

PORTREATH JULY REPORT

Once a year I take a week off and this year it was the week of the sudden closure of the Post Office, however as the break was within this country I was allowed to take my lap top with me, therefore on an evening I was kept busy with emails to both the Post Office and Costcutter.

At this stage, I know that the Post Office will not attend a meeting and I am still awaiting a reply from Costcutter, however both parties are in receipt of a number of questions that need answering. As I was parking in Portreath on Thursday morning, one resident approached me who as an ex Sub Post Office owner had similar thoughts to myself that this situation may not be fully down to the Post Office.

There will be a meeting in the Millennium Hall at 6.30 this Friday when hopefully I will be able to update you with further information and indeed George Eustice is still waiting for a response, which was followed up by his Westminster Office on Thursday.

On the border of the Parish with Illogan, there are several complaints about the activities on Rayle Farm, including a forthcoming Fun Day. The event on 10th June had a Temporary Events Notice which allowed music until 11pm, however this was exceeded, and the same deadline applies to the Fun Day 22 July.

As we are experiencing the usual summer problems with parking on Treglea Hill I have once again raised the concerns of pedestrian safety as well as the increase in the risks of collisions because of inconsiderate parking and if the proposal goes ahead for the 20mph limit to start at the bottom of the hill until the road safety scheme is implemented.

The inaugural meeting of the Camborne, Pool, Illogan, Redruth, Hayle, Gwithian, Gwineer and Mining Villages Community Area Partnership was held last week, of which I was elected Chair and all the Parishes are currently voting on a shorter name, most are no more than three words, so will reduce the time of the meeting. Portreath signed up to join both funding panels, including Highways which is only the former CPIR & Mining Villages CNP Area and the CLUP. The funding panels can have additional meetings due to the time limit on finishing the works, 31 March 2025 and preferably by the end of January 2025 to give space for signing off.

Cornwall Councillors had an additional meeting last week to discuss the process of the CLUP fund process and at the moment the Portreath Parish Office application accounts for the majority of the applications from our Community Area Partnership.

We all know that there are times when residents approach Citizens Advice for help and the Illogan and Portreath Electoral Division had 98 residents approach them with a total of 575 issues. The majority of people seeking help were in the age group of over 55 with the 40% of the cases relating to Tax Credits and Universal Credit within the last 12 months. The worst area was Bugle and Roache with 253 residents seeking help.