

CC Report for the Town Council Meeting 16th March 2023

This report covers the period 11th February to 10th March to ensure the report can be seen by all fellow town councillors with all other council papers prior to the above meeting.

There has been a great deal of meetings and concerns raised over the last few weeks some of which I have detailed for your information below should you have any enquiries from concerned residents;

Belle View Square: Whilst Wildanet were excavating in this area they came across a small culvert, just to the side of No 1 Arthur Terrace's rear garden. The area has been cordoned off by appropriate barriers but unfortunately, they do get blown down leaving the small area looking slightly abandoned and forgotten. This is not the case and the last email on this subject I received was 6th March in which action is being taken albeit slowly.

Macey St That section directly to the rear of the old Electrical Shop (Courtyard Café) leading down to the cul-de-sac by Hearts Café has been the subject of complaints from residents ever since some resurfacing work was carried out in (?) 2016. The problem being that the surface was skimmed, tarred then top-coated with gravel. Unfortunately, due to the weather conditions a great deal of the gravel was washed away exposing the tar which subsequently dried out. However, in the Summer months this tar melts and then gets trodden into the houses by residents and visitors alike. I had a site meeting with Highways and residents on 6th March. The plan is to have that section of the road swept and scoured to try and remove the residual tar. Another problem being that the guttering along this particular stretch in places is almost non-existent and with the camber falling towards the houses in any heavy downpours, rainwater seeps into the cellars below. The way forward here is to reinstate the guttering clearing the drain at the end of the road to (hopefully) prevent the build up of rainwater against the side of the houses. One last point there was a misapprehension amongst the residents that there was a weight limit for vehicles on this stretch of road, after checking with Highways there is no weight limit recorded on file.

Kingsley Avenue The garages have all now been demolished and the waste cleared from site. Now in close liaison with the Portfolio Holders for Environment, Housing and Finance as to the way forward for this site.

Harvey St Flats As per my last report last few visits nothing untoward requiring reporting noticed.

Banking Hub Still no response as yet but will keep "on the radar".

I referred in my last report to a Car Parking review, the Public Consultation document has now gone live and has been circulated to all fellow town councillors. In a nutshell what it means to Torpoint is: Sports Centre (YMCA) and Thanckes Park remain free with both Sainsbury's and Tamar St parking being charged 60p for first half hour, £1:00 for up to 1 hour, 1-2 hours £2:00, 2 – 3 hours £3:00 There will not be any free parking on Sundays and charges will only be made between 09:00 and 16:00. This will not have any effect on the current concessionary free half hour parking for those picking up children from TNIS. The Public Consultation is live for comments until 23 March.

I have also received comments about white lining incomplete on Goad Avenue and at a meeting earlier this week the subject of the "Dragon's Teeth" road marking for the recently extended 30 mph restriction on the A374. I have enquired of Highways with their response copied below:

The Dragons Teeth are among the entire CNP Cornwall Gateway package of works that has had no lining yet undertaken. As I explained yesterday there are large backlogs with all lining operations across the Duchy. This is a big problem that I believe they have a plan to rectify.

CC Meetings attended during this month:

Thursday 2nd March – Pensions Mtg. Lanhydrock Golf Club and Hotel

Friday 3rd March - Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee at NCH.

Wednesday 8th March - Children and Families Overview Scrutiny Mtg. at NCH.

There was also a Planning Meeting at Chy Travail but unfortunately could not attend in person due to contracting Covid for a second time but attended virtually.

Numerous Virtual Meetings, mostly updates and information purposes.