

CC Report for the Town Council Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

This report covers the period 10<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> July to ensure the report can be seen by all fellow town councillors with all other council papers prior to the above meeting.

Following on from last month's report:

**Belle View Square:** No Update.

**Macey St:** Still awaiting date as to when re-establishing guttering. Survey of the road has again been undertaken re the tarry deposits and another deep sweep is being organised, no firm date as yet.

**Kingsley Avenue:** Initial Feasibility study completed currently being reviewed and should have a verbal update in time for the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**Harvey St Flats:** Unfortunately, some areas back to square one Cornwall Housing have been informed.

**Trevol Business Park:** Still no update as yet on when the joint survey by the Environmental Agency (EA) and Fire & Rescue Service (FRS) will be undertaken at the old waste disposal site. FRS awaiting response from EA, person responsible within EA on leave until 5<sup>th</sup> August!

**Public Pathways:** Work continues on this.

**Garages rear of Roberts Avenue:** As yet no date for demolition or use of site on completion.

**Grassed Areas:** Still receiving complaints over the long grass at various locations around the town and I am now forwarding each complaint direct to the Portfolio Holder concerned.

**Anti-Social Behaviour:** There are still some concerns over this in and around Pentire Road. It is hoped to have a full site meeting over the continuing situation with the Police and Cornwall Housing Officer towards the end of July. **Note** Housing Officer for the area is now Anna Deeble who has taken over from Donna McEvoy.

**Finances:** On a more personal note Kate brought to the attention of the Council earlier this year the award of a salary increase for all County Councillors. The main argument for this was the extra work having to be undertaken following the reduction of County Councillors from 123 to 87. I was against this emphasising that all Councillors are volunteers and were also fully aware prior to the May 2021 of the reduction, there was obviously the counter argument of some working only part time and/or reduced hours. Unfortunately, I was on the losing side and the award has now been fully implemented as at end of June payments. However, every cloud has a silver lining and I have incorporated the pay rise into the amount available for Torpoint organisations, groups and individual fund raising efforts in addition to the County Councillors Community Chest (CCCC) allowance. With this additional money, along with CCCC, £12k will be available annually. At present for the current year £750 has been pledged/allocated from CCCC and £1,950 from additional funds. If any councillors know of worthy causes then please do not hesitate in letting me know.

**CC Meetings attended during this month:**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Pensions Mtg NCH Truro, Full Council.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Plymouth City Council Offices Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July Bodmin East Cornwall Planning Mtg.

Various Virtual Mtgs.