

## CC Report for Town Council Meeting 21 April 2022

This report covers the period 12 March to 14 April to ensure the report can be seen by all town councillors with all other council papers prior to the above meeting.

At last!!! It is with great pleasure that after months of various discussions and emails work around the Free Car Park at The Lawn will take place in the very near future. Additionally, resurfacing work will be carried out to the roadway approaches to the Lawn around Benodet Park and the steps from the small car park outside Benodet to the upper field will also be refurbished. The downside to all this is unfortunately although investigation will be undertaken as regards the leak and flooding in the area no remedial work can be carried out until the actual cause of this is determined and will need to be separately costed.

I have been updating the Casework Assist log sheet that I maintain and I am in the process of following up on quite a few that remain outstanding, or more to the point where I have not been told as to whether the work has been completed or not, which could be due to various reasons usually financially based. This is a relatively new system in operation and I along with other CC's have highlighted a few problems that we have encountered and suggested ways of how the system can be improved.

As you are no doubt aware over the last few months there has been several adverse comments as regards the new bus services/timetables etc. A lot of work in the immediate area has been done on trying to improve the situation mainly via the RPPTUG. One of the key factors is the lack of passengers using the buses which at times is all too evident in and around Torpoint. Representations by numerous CC's in East of Cornwall have been even more robust over the failure to recognise the problems of the new timetable and the fact that fares for those having to travel to Devon for a variety of reasons are not subject to the reduced rates as Cornwall stands alone as part of this pilot scheme with finances not stretched to bus services from Cornwall travelling to Devon. The new timetable is under review along with the anomaly of East Cornwall residents not getting the full benefit of these reduced fares and should there be any changes no doubt there will be a public announcement.

There is also a great deal of talk around a Mayor for Cornwall, however, at the moment, that is all it is. There is a great deal more detail required to be determined as to whether it is in the best interests of all in Cornwall before any decisions are made and no doubt culminating in a full public referendum being undertaken should that be what the residents of Cornwall as a whole would want.

CC Meetings attended during this period:

Wednesday 16 March - Virtual Meeting on Children's Rights – Presented by Katherine Ennever CC Children's Rights Officer.

Wednesday 16 March – Community Network Panel Meeting – An interesting ppt presentation reference Charging Point installation around Cornwall – attached. Unfortunately, did not attend the full Virtual meeting as I lost the link and could not get back in.

Friday 18 March – Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Management Committee Meeting Plymouth.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March - East Area Planning Bodmin.

Thursday 24 March – Meeting with Dr Plumb Torpoint Community College, reference swimming pool.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Full Council NCH Truro.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Short Virtual Meeting with Paula Rodrigues – Highways reference TRO on A374, which I have forwarded to the Town Clerk to be shared with all.



# Drive EV2 Project



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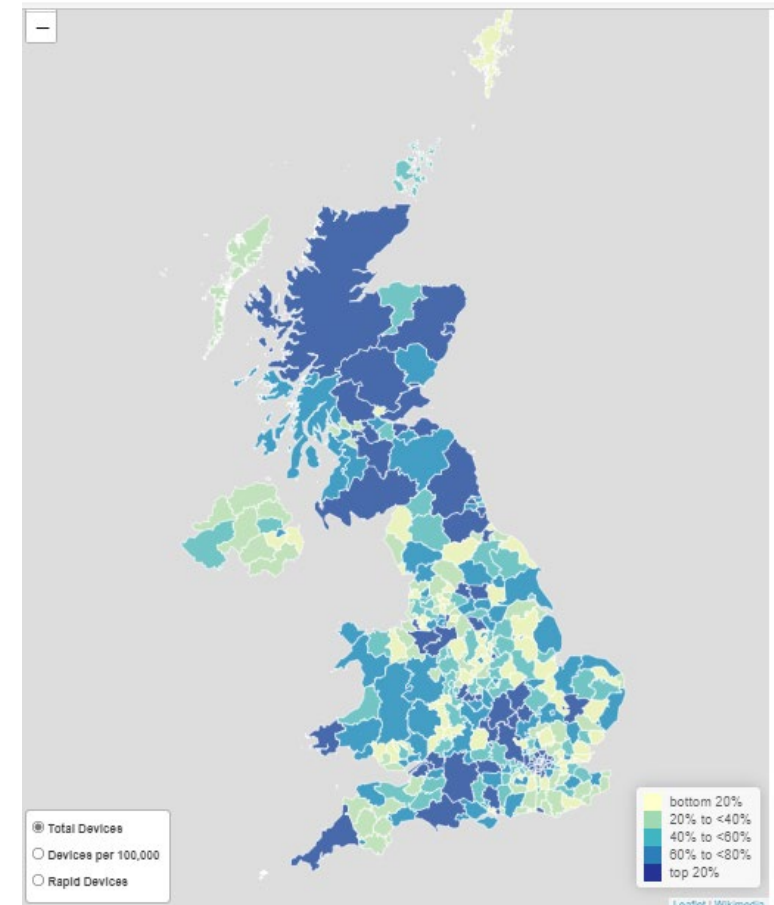
# Drive EV2: project headlines

Cornwall Council's charge points:

- **150** ERDF funded public charge points installed by **March 2023**
- Priority is **Cornwall Council owned and operated car parks**
- **Rapid charge points in at least three locations** where gaps have been identified in Cornwall's existing charge point network
- **£2,900,000 ERDF grant with £725,000 match** from Cornwall Council's Climate Change and Renewable Energy Capital Fund (Carbon Neutral Cornwall)
- Project **managed by Transport and Infrastructure Service's Car Park Service**
- **Charge points owned by Cornwall Council** and installed, operated, and managed by a supplier until 2033 with option to extend until 2038

# Context in numbers

- **2,841** registered plug-in electric vehicles in Cornwall incl. plug-in hybrids.
- Cornwall Council has installed **51** incl. **17** rapids
- **2** further rapids recently installed with OZEV Taxi funding in Bodmin and Redruth



# Project timeline (subject to change)

- Project team: established October 2021 ✓
- SWARCO contracted: March 2022 ✓
- Consultancy work:
  - 1) Accessibility work: in progress
  - 2) Charge point demand study: in progress
- Site scoping: in progress
- Installation: Summer 2022-March 2023
- Awareness raising: Autumn 2022-March 2023

**Member engagement:** runs throughout the project.  
Updates via Portfolio Holder for Transport

# Limitations

- Project start delayed due to Covid 19, timeframe and ERDF requirements limits options such as sites beyond car parks
- Technical issues such as grid capacity
- Cost of living squeeze and cost of EVs. UK Govt. grants for EVs cut.

# Benefits

- Greater number of available charge points
- Reduction in 'range anxiety'
- Reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Cornwall from transport use
- Encouragement for the adoption of EVs rather than fossil-fuelled vehicles
- Cornwall Council tackling the Climate Emergency
- Cleaner air
- Additional jobs

# Drive EV2 and beyond...



- Possible additional charge points dependant on additional funding and the tender from potential suppliers
- Alternative options for towns/parishes
  - [Grant schemes for electric vehicle charging infrastructure - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
  - Community charging e.g. [Co Charger - Neighbourhood EV charger sharing made easy \(co-charger.com\)](#) and [chargemystreet.co.uk | EV charge point community benefit society](#)
  - Towns Fund
  - Work with local businesses

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Thank you