

# CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR MARCH 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 –**

March has been a fairly quiet month in terms of Council meetings - which was lucky as I was finally struck with Covid at the beginning of the month and spent 2 weeks at home quite poorly. I am fully recovered and back on form now! Thank you for all the well wishes I received from Parish and Town Councils.

The big debate at County Hall at the moment is around whether we will have to have a Mayor for Cornwall, this will be a directly elected position replacing the system we have at the moment of the largest party on the Council deciding who the leader is.. It is all tied up with the promise of better devolution for Cornwall and more powers to do things that so many want - better control of planning, Council taxes and so much more. It is an incredibly interesting debate that will rumble on for the rest of this year, with a likely vote on the deal around November. I would very much like to hear your thoughts on this as we move forward.

## **Around the Peninsula**

The consultation is nearly complete on the double yellow lines along the beginning part of Military Road in **Antony Parish**. If there are no major objections this should go ahead before the summer months kick in, hopefully meaning the junction will be much safer for pedestrians and road users. I was pleased to join the Highways Manager, Will Glassup and members of Antony PC for a walkabout in the villages of Wilcove and Antony to look at concerns they had with the roads.

On the subject of **Highways** - it is great to have seen that all the 6 Parish Councils that make up the division put forward excellent schemes for the Highways Scheme. We have a few green projects within the division, which should mean they are completed within this coming financial year. I was absolutely delighted that the **Crafthole** proposal to remove the speed tables and replace them with cushions was approved for the next financial year. This will hopefully reduce some of the damage being caused in the village.

Next month, on Monday 2nd May, sees the welcome return of the **Black Prince Flower Festival** in **Millbrook, Kingsand and Cawsand** which will bring fun and visitors to our forgotten corner - I am pleased the the Chairman of Cornwall Council, Pauline Giles, has agreed to attend to help judge the decorated houses and to enjoy the event.

We discussed at our last **Rame Cluster Meeting** about Community Emergency Plans - currently 3 Parishes have emergency plans with other parishes looking to set up plans for their areas as well. We have said we will look at the possibility of an over-arching emergency plan once all parishes have completed them. This wouldn't be in place of a Parish Plan but rather a sharing of resources from your own emergency plans.

I have been working closely with the **Rame Peninsula Public Transport Users Group** over the upcoming cuts to the bus services around the Peninsula. I am sad to report that we have had no luck in reversing any of the cuts, although we were successful in getting the transport team to look closely at the proposals put forward. We are told that the buses are simply not used enough and aren't viable - I believe that there is still nervousness about using public transport because of Covid and that the numbers will return to normal slowly - hopefully our services will then be returned to previous levels.

The **Tideford** air quality project is now fully online - monitors have been installed in several properties and the external monitors are up and running and reporting hourly data. We hope that soon residents will be able to access the data once it has been made into a more user friendly format!

## **Meetings -**

March's meetings as your divisional member included –

Attending the Children's and Families Oversight and Scrutiny Committee - online due to Covid +

Central Planning Committee

Numerous online briefings and training sessions

Tideford Air Quality Meeting

Community Network Panel

Town and Parish Council Meetings

Looe Valley Cycle Way meeting

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

Community Network Panel – 15th June 2022 – evening

Climate Change Network meeting – 9th June 2022 @1400hrs