **Meetings -**

**January** was a busy month for attending meetings for me as your divisional member – these included –

Full Council

Children's and Families Oversight and Scrutiny Committee

Central Planning

Miscellaneous Licencing

Torpoint & Millbrook Cllr Surgeries

Millbrook PC, Antony PC, Shevioc PC, Maker with Rame PC and Torpoint TC meetings – I had to send apologies to St Germans PC and St John didn't hold a January meeting.

Torpoint Swimming Pool working Group meeting

In **addition**, there were several **Teams** meeting for ongoing projects in the division and further training on planning.

## **Upcoming meeting dates for your diaries –**

Community Network Panel – 16th March 2022 – evening

Climate Change Network meeting – 10th March 2022 @1300hrs

Rame Cluster Meeting – 1st March 2022 @1830hrs