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Points of Interest

- **Changes in law regarding Councillor's Register of Interest forms.** Councillors ROI forms have been removed from the parish website and the CC website due to the change in the law meaning that councillors now have the choice to withhold their home addresses under Section 32(2) of the Localism Act 2011. All councillors must now complete a new (digital) ROI form which CC will have the responsibility of redacting and publishing. If you need assistance with completing your ROI form, please contact the Parish Council Support Officer: admin@portreath-pc.gov.uk
COUNCILLORS IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP YOUR ROI FORMS UP TO DATE. NOT DOING THIS COULD RESULT IN A CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT BEING MADE AGAINST YOU.
- **Parking enforcement 08/07/26** - The Clerk had an informal meeting with the enforcement officer for the area and highlighted the times that they were most needed in the village. The office agreed to feed this back to their superiors.
- **Additional Bins:** Following the request for assisting bins made by Cllr. Jaman at the meeting 06/07, Cormac have responded that the council would need to fund these if they wanted at additional bins in the parish.
- **Local Council training: Housing viability update - Wednesday 16 September, 4.15-5.15 pm** As Portreath is located within Cornwall Local Plan Affordability (Value) Zones 4 or 5, Cornwall Council has invited councillors to join us on **Wednesday 16 September, 4.15-5.15 pm** for a briefing - to share the outcome of a piece of Housing Viability work recently undertaken that affects our parish. The Housing Viability work was commissioned as a result of a number of national studies, together with local anecdotal evidence, indicating that the viability of housing delivery has been becoming increasingly challenging locally and nationally. The study reviewed a range of different types/sizes of residential development across all five of Cornwall's Housing Affordability Zones (as were established in the Cornwall Local Plan and reflect house prices in different parts of Cornwall). The work also included engagement with the local development industry. This update is to summarise the review conclusions and set out a number of short-term measures being proposed to help alleviate viability pressures where they are being felt most. A minimum of two representative of this council are required to attend.
Volunteers: Cllr. Parker
- **Local Council training: Changes to Planning Committees and protocols, Policy update – 23 September 2026.** Cornwall Council are giving a briefing on planning changes and a policy update. This session will cover national planning changes brought in by the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025, and following the [Government consultation](#) in the Spring, and their response published in June: [Planning committee reform: statutory consultation on draft regulations and guidance – government response - GOV.UK](#), as well as the latest policy changes and Local Plan latest news. The programme will include:
 - Planning Committee reform and changes to delegation powers including new CC Member protocol, and new Local Council protocol
 - Policy update including Neighbourhood Priorities Statements and Local Plan progress.A minimum of two representative of this council are required to attend.
Volunteers:
- **Missing Signs and Road Markings on Beach Road:** At the middle bridge from Tregea Terrace, highways have confirmed that these will be reinstated when the road is resurfaced in the autumn.
- **Bys Vyken Events, Run Like Hell Event 17th April 2027.** Starting and finishing from Portreath beach. The organising team have offered to make a donation of £1 per runner to the parish council towards the upkeep of the public toilets.
- **Whole Society Resilience Conference 2026** (22 September 2026, 9.15-15.30, Royal Cornwall Showground) Councillors are strongly encouraged to attend this event.
- **12/08/26** - NPS Webinar **1.5 Hours**
- **July/Aug** – NPS work – **5 hours**

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- A resident of the parish currently holds a significant amount of exhibition materials of the Portreath History. They have requested that the Parish council become custodians of these materials. I await confirmation of the quantity of the materials. We have limited storage available at the Parish office and Community Hub.

Staffing Committee Update

Staff Appraisals were started in August, however, went on hold due to councillor sickness. The remaining appraisals will be rescheduled ASAP.

Recommendation:

The Staffing Committee Meeting scheduled for the 21st September is postponed to a later date to allow appraisal to be carried out in full. Suggested date: 18th October 2026 (6pm Community Hub)

Facilities Working Group Update

There continues to be various commercial and community bookings in the community hub over the summer. The Hub was well utilised by the youth engagement sessions.

Please do put forward ideas for community events that the council could host in the Community Hub.

