

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR MAY 2022



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I have decided to write an overarching update each month, that will be sent to the 6 Parishes and 1 Town Council that sits within the **Rame Peninsula & St Germans** division. I hope that this will give an overall picture of the work being done across the division and will help inform Parish & Town Councillors.

Cornwall Council and around the Peninsula-

It has been a fairly quiet month in terms of Cornwall Council news, albeit a busy month in terms of events and such like.

June started with the fabulous events of the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend**. I was honoured to be asked to read the Jubilee Proclamation at the **Sheviock Parish Council** Beacon Lighting ceremony. This was a well attended event where we were able to view beacons being lit from Plymouth to Kit Hill. Thank you to the Parish Council for organising. I was delighted to attend the **Torpoint Jubilee Party** in Thankes Park, where my daughter was dancing with **Coppola School of Dance**. It was a fantastic day of celebration and fun for all. On the Saturday I was at the **Maker with Rame Jubilee Party** where I helped judge the fantastic window displays and enjoyed the fete, then on the Sunday I attended St Andrews Church for the service, where I did a reading and finally popped to **St Germans May Tree Festival** to round off the weekend. It was so great to see all our communities out and enjoying themselves - I would like to thank all the volunteers that pulled these events together and gave us all a much needed celebration weekend.

Following on from last months update, I was asked to Chair the **Rame Peninsula Public Transport Group's** Public meeting held on the 20th May. This meeting was to discuss the cuts to our services on the Rame Peninsula and we were joined by officers from Cornwall Council and Plymouth City Bus as well as around 100 members of the public. We had a lot of discussion and residents were able to express their views. The overarching message was that we are simply not using our bus services enough across Cornwall - please do consider replacing even just one car journey with a bus journey to show how valuable our bus service is here on the Rame.

The lane closure on the **A374 between Antony and Sheviock** was finally removed this month, with a temporary fix done to the subsidence issue on the road. There will need to be further design and repair work done along this stretch of road in the future, but it is a complicated issue that will take some time to resolve. I will keep residents and PCs updated as we move forward.

All of the schemes from the **Rame Peninsula & St Germans** division, that have been put forward for this year's **Cornwall Gateway Highways Scheme** have now achieved sign off by the portfolio holder for Transport, again I will update when I have further information around timelines for these projects.

I have been receiving numerous reports on the state of our **Gold Footpaths** in the area, they are becoming quite overgrown and impassable in places - I have escalated this and will speak to the Portfolio holder in due course as well.

Earlier this month, I attended the briefing from **National Highways** on the safety packages for the Carkeel to Trerulefoot stretch of the A38. Only 6 months ago we were told that there would very likely be an "offline" solution to Tideford - meaning a by-pass of the village. That now seems to not be on offer. That said, there are some very welcome safety improvements to the road including average speed cameras, reductions in speed limits, crossings and safer bus bays. I would encourage all to take part in the consultation, I will be making a submission requesting that the speed reduction in Tideford is carried on to cover the St Germans turning, that a pedestrian crossing is placed in Tideford to help with the village severance and that improvements are made to the bus stop up at Trerulefoot roundabout.

You can find the online consultation by searching "**National Highways A38 Consultation**"

The **Cornwall Gateway Community Network Panel** held it's first in-person meeting in a couple of years in Saltash earlier this month. It was great to meet up in person and to actually meet some of the other area's Parish and Town Councillors in person. The panel decided to continue with the previous focus areas; Water Transport, Air Quality, A38 and Climate change but to also look at integrated transport and bus links in the area.

At the end of May, I did an estate walkabout with the **Cornwall Housing** housing officer for this area. We looked at all the Council Housing properties within Millbrook at this walkabout and identified a fair number of issues that should be being picked up. The Housing Officer has reported all the issues and, I am told, a maintenance team will be coming to Millbrook for several days to do all the external works (ie weeding, signs, repairs) in the near future.

Dates for your diary:

Rame Cluster Meeting - Weds 6th July at 1800 - Teams Meeting.