

PORTREATH MARCH 2024 REPORT

February was a fairly quiet month and the last opportunity for groups and organisations to ask for funding for small scale items from my Community Chest Grant which closed on the 23rd and will reopen in May. I am pleased to say that all the money was allocated. Unfortunately, some were refused for not following the correct protocol, so as a quick reminder, the request has to be made to myself to see if I will support the scheme along with accurate costings and not to go direct to Cornwall Council, which has happened with some that have previously applied.

My aim is to allocate funds fairly and therefore priority is given to those that have had no funding from me previously and if there are any funds left near the end of the year that is when previous beneficiaries can benefit.

If anybody knows of any Public Footpath signage that is missing, please let me know as I am trying to get some funding for getting new ones erected.

The Public Inquiry into the Common Land at Feadon Woods is taking place from Monday 25th until Thursday 28th of this month at the Pool Innovation Centre and I will be attendance throughout most of this.

As we all know, the planning application for the WAFF Site is now live therefore I would just like to remind everybody that a final decision is out of the Parish Councils remit and that it will be the Planning Officer who will look at all the relevant National and Local Planning Policies along with Portreath Neighbourhood Development Plan as well as the public comments, both for and against the proposal before reaching a decision. There is no guarantee that she will support the scheme and may recommend outright refusal for reasons that would be explained in a decision notice and it is then up to the applicants, Classic Builders/Coastline to decide if they wish to appeal the decision and refer it to the Planning Inspector in Bristol for consideration. Before this stage, once again depending on the Planning Officer it may be referred to the West Sub Area Planning Committee of Cornwall Council, of which I am a member but would not be allowed to vote on the matter.

The proposals for the old toilet block have attracted some attention on Social Media recently even though they have been in the public domain for over a year as Planning Permission was granted on 23 March last year and only one public comment was received at that time. The cost of this is coming from funding from Central Government through the Community Levelling Up

Programme and is the largest project within our Community Area Partnership. At the moment the Parish Council are having to pay Business Rates on this block and when the new build is complete, not will it only provide an office where residents can approach the Clerk and Councillors, it will also qualify for 100% business rate relief.

The 20mph roll out is due to commence throughout the Camborne, Pool, Illogan, Redruth area, which does include Portreath.

Last month I was placed on The Harbours Board which is useful, especially as there is one that Cornwall Council maintain only a couple of hundred of yards from here.