Suggested date for 2027 Wetsuit Swap:

- 24th April 2027 11am - 2pm

NPS Update

- The working group now has 9 volunteers including Cllrs. Crabtree, Hitchen and Cafe.
- The first meeting of the Working group will be held on Monday 21st September at 6pm in the Community Hub.
- A number of the volunteers attended the webinar: **NPS Understanding data, early engagement, analysing responses on the 12 August**
- A number of the volunteers attended the webinar: **NPS**
- The next webinar is NPS: **Housing** which is scheduled for 4.00-5.00 Tuesday 15 September 2026
- The Draft TOR is available on the website

Donation Request

(confidential personal data redacted)

Portreath Harbour Association – £500.00 Emergency Grant due to circumstance beyond their control their finances have taken a significant hit in recent months.

The group has made significant effort to increase membership and have created income generating services which have helped, however need some assistance to cover the short fall created by Cornwall Council's actions.

Youth Engagement

A conversation regarding the cost of the chips for the session should be considered. Costs and options to follow.

See attached Summer Impact Report & Outreach Reports on the website.

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Youth Engagement Working Group Update

THAT'S A WRAP ON OUR PORTREATH SUMMER!

What a summer it has been! 😊

Over the holidays, we've welcomed **50+** young people to a fantastic range of activities, including:



AIR-DRY
CLAY



SMOOTHIE
MAKING



COOKING



PODCASTING



DJING



GAMES &
CHILL

It's been so lovely watching young people try something new, make new friends, build confidence and just enjoy being themselves in a safe and relaxed environment. ❤️

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to Portreath Parish Council for your continued support and partnership. Your support has helped us create some amazing opportunities for local young people. ❤️

Thank you also to Truro Nourish Hub, Jay Bird Deli, Pod Cafe, our volunteers and everyone who has helped make these sessions happen. ❤️

And most importantly... THANK YOU to every young person who came along! You've made our summer one to remember. ❤️

We're already looking forward to what comes next! ✨



4YOUTH BE YOUR CHANGE CIC

Supporting young people
Building confidence
Creating opportunities ❤️

*Thank you
Portreath!* ❤️

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Planning Report

Applications for consideration:

[PA26/05231 | Use of building for ancillary and holiday accommodation | Greenfield Villas Penberthy Road Portreath Redruth Cornwall TR16 4LS](#)

5 Day Notices:

[PA26/05214 | Application for Permission in Principle for demolition of existing garage and the construction of up to 1 dwelling and off road parking space \(minimum of 1, maximum of 1\) | Land Adjacent To Riviera Cottage Lighthouse Hill Portreath Redruth Cornwall TR16 4LJ](#)

Following consultation with councillors, the council followed option 1 and agreed with the recommendation of the planning officer . 7 Councillors were in favour of this response.

Appeals:

Approved:

[PA26/04625 | Rear single storey extension | 7 Chynance Portreath Redruth Cornwall TR16 4NJ](#)

[PA26/04462 | Conversion of redundant barn to form self-build dwelling house & associated works | Barn SE Of South View Farm Nancekuke Redruth Cornwall TR16 4HU](#)

