

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 2023



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Cornwall Council and around the Peninsula–

November has been an incredibly busy month as we start the run up to the Christmas festivities, and inevitable rush to try and get projects tied up before the New Year.

I started the month with more meetings with local organisations hoping to gain grants from the Good Growth pot, it has really highlighted to me the extraordinary amount of positive work being done round the Peninsula, often times by unpaid volunteers. I believe we owe a huge amount of gratitude to these people who are picking up the slack in the system in the face of cuts to services centrally and from the local authority.

We held our final Mount Edgcumbe Joint committee meeting of the year on the 10th November. We heard from the park management and officers about the positive work that is being undertaken in the park, and now the park is on a more stable financial footing, we are starting our plan to tie together the many, many individual management plans that are involved in running an area like this into an overarching management plan. This is not something that can be done quickly, if we want it done properly, but we have asked to have a report on progress at our next meeting.

I was delighted to be able to attend various Remembrance Day events over the weekend of the 11th and 12th of November, and lay wreaths. On the 11th I attended the beautiful Cawsand war memorial for an incredibly touching and quiet act of reflection with members of that community, while on Sunday I attended the much larger parade and service in Torpoint. The weather was fairly biblical, but it was a beautiful service. Many thanks to David Pond who attended the Millbrook wreath laying on my behalf.

On the 15th November, myself and the Highways Manager - Will Glassup, and Becky Linguard from Maker with Rame PC visited Fourlanesend Primary School to meet with the school council to hear what they thought about the proposed safety improvements outside their school. They were such an engaged group of young people and it was a delight to listen to their well thought out ideas - we certainly took some points away with us. Overall the proposal was met with positivity from the school and the pupils and I look forward to this scheme coming forward.

With Nicky, the Chair of Millbrook PC, we met with concerned residents regarding the proposed safety package for St Johns Rd. I want to thank the residents for engaging so positively with the consultation and making their case so well - that is the whole point of these consultations. They aren't written in stone and give the community the opportunity to feedback on how proposed changes ...

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As with all items like this, there was an uptick in very negative comments on social media, which breeds concern and worry with residents. This makes me even more happy for how the residents around St Johns Rd dealt with this issue. The consultation for this scheme is closed now, and initial feedback from Cormac is that this scheme will not go ahead in the format proposed. The design team will look again at the project and see if they are able to design something that works with the legitimate concerns raised by folk.

Meanwhile, in Antony the scheme for a one way system by the school there has begun in rather an unusual way. It has been implemented but on a temporary Traffic Regulation Order with a feedback portal set up for people to let Highways know how this is, or isn't, working for them. This isn't something that has been done before and was a surprise to all. You can find details of how to feedback on this scheme [HERE](#). Or by using this web address <https://www.engagespace.co.uk/cornwall/default.aspx?From=www.cornwall.gov.uk>

If you wish to reply online, you will need to register to the Consultation Finder system by clicking on the 'Register Here' link. Please click on the link below to access the Consultation Finder Website. If you have any problems using the site please contact **01872 327319**

Highways and reporting

I would like to remind Parish Councillors that they or and member of the public are able to report issues with the highways, or anything else that is managed by Cornwall Council. I am always happy to chase reports up if they are not actioned, or if you do not get the result you are expecting. The link to the website is <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/> or via link [HERE](#)

AONB changes

Midway through the month I attended the launch of the new AONB structure up at Maker Heights - the Cornish AONB areas are now known as Cornish National Landscapes. You can find out more at their new website [HERE](#) or by using this web address <https://cornwall-landscape.org/>

Planning Issues

I called in the planning application for Sandways campsite to the East Cornwall Planning committee. I know there has been a lot of public interest in this application, and I completely support the site continuing to be used by local families as a campsite in the summer months as it has been for nearing 90 years. Unfortunately, due to technicality the decision had to be deferred. I am pushing planning officers to ensure that this is dealt with and reheard well in time for the next season so members of the association know where they stand.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2024

Finally, I want to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and successful 2024. Thank you for all your cooperative working and support during 2023, it really makes all the difference.