

## CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR JUNE 2023



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### **Cornwall Council and around the Peninsula-**

#### **Verges**

We started June with a battle over our overgrown verges around the division, as we have progressed through the month these have been, for the most part, tackled thankfully. In Millbrook I had real concerns about the lack of visibility along side the lake. It took many phone calls and emails, but I was pleased to finally see the area that Cornwall Council is responsible for, cut back. Since then, I have been talking to officers about a plan for that verge area as it is an issue each year. I can now say that it has been agreed to start the wildflower planting here in the Autumn of this year. This will start with the planting of a grass called 'yellow rattle' that will out compete the grasses that are there and which does not grow very tall. This should see a much more manageable area, with lower grass length.

#### **Dark skies**

As all PCs will be aware, Cornwall Council has declared that all street lights - except in areas with high levels of anti-social behaviour - will be turned off between midnight and 5am from the end of this year. The Parishes I represent have, for the most part, signalled their concerns over this programme. For most, the concept of a dark skies programme is not unwelcome, but it feels too rushed and that there has been a lack of consultation and information on the project. I have fed this back to officers dealing with the work and have requested sight of the risk assessment.

#### **National Armed Forces Day - Flag relay event.**

I was really pleased to join other Cornwall Cllrs, including the Chair of Cornwall Council, and Torpoint Town Cllrs for the Flag relay event at HMS Raleigh in mid June. It is a source of pride that the vast majority of the Royal Navy start their careers at HMS Raleigh, so be able to attend an event that was to thank them and their families for their service was really moving. I then attended the National Event day held in Falmouth on the 24th June, where I was pleased to bump into many residents of the Rame Peninsula.

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## **Highways**

Continuing on the subject of the A38 Safety funding, I was able to arrange for the transport portfolio holder to meet with myself and campaigners from the Safe38 group early in June. While the A38 is not within his portfolio, it is managed by National Highways, we wanted Cllr Donnithorne to be aware of the very specific issues that we have in Tideford and up to Trerulefoot roundabout. Cllr Donnithorne has pledged that he will do all he can to apply pressure to Government to reinstate the funding we need.

## **Community Area Partnership**

In June we held our inaugural meeting of the new Community Area Partnership; this meeting was held in Eliot Hall in St Germans and it was lovely to be able to welcome 29 Parishes and the 11 other Cornwall Cllrs to the area. It was a well organised meeting where we all agreed that one of our primary focuses should be for the A38 as it effects so many. Thank you to those PCs that did send a delegate - if yours didn't please do elect one.

## **Torpoint MUGA - multi use game area**

Torpoint TC are ploughing on with their plans to build a MUGA in Torpoint. I have attached a copy of their press release for your information. I know they will be asking to attend your Parish Council meetings in the coming months where they will be asking for your support.