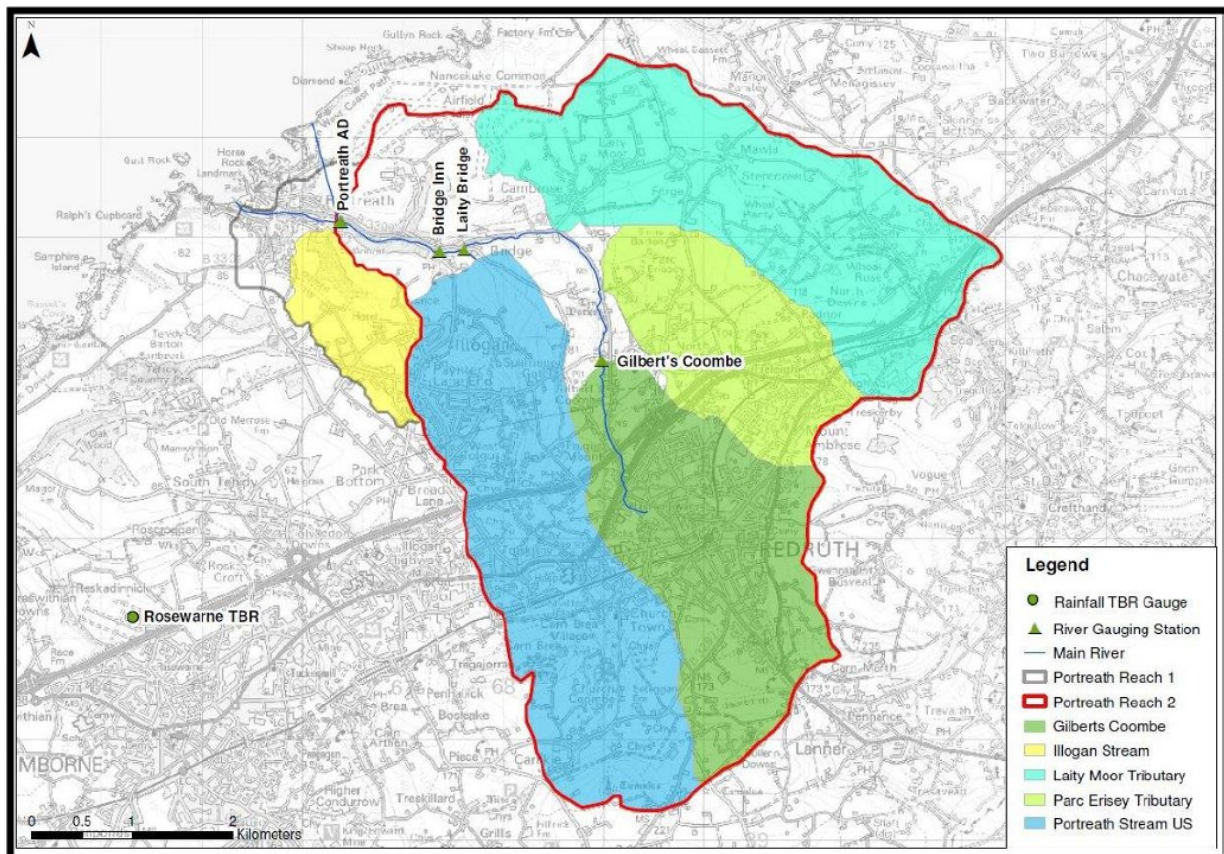
Refused:

[PA26/02364 | Proposed two storey rear extension following demolition of existing outbuildings | 11 Tregea Terrace Portreath Redruth Cornwall TR16 4NG](#)

Closed Advice Given:

Other:

Planning in in the Portreath Stream Catchment Area:



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Correspondence

(confidential personal data redacted)

Received 15/07/26

PPC received in copy an email to the Environment Agency. (Summarised to remove personal data) Also copied into the email, Perran Moon, Cornwall Council Planning, CC Crawford, Leader of Cornwall Council, CC Sustainable Drainage Officer, neighbouring property owners.

A resident has written to the Environment Agency expressing ongoing concerns that the proposed flood prevention scheme could increase the risk of flooding to their property. The correspondence states that independent engineering advice has questioned aspects of the design, requests further technical evidence and modelling to demonstrate that the scheme will not increase flood risk, raises objections to the proposed engineering solutions of the plan for their property, and indicates that legal action may be considered if satisfactory assurances are not provided.

Received 07/08/26

I am shocked to see that your council unanimously approved the planning application below. You could not have visited the site to see why it is not appropriate as if you had I can't see how it would have gained your favour. I am hoping that the CC planners take no guidance from you. Land North East Of Tram Road Cottage Nancekuke TR16 5UQ Ref. No: PA26/02590

Received 09/08/26 in copy to the Environment Agency (questions attached)

Dear Portreath Team,

Thank you for your email of 29th July.

We would like to express our disappointment at your decision not to provide a written response to the community questions we submitted.

At the start of our meeting on 14th April, you committed to doing so, and on that basis we did not take detailed or formal notes during the discussion.

Our request for written answers was made to ensure clarity and accuracy. A formal response helps avoid misinterpretation and supports us in sharing information with members of the community who were not present at the meeting.

PFRAG was established to represent the wider Portreath community. The questions we submitted were informed by extensive conversations with residents and local businesses affected by the scheme.

As part of our engagement to date, we have:

- Collected a petition of 750 signatures calling for improvements to the scheme.
- Gathered over 250 individual letters from residents outlining specific concerns.
- Knocked on more than 100 doors to hold in-depth conversations.
- Built a detailed understanding of the community's priorities and worries.

