

CC Report for the Town Council Meeting 16th February 2023

This report covers the period 14th January to 10th February to ensure the report can be seen by all fellow town councillors with all other council papers prior to the above meeting.

To date, apart from an acknowledgement of completing the initial questionnaire re availability of ATM's in Torpoint I have not heard any more reference the possibility of a Banking Hub, I will keep members informed in future reports.

The subject of the bin stores at Harvey Street Flats remains high on the agenda and at present I am visiting the site on a (approximately) 2 – 3 day basis and some occupants are also informing me of any problems they have in the meanwhile.

I referred in my last report to a Car Parking review, this was presented, with proposals, by the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Connor Donnithorne, at the cabinet meeting on 8th February at NCH and there will now be a public Consultation before being put before full council. The Public Consultation will be published on 2nd March and I will forward to all councillors on receipt.

I shared with other Town Councillors a very useful evening fielding some very probing questions from the local scouts concerning Torpoint on Thursday 26th January and at present I am following up on a couple of points they put forward with NCH staff and to ensure they receive full answers to the questions posed. One of the points raised was the extensive flooding on the A374 to which I replied that all the culverts for the entire length of the A374 had been cleared previously and for those of you who do drive that route there is clear evidence that this had been done, sheer volume of rainwater run off from already saturated fields did not help.

At present there is still no start date arranged for the demolition of the garages at North Rd/Kingsley Ave., which has caused some bad feeling among local residents considering the short time span given to vacate same.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank fellow councillors who attended the Devolution Deal and remind all that the deadline for completing and returning the questionnaire with your own personal thoughts is 17th February 2023.

At our last council meeting I also raised the subject of the Cornwall Councillors Community Chest Fund (CCF) where some spare cash was still "in the pot". I have now managed to ensure that this money is now going to worthy causes within Torpoint ensuring the full allocation of £3k is spent within Torpoint. As I have previously stated this pot is augmented by other funds available and is well onto ensuring that, similar to the first year, monies in the region of £10k is made available inclusive of the CCF amount during this current financial year.

CC Meetings attended during this month:

Tuesday 14th January - Full CC Mtg. at NCH – Note due to the weather conditions this meeting did not commence until 12:30 with a revised agenda, there was an extraordinary extra meeting held on 31st January but due to a long standing personal commitment I could not attend.

Wednesday 15th January – Children and Families Overview Scrutiny Mtg. at NCH.

Monday 23rd January – East Sub Area Planning Mtg. at Chy Travail Bodmin.

Friday 27th January – Audit Committee Mtg. at NCH.

Tuesday 7th February – Pensions Mtg. Lanhydrock Golf Club and Hotel

Numerous Virtual Meetings, mostly updates and information purposes.