

## Chairman's Report 02/12/2024

- It's been another very busy month for councillors and the Clerk as the opening of the Parish Office and Community Hub approaches. The IKEA flat packs have been assembled, blinds and shelving fitted whilst the final few snags have been completed by the builder. I would like to thank all the councillors who have put in considerable personal time and effort to get us to the point of being nearly ready to open.
- On a linked subject, a very successful design workshop for the heritage boards and Parish maps that will adorn the community hub room and outside took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> November. The draft designs look excellent and a big thank you to the Parishioners and 'friends' of the Parish who have supported this process.
- Again relating to the new Parish Office and Community Hub, there is now guest WIFI set up which I am sure will be handy for some of the planned uses of the hub going forward.
- On another subject, we held a number of Budgeting Workshops throughout the month, both weekdays and weekend days. Despite as much publicity as possible there were no attendees to any of the sessions from the Parish which is very disappointing. We will have to think of other ways to engage Parishioners in budget setting in the future.
- I would like to thank councillors Stewart and G Tull for attending the Illogan Remembrance Service on my behalf on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Vicki Webb and I had a discussion with representatives of Cornwall Council regarding Lighthouse Hill. I explained that with all the work and tight timeline on the new build that councillors time has been very stretched. We agreed a timeline to hold the community event with parishioners in mid-January to determine the appetite to form a friends of Lighthouse Hill Car Park to take on the site and effectively manage it on behalf of the council. The council representatives agreed to a timeline of a decision by Portreath Parish Council no later than our March 2025 meeting. It was also confirmed that if we did not move forward with taking on the site, it would be advertised for sale/lease. Accordingly we will be setting up the event with Parishioners in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
- Finally, I followed up the offer to meet with Richard Price, Managing Director of Waste Water Services, SWW to discuss the proposed session with the Parish Council and parishioner representatives. We discussed the need for a detailed response to the specific questions we asked in the letter of no confidence. For that to happen South West Water need their 5 year plan approved by Ofwat which is due on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. We agreed that I would make contact in the New Year to arrange the session once their plan had been approved. I am holding ongoing discussions with members of the Parish to identify who, if anyone, would like to give a parishioner view at this session.