Through this work, several common themes have emerged. Many residents believe that reinstating the stream to its original width, combined with effective cutting back and ongoing maintenance, would make a significant difference. Others remain concerned that flooding has only occurred as a result of issues with the trash screen.

In light of this, we respectfully ask that you reconsider your decision and provide a written response to the questions we shared, which we have reattached. Doing so would demonstrate your continued commitment to constructive engagement and would support residents as they prepare any submissions for the planning process.

Kind regards, PFRAG Secretary

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Received 16/08/26

Hi

On Sunday evening 8.30 pm until 9.45 pm several cars parked in the Coastguard and Harbour Association spaces and then around 10 young adults roudily proceeded to all go out to the end of the harbour to eat and whatever.

Just concerned that this will be ongoing if there arent measures in place to stop this happening.

I know its not illegal etc but if there was a serious call out , it would be difficult.

Just wanted this put out there.

I felt calling 111 wasn't necessary because as far as I was aware they weren't damaging anything or being anti social.

Several other residents were aware of this also.

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Received 25/08/26 (in copy to the EA)

To whom it may concern,

Please can you reach out to talk to us urgently.

I am extremely concerned to hear that there will be work by the environment agency taking place right opposite our small pre-school in Portreath Cornwall. We have not been notified in any way.

This causes a great concern to the health and wellbeing of our children and staff. We have children and 2 staff members with varying degrees of severity of breathing difficulties that air quality will hugely impact. Will you be creating dust and pollution from heavy plant machinery? We also have children and staff that will be impacted by loud noise and other sensory issues related to your work.

We are outside in the garden all day right opposite where you propose to set up a site!

You need to re-think this drastically or provide a plan that won't impact the health and well being of our children and staff! We have been here for 50 years in the heart of our community and we take a group of children out and about daily up into Feadon or Illogan woods and this forms an important and vital part of our curriculum. We are an outstanding rated setting and any disruption to our preschool and or the health of our children and staff will be greatly concerning to us. We are extremely concerned and would like a meeting with yourselves as soon as possible. You need to rethink where the site entrance is being right opposite our pre school entrance and play area where the children are outside playing every week day! Noise immediately outside of our preschool could have a substantial effect on children's ability to participate in activities, communicate, concentrate and sleep/rest.

Dust and air quality we require you to carry out an assessment of construction dust, emissions from plant and vehicles, and measures to prevent dust entering the preschool.

Traffic and child safety - We insist on a detailed plan showing how parents, children, staff, emergency vehicles and deliveries will access the premises throughout the works please

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We would directly like you to provide us with details of:

- construction vehicle routes
- HGV movements
- delivery times
- reversing operations
- temporary road closures
- parking
- pedestrian diversions
- site entrances
- how children and parents will safely enter and leave the preschool.

Safeguarding

I would like to explicitly raise the need to protect young children from construction activity and uncontrolled interaction between construction vehicles/site personnel and preschool children.

This isn't simply a question of inconvenience. Please directly provide us with information to demonstrate how the proposed arrangements will maintain safe separation between children, families and the construction operation. Will construction workers/vehicles overlook our garden and children? Will this proposal create additional safeguarding concerns to our children and staff?

Please contact us asap to help make this safe for our Pre school, children, parents and staff.

Kind regards

Portreath Preschool

Received 27/08/26 (In copy from 2 members of the public to the CEO of Southwest Water)

Dear Mr Haslett

Here are a few facts related to Portreath.

1. Portreath receives half of the sewage and captured runoff for the largest conurbation in Cornwall, then pumps it back up the hill to the sewage treatment works at Kieve Mill.
2. The Bridge Pumping Station in Portreath can pump 191 litres of sewage and captured runoff per second back up the hill.
3. Once the pumping need exceeds 191 litres per second then the excess is stored in the tank under the primary school field.
4. Once the tank is full, then untreated sewage in excess of 191 litres per second joins the Portreath Stream in its diversion out to sea down the Portreath Tunnel.
5. The Portreath Stream may contain untreated sewage and captured runoff from two other CSOs that also discharge into it but do so further upstream.
6. These discharges of untreated sewage into our local sea are meant to be only in exceptional circumstances but we all know that they happen very regularly.

At the moment, we are currently experiencing a drought, we have had no significant rain for months and we have a hosepipe ban so there is absolutely no definition of exceptional rain or flash flooding that could justify raw sewage discharge into our local sea. The tanks under the school field cannot be full.

