

# CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR JULY 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-**

During July, we held a Full Council meeting and other committee meetings. During Full Council I asked a question of the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Phillip Desmonde, about the state of our coastal footpaths. Many of these footpaths have become completely impassable due to lack of cutting back, especially around the Maker Heights area. Cllr Desmonde responded by saying that he agreed and our paths and footways should be cleared and accessible. I have followed this up with further emails to the footpaths team and Cllr Desmonde and I am assured their teams are being programmed to fit cuts in as soon as possible.

In the Children's and Families Oversight and Scrutiny, I asked the Portfolio holder, Cllr Barbara Ellenbroek if she would look into the current issues with free school meals entitlement. We are seeing families that have always been entitled due to very low incomes, applying for FSM for younger children finding out that they are no longer entitled. This issue has come up because of the very welcome lift in national minimum wage, but unfortunately no raise in the entitlement levels for FSM. I am being contacted by residents that our now just a couple of £ above the cut off. With the cost of living crisis we are experiencing and, no doubt, how much harder this will get over the winter, I was pleased to hear the Portfolio holder and head of service agree to look into this with urgency and to lobby government to look into this issue.

There has finally been an announcement on the much awaited part replacement to EU funding, the Shared Prosperity Funding. I am delighted to be supporting Torpoint in their bid for investment and would encourage other Council's to consider looking in case they have a project that might benefit. Details can be found here - [ciosgoodgrowth.com](https://ciosgoodgrowth.com)

During July, I met once again with the Rame Peninsula Public Transport Users Group and James Church from Plymouth City Bus. There has been some improvement to the services that were cut earlier this year, especially for the Goad Avenue area in Torpoint. But unfortunately we haven't seen a reintroduction of the service to Crafhole. I will continue working with the User Groups in the area on this issue.

### **Upcoming dates for your diary**

Cornwall Gateway Community Network Panel - 14th September, 1800hrs, Mount Edgcumbe Country Park.