CC Report for the Town Council Meeting 20 October 2022

This report covers the period 16 September to 14 October to ensure the report can be seen by all fellow town councillors with all other council papers prior to the above meeting.

Firstly, reference must be made to the tragic road traffic collision last Friday where another life was lost on the A374. The signage currently states 4 killed on this road, however this does not take into account the fatal crash at Antony and now this between Antony House entrance and the West turnoff into Wilcove. I have spoken to the Highways Team, Police and the current Leader of the Council that there must be more effort into making this road safer. To prevent a knee jerk reaction, it is intended to await the full investigation report and act on the findings as soon as possible after that. Obviously, there is little that can be done behaviourally but I am sure with the assistance of the Department of Transport, Highways, Police and County Councillors more can be done, irrespective of the costs involved, safe roads saves lives as much as safe driving.

There have been numerous complaints since the start of the new school term with motorists totally disregarding the yellow lines at the junction of Roeselare and Trevol Road. The only way that this is going to be satisfactorily resolved is by an increased presence of traffic enforcement officers at both the beginning and end of the school day, reluctantly I have requested that this action is taken to prevent the possibility of an RTC/injury to pedestrians during those times. On a more positive note, only this week I received this email from the Head Teacher at TNIS, quote "I've been meaning to email you for a while. I just wanted to say thank you so much for your help with the parking permits and road markings at TNIS. We have seen a huge improvement with regards to congestion on Albion Road; as a result , school drop off and pick up is so much safer for our children" unquote, I do not regard this as trumpet blowing but a prime example of getting all agencies working together can get positive results.

Further to my last report reference the drainage in the older part of Torpoint, I had a site visit with a SWW engineer at St James Road concerning poor drainage/mixing with raw sewage and as to whether any remedial work could be undertaken. Unfortunately, a similar response as was given to the ongoing drainage problem at The Lawn was given that the cost would not be financially viable and just a recommendation that the drains are regularly cleaned and cleared of any debris.

I have not as yet had a response from Open Spaces reference the Promenade so will need to chase this up. The slipways at Marine Drive are the responsibility of Antony Estates and I am in discussions with the Estates Manager about the best way forward.

To date there is still no news about the date of the demolition of the garages or what is planned post demolition. At the Meet the Leader meeting here in Torpoint last Tuesday evening it was mooted that should there be no immediate plan the possibility of temporary modular buildings could be considered.

CC Meetings attended during this period:

Wednesday 21st September Full Council meeting at NCH.

Thursday 22nd Pensions Meeting at NCH.

Thursday 29th Highways Presentation at Bodmin with TTC's Operations Manager

Tuesday 4th October Families and Children Overview and Scrutiny Mtg at NCH

Various Virtual Mtgs. Inclusive of Planning Meeting, unable to attend due to personal problem and Tamar Crossing Joint Committee Meeting unable to attend personally as a result of SWW Engr visit as at above and Code of Conduct Refresher Training.