

## Chairmans report 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

1. The MSDS statistics were circulated to all councillors. Still getting a small minority driving well in excess of 60 mph in both directions.
2. The extra "Welcome to Portreath Parish" sign has been fitted on Bridge Hill
3. I attended the Carbon Literacy training presentation. Very interesting ideas and proposals but to get CL qualified it takes 8-9 hours of training. Thereafter, to put the ideas into action needs a group of people who are dedicated to this , but unfortunately, I do not believe we have such a group either on council or within the community.
4. I attended the Climate Emergency DPD training run by Cornwall Council where they described all the changes coming into effect with planning policies due to climate change. There will be a lot! Neighbourhood plans were discussed and how some older plans may need revision, but equally the officer said that many other existing plan policies can be accommodated outside a change in the full plan.
5. I attended a meeting in NCH with the chair and vice chair of the MVRG, Simon Mould (head of Communities in CC) Carol Mould (Portfolio holder for neighbourhoods) and Dave Crabtree. The subject was the Rural Status Report that has been presented to CC by the MVRG and what can be done about the challenges and by which organisation. It was recognised that many, if not all, the issues were common across rural areas of Cornwall. The RSR was commended as a way forward for all areas. The new Community Area Partnerships coming into effect in May (that will take the place of the Community Networks) were agreed as the place to follow up on these.
6. One additional piece of information from Simon Mould was that CC will be offering that all councils will be able to apply to get all their councillors (& maybe staff??) DBS checked for a lump sum of just £35 per council. This should save us some money when the details are released.