This morning it began to rain - significantly for the first time for months. At 4.55 am you began discharging raw sewage into our local sea.

Mr Haslett, how can that be?

Yours sincerely

Received 27/08/26 (In copy to the CEO of South West Water)

Dear Mr Haslett

Please can you tell us why sewerage was released into the sea this morning at Portreath in the "Bathing Season" ?

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Furthermore how can we trust SWW not to be constantly flowing sewerage through our village onto the beach when the E.A get planning permission for their so called "flood resilience " scheme in Portreath?

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Received 27/08/26

Hi Portreath Parish Council Clerk, Parish Councillors & Cornwall Councillor Crawford,
I'm Redruth Town Councillor Aaron Mays; I'm raising this issue with you because I believe this is also important to my constituents too.

As I'm sure you're aware, Roarsome Play today made this public post regarding their financial difficulty and appealed to the public to use their facility to keep them going.

I recently took my daughter there for her 4th birthday and she loved it, I think the value is excellent and it provides a much-needed play area / party area for children without breaking the bank for our already financially stretched people.

One thing that is a major hinderance is that **there is no bus stop outside the facility**, forcing non-drivers and parents with prams to face a gruelling, dangerous walk along the road with no path if they are to reach the facility.

Without a taxi or a vehicle, it is virtually impossible for non-drivers to access the facility, I think the installation of a bus stop here would be a massive help to this business and to the other businesses on this estate.

I've copied you all in and @cllr.cliff.crawford@cornwall.gov.uk because I really do think this is an important matter to all of our residents and this suggestion would help the businesses to survive and help the people to access them.

Please consider this request and let me know your thoughts - I'm really looking forward to your response.

