

## CC Report for the Town Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

This report covers the period 10<sup>th</sup> December to 13<sup>th</sup> January ensure the report can be seen by all fellow town councillors with all other council papers prior to the above meeting.

This has been a relatively quiet period with the obvious Bank Holidays for the Festive Period.

Following on from the last report as far as the banking hub is concerned, I have made the initial application, which is to what facilities are currently available, here I took the opportunity of reporting the consistent failure of the ATM at the Co-Op in particular. Although there is a strong argument for a cashless society etc., this does not help local businesses who have to pay certain percentages on card purchases which is just another financial burden for them in these critical times.

The ongoing problem with the bin stores in Harvey Street Flats again has raised complaints and I have now escalated the concerns raised purely due to the fact that regular cleansing and decluttering of the bin stores does not appear to happen unless a complaint is made, which is not a satisfactory way of managing the site. I have yet to receive a response.

CC Meetings attended during this month:

Nil

Virtual Meetings

Purely updates with the exception of one concerning car parks within the whole of Cornwall. The main thrust of this being:

“An in depth examination is currently being carried out on CC run car parks which number some 200 county wide. Within those 200 car parks there are over 120 different tariffs currently being observed. The aim of the examination is to simplify the whole structure which will hopefully turn around the current budget target shortfall of £1.6 million this year. Furthermore, this review will allow us to create a holistic and joined up policy approach – taking into consideration town vitality, achieving our ambitious carbon reduction ambitions, supporting our Bus Fares Pilot scheme and other initiatives to make transport better for the people of Cornwall” More details on this will be raised at the next CC meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January.