

CC Report for the Town Council Meeting 15th August 2024

This report covers the period 13th July to 9th August to ensure the report can be seen by all fellow town councillors with all other council papers prior to the above meeting. Following on from last month's report:

Belle View Square: Again there is no further move forward on this despite the best efforts of our local Highways Manager to progress this on Torpoint's behalf.

Kingsley Avenue: The actual site to date again has no forward plan, similar to those in Roberts Avenue. A recent request for an update received the following reply:

Both the garage sites within Torpoint are currently part of a review of HRA assets that are no longer in use. The review is looking at how the council proceeds with these assets – I have in mind that we have previously looked at housing development and that you have put forward the suggestions of EV/Parking and potential devolution to