Thank you

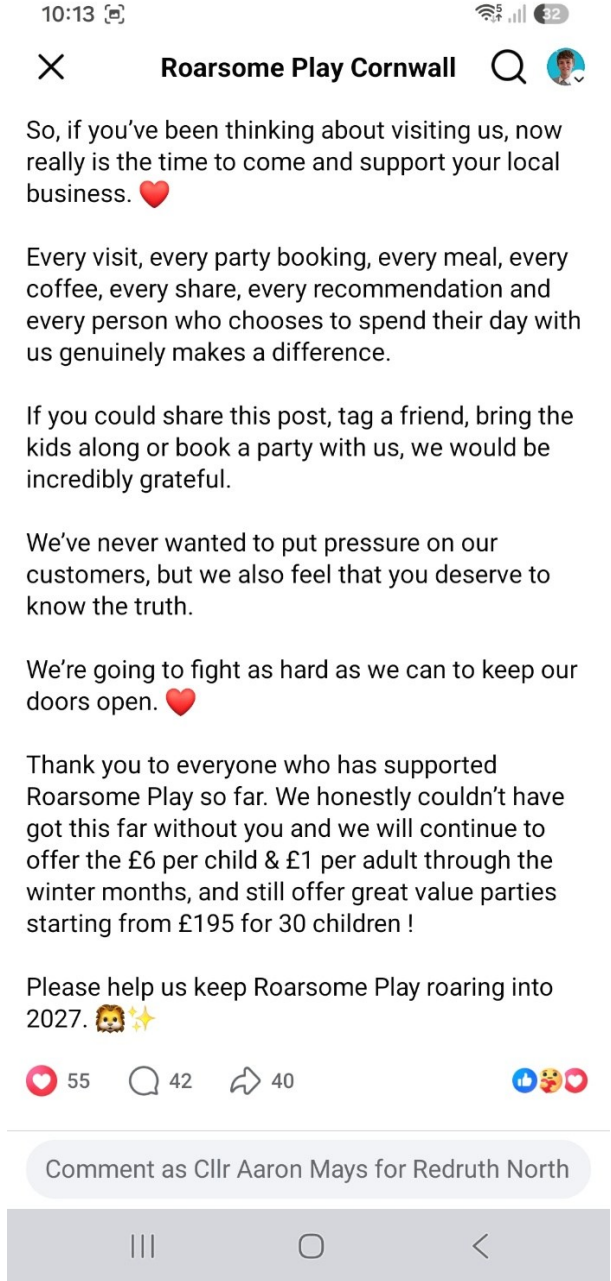
Cllr Aaron Mays

Town Councillor for Redruth North Ward

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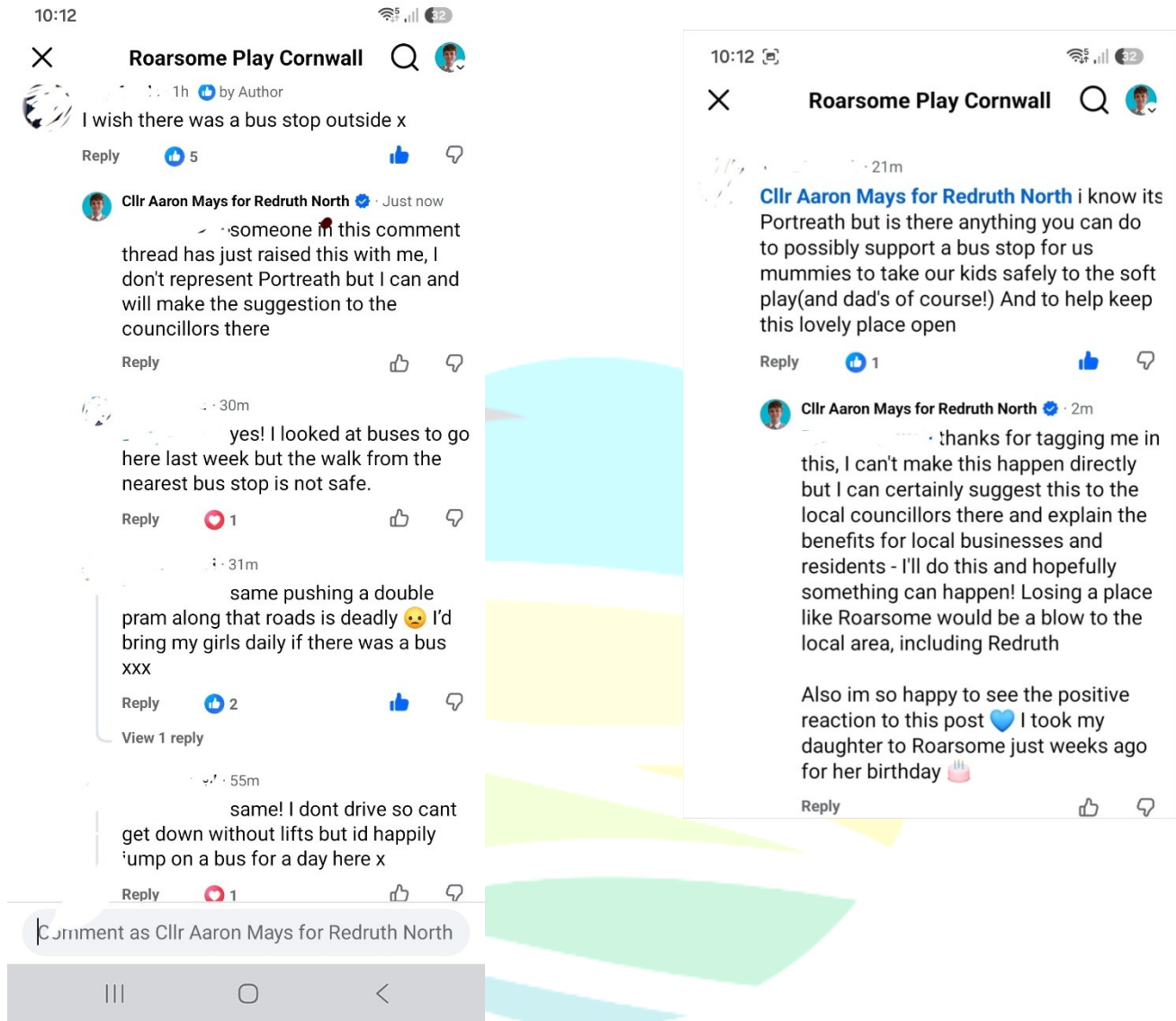
'Redruth Town Council supports equality, inclusion and diversity.'

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Agenda Items

11. To consider and formulate a response to the Cornwall Council 'Van Dweller Survey', authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

See attached suggested responses.

12. To review the council Complaint handling procedure, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

Clerks Recommendation: Add sentence at end of first paragraph 'Portreath Parish Council will not accept complaints which are anonymous.'