

Mawgan-In-Pydar PC Report October 2021

Since my last report I have chaired a meeting of the Newquay and St Columb Community Network Panel where the final budget and schemes were approved as part of the Community Highways initiative. I am pleased that two news streetlights have been agreed for St Columb Major Town. One at Trelawney Parc and one at the top of Hillcrest. Total cost £15,000.00.

I am sorry that the two schemes put forward for this parish did not make the final list, I can assure you that was not down to me but the previous incumbent.

It is likely that the Highways Schemes will continue under the new administration although it MAY be a slightly different format. It is my understanding that instead of one pot of money, that each area will have to bid for, there will be one pot of money for each electoral division. Ten thousand pounds a year for each of the 87 divisions over four years. It is believed that this method will be much fairer. The elected member will ultimately decide which schemes will get funded in his/her area. This is yet to be confirmed.

I have attended both St Columb Major Town Council and St Wenn Parish Council meetings held in September and last Tuesday the first October meeting in St Columb, Last evening St Wenn's meeting

I chaired a meeting of residents of Sun Valley Park and Cornwall Council Officers overseeing installation of mains gas to the site and the upgrading of cookers, boilers, and fires at the various properties. Residents expressed concerns over the way the whole project has been managed with little or no linking up between the various contractors and the wrong equipment being installed. Officers agreed that more needs to be done and that residents need to be kept better informed. We have a follow up meeting next. However, I have been assured by residents that things have improved and that the project is now progressing satisfactorily. The funding comes from a national scheme however it is being overseen by Cornwall Council.

I attended the tri monthly meeting of the Cornwall Airport Newquay Consultative Forum where I raised my concerns over the airlink between Cornwall and London. I have been assured that tenders are being sought and indeed the Portfolio Holder for Transport assured members at the recent Full Council meeting of Cornwall Council that he believes good news is soon to be announced. Let's hope so!

I have chaired a pre-agenda meeting of the Standards Committee which meets early next month.

I attended Full Council at New County Hall where I delivered the Annual Report of the Standards Committee which was voted on and accepted by Full Council. I also questioned the Transport Portfolio Holder for Transport on Spaceport and whether Cornwall Council is ready to sign a contract with Virgin? Currently there is only a memo of understanding between both parties. I am currently awaiting a written answer from him and his team.

I met with Cllr Corbett to discuss planning issues within the parish. I thank Cllr Corbett for his time, it certainly gave me a better understanding of current thinking!

I am delighted that Mr and Mrs Sterling of Gluvian Farm have won their appeal regarding a Class Q conversion of their barn. As members will no doubt recall the Sterlings applied for a Class Q and this was turned down by Cornwall Councils Planning Department. The Planning Inspectorate visited the site and disagreed with planning officers and have granted the appeal. The Sterlings were advised that whilst the appeal was ongoing to submit a full planning application which was supported by the Parish Council and by me. This was also turned down and I requested it be taken to committee who in effect voted themselves into a corner. They requested that the Sterlings come back with a business plan to support their application. It is my belief that now the appeal has been successful,

and the Class Q granted, this should negate any need to continue with the committee and planning should now be granted. I am currently awaiting a reply from the officers over my request. Common sense has prevailed.

I attended an all members briefing with the Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez where I questioned her on police numbers and asked why we have not seen an increase in the number of officers on our streets as promised in the past considering the fact, she has increased the amount we pay from our Council Tax year on year by the maximum amount allowed with the promise of more officers. She assured me that they are on the way, but it takes two years to train an officer and with natural wastage those already trained have taken the place of officers who have left the service. Let's wait and see!

I met with the divisional inspector Guy Blackford to discuss policing matters within the division. I can assure you all that we still live a safe area. We discussed ongoing issues like drug use, domestic violence, speeding, police numbers, rural crime, and community involvement in policing.

I met with the Christmas Lights Committee in St Columb Major to finalise the arrangements for the switch on which will be on Friday the 26th of November. I know a lot of families from St Mawgan-In-Pydar parish enjoy the annual switch on and firework display. I have once again secured funding from them from both Denzell Downs and St Breock Wind Farm Community Funds. They plan some new lights this year.

On Monday evening I was invited by the residents of Tregarrian to a meeting, which was attended by about forty residents, who express their deep concerns over the speed of traffic through the village. I have here a copy of the minutes of the that meeting taken by a resident and I can confirm they are an accurate account of what was discussed. I have sent a copy to the clerk for inclusion in the minutes and I have here a copy for the Chair.

I was initially contacted by Mrs Tish Phillips who discussed with me the problem. I advised her it might be an idea to raise a petition to assist me and the parish council in applying for the new administration's policy of "20 is plenty" for towns and villages. This is to reduce the speed limit in built up areas from 30mph to 20mph. Nearly 200 people have signed the petition and again I have a copy here for the Chair. Of course, not all signatories are from Tregarrian but they are all local people who use the road and the various shops and pubs in Mawgan Porth and Tregarrian.

As we all know Tregarrian can be approached from three directions, from Mawgan Port also the Airport/Tregurrian Road or from Newquay as part of the Coastal Road. Many Vehicles do not slow down to the required 30mph speed limit and it is dangerous for children who must cross the road to catch the bus to school or indeed those who park in the pub car park or any pedestrian or cyclist. The cut through has also become dangerous as drivers avoid the junction at the bus turning circle at the end of the Newquay road from Watergate.

I advised residents the St Columb Major TC have just purchased three solar powered speed advisory signs which have been placed around the town. These are portable and can be moved around the parish where there is a need to remind drivers to slow down. I can assure you they do work. I have witnessed myself the affect these signs have on divers. When they flash the speed of an oncoming vehicle drivers DO SLOW DOWN.

I see that speeding traffic at Tregarrian is on the agenda this evening. Sadly, I must be away at 7.45pm as I have another appointment. If you didn't have so many planning matters to discuss on the agenda I may have been here when you come to that item.

However, I am now formally requesting that the Parish Council joins me in applying for the "20 is Plenty" initiative for Tregarrian, and Mawgan Porth. Plus, the Parish Council seriously considers purchasing solar speed advisory signs to try and reduce the speed of vehicles in the area. As I say,

they are portable and can be moved around the parish. It is something perhaps you would consider budgeting for as you set the parishes precept for the coming year.