

## CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 2022



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

This month brought the news that Cornwall Council, like nearly all other Local Authorities, are in a financial deficit for this financial year. Of course, this is keenly felt here as we went through a period of severe personnel costs to make the budget work earlier this year, as well as cuts to Cornwall Council services. We have been told that the Cabinet will be looking at all statutory and non-statutory services going forward to see where more spending savings can be made. One of the first cuts is the proposed closure of the Cornwall Fire and Rescue control centre from Tolvaddon in Cornwall and relocated up to probably Yorkshire. I have received a large amount of correspondence from residents and fire service staff over this possibility. I attended the Neighbourhoods Oversight and Scrutiny committee in October where this was discussed to ensure that views of residents within my division were represented. The committee agreed to ask for a full enquiry into the possible impacts of removing this vital service from Cornwall, and to look at all the risks that this may bring. I will continue to keep a close eye on this and attend scrutiny where this is being discussed.

Last week I was delighted to be invited to HMS Raleigh as a guest of the new Captain of the base, for lunch and to the passing out parade. It is the first time I have attended a passing out parade since my brother was there - well over 20 years ago! It was a brilliant event, and I was proud to have been invited.

From October, community hubs across Cornwall will be offering winter support – a local solution to provide warm, safe places for support, socialising and activities through the colder months and beyond. Community hubs are for everyone. Whether you're looking for a safe space to keep warm, access to food and beverages, advice or support, pop along to a hub for some friendly company as the winter months draw closer.

You can find out more about community hubs on the Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum website. You will see a map on this webpage as well

<https://cornwallvsf.org.uk>

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We held our Rame Cluster meeting this month, where we discussed the proposed MUGA pitch in Torpoint as well as whether we should be looking to update our Neighbourhood Development plan.

Earlier in the month, we had our Cornwall Gateway community network meeting, which was rescheduled after the earlier meeting was postponed due to the official mourning for Her late Majesty. The meeting was held at Mount Edgcumbe Country Park, and we were given an update on the successes of the Park by Chris Burton, the Park Manager.

I have been continuing to work closely with Cornwall Housing over issues on the various estates around my division. This month I completed a 'walk about' with various Cornwall Housing Managers and the local housing officer to highlight areas that are desperately in need of maintenance and repair. I have been assured that works will be undertaken within the next few months and have scheduled another walk about to check on the status of the works as well.

Finally, the Highways Scheme for years 2 & 3 has now closed, with submissions from across the area submitted. Cllr Tivnan and I have submitted a joint expression of interest to reduce the speed limit from the Wilcove junction up past the Torpoint cemetery junction on the A374. This is something we have been working on for several months, and we hope it will be successful.