

## **PORTREATH ANNUAL REPORT**

In the last two years I have learnt that the role of a Cornwall Councillor is very varied and sometimes challenging but can also be rewarding as well as frustrating by trying to go the extra mile.

The last twelve months has resulted in some successes, including the formation of the Illogan and Portreath Community Speed Watch Group, which became operational in November 2022, with the focus locally around the Bridge Moor area as unfortunately the centre of Portreath does not provide us with the appropriate escape zone should a car brake and skid towards us. Currently the team consists of a mix of Portreath and Illogan Parish Councillors, including myself and two residents, one from each Parish, therefore more volunteers would be beneficial so that more sessions can be conducted. Since starting this the Police have attended the area on a number of occasions and conducted checks. The highest number we have had in one direction was 22 in the space of one hour on a fairly quiet day.

The 20mph zone consultation for the Parish will open next month and is due to be rolled out in the autumn, where I know the Parish Council are currently requesting a couple of tweaks in Bridge Moor, which I support along with a joint effort on Tregea Hill where the proposal is reduced to nearer the bottom of the hill but I have asked for the extension up the hill in preparation for the safety scheme as it will save costs when this is implemented.

The long awaited feasibility study was completed last year with two options availability, the discounter supermarket one or the luxury one, with the preference on the luxury one as it provides a better pedestrian route to the top of the hill and traffic calming in both directions along with more enforceable road markings when parking outside of the parking bays as nobody will be allowed to park outside of these, including Blue Badge holders. There is a difference of approximately £60,000 between the two schemes and the current task is trying to secure funding from sources to complete the works.

I would like to thank Gwel an Mor for providing signage on Feadon Lane along with speed humps to divert their traffic to the new entrance, especially as Feadon Lane is a private road under their ownership. This was brought about by residents complaining about the number of lorries and visitors using this

route as it was on the Sat Navs plus the speed they were travelling, especially as children were playing close by.

We were also lucky in having the appeal for the proposed Private Gypsy and Traveller Site on land close to Rookery Farm dismissed as this was the only one recently to have this outcome. There are currently issues with another field close by.

Whilst on planning matters, there are currently a number of cases that the Planning Enforcement team are investigating with the Parish and unfortunately I cannot disclose where and at what stage they are at, however these include alterations or additions to buildings without the appropriate permissions as well as development without the same.

Other matters include meeting some residents over the old WAFF site, some bollards in Portreath and discussions about the old toilets.

Finally, Lighthouse Hill has featured in my inbox on more than a couple of occasions this year regarding the positioning of caravans and motorhomes, however these have appeared on unregistered land therefore the Council are unable to take action. The area that was once a car park and has for a while showed as an Environmental Asset as far as Cornwall Council is concerned was blocked off to stop the possibility of travellers using the location. There were complaints that this car park was closed, however it does not show as a car park on the Neighbourhood Plan and indeed was not really suitable as one in its current condition.