

PORTREATH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2024

First of all can I say thank you to the Pre School for serving the refreshments this evening and also congratulate Simon in front of more than three residents on becoming Chair of the Parish Council, which at times can be slightly stressful, as I know from experience after previously having the same role in Illogan for three years.

As far as Portreath is concerned, it has been a busy year and indeed it has benefitted from some investment, not only in finally getting the resurfacing carried out on Tregea Hill, apart from where two vehicles were left throughout the works and this may result in another road closure so that the appropriate equipment can be brought in for the patching, since the holes are far larger than two potholes.

The safety scheme on Tregea Hill was amended a number of times as it kept failing safety audits and I would like to reiterate that the No Loading At Anytime, does mean no stopping or parking, including Blue Badge Holders and there is no grace period before a fine can be issued. Prior to this work commencing, the Parish Council did ask if I could get the Loading Bay markings reinstated outside The Pod Café and after a meeting with Cormac and going back on Street View as far back as 2016 where a clear image could be seen, this work was carried out at the same time.

Could I also thank Sacha from Gwel an Mor for her cooperation in providing extra signage on Feadon Lane, indicating no entry to Gwel an Mor which complements the other traffic calming measures they have paid for. This is greatly appreciated, especially when the lane is actually owned by Gwel an Mor and therefore they were not obliged to do anything.

The 20mph zones were marked out last week and the extra couple of minutes it may take to drive through Portreath reduces the risk of a pedestrian dying who gets hit by a car down from 50% to 10%.

A scheme was also approved for a pedestrian build out on Beach Road to help with crossing the road to the toilets and this should be completed by March next year as the funding has to be used by then.

Thanks to the Community Levelling Up Fund and having to attend a meeting in New County Hall to explain why the Parish Council could not provide the usual minimum match funding because a large proportion of the parish precept is used to maintain the public toilets it was agreed to provide almost the

maximum funding possible from the fund and indeed the largest payment in our Community Area Partnership to fund the new Parish Office. Up cycle Kernow where also beneficiaries of some funding towards the costs of designing the improvements to the unit

Over the last three years groups in both Portreath and Illogan have benefitted from £9,000 of funding from my Community Chest Grants and the next round will be open soon. The disappointing fact is the number of groups that did not comply with the funding requirements of submitting a report afterwards and indeed some that tried to apply direct to the Council instead of contacting myself first.

Last year there were three caravans dumped on Lighthouse Hill, I called them skips on wheels, one was on Cornwall Council land and the other two on unregistered land and the Council will only deal with issues on their land, however after raising environmental issues with the contents blowing into the sea, they were all removed at a cost of over £3,000 to Cornwall Council.

I cannot finish without saying anything about the most controversial matter to hit Portreath in the last year and that is the planning application for the WAFF Site. At this stage, we are now in extra time since the determination date was Friday, however discussions are still ongoing and hopefully a decision will be reached quicker than another one that I am involved in that is now 14 months over determination date. Whatever the result is, hopefully the village will accept the decision and become reunited again.

The residents of Portreath give me some interesting challenges, however I stood to serve the residents of both Portreath and Illogan and I am thoroughly enjoying working for you.