

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 2022



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Cornwall Council and around the Peninsula-

November has been a particularly busy month as your Cornwall Councillor, with both Full Council, Children's and Families Committee, The Annual Conversating and Planning committees as well as a multitude of other meetings that are more specific to the division.

Firstly, some great news - a new footpath is being installed from the top of Antony Hill, up past the fort (opposite side of the road) and down in front of the carpark. This has been funded by a large amount of funding directly from Natural England, which is the last of the EU funding from the Marine and Coastal Access Act. Morcom Contracting will be installing a new footway upon the verge, with a new 1.5m wide, wooden edged subbase path installed upon its entire length. I am really pleased that this is happening, and it will hopefully make the pedestrian access in and out of the carpark much more user friendly.

Secondly, Cormac have started works in Polbathic to try and ease the frequent flooding that comes about from run off down the hill and into the Halfway House. This was proving costly and a complete hinderance to the pub being able to operate successfully. Many thanks to Will our Highways Manager for his work on this.

In regard to Cornwall Housing, I had a 'walkabout' in Millbrook, Kingsand and Cawsand with senior managers from the Cornwall Housing team during November where we picked up on the issues, we had noted several months ago. Unfortunately, there was far too much on the list that hadn't been resolved. I have been given assurances that (weather depending) the works will be done between 3rd and 8th December. I will look forward to seeing progress on the many issues that need picking up around Milbrook, Kingsand and Cawsand. I will be asking for visits in the other Parishes as well where we have Council Housing stock.

We've seen extraordinary levels of rain over the last month, unfortunately our reservoirs remain at low levels, there has been a communication from South West Water promising all residents a £30 rebate on their bill if the level at Colliford raises over the next few months, they are asking residents to conserve water where possible.

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I was delighted to welcome local resident, Claire Wallerstein, to New County Hall after this month's Full Council meeting, where she premiered her latest Cornwall Climate Care film, this time focusing on farming. It is well worth a watch, as are the others in the series. Several Cornwall Councillors and Officers watched the film, helped by the brilliant pasties supplied by the Cornish Pod. You can find them at www.cornwallclimate.org

Full Council this month was a tumultuous affair, where we discussed the call for a referendum over the question of a Mayor for Cornwall. We also discussed a motion on sewage dumping by South West Water, there was support for this across the chamber.

I was also incredibly pleased to attend this year's Annual Conversation at County Hall at the very end of the month. This is the 2nd time this has happened, and it brings together young people from across Cornwall to meet with Councillors and Council Officers to talk about what matters to them. Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child says:

"Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously"

And that's what the event is based upon. The group I was with were talking about ensuring that our open spaces and parks are accessible and safe, especially for women and girls. We pledged that a film would be made from the young people in the group to be shared with Town & Parish Councils, who as we know, manage most of our play parks in Cornwall - so please do look out for that!

Dates for your diary

Our next Community Network Panel is to be held on **Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 6.00pm**. This meeting will be held face-to-face at the **Saltash Town Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Lower Fore Street, Saltash, PL12 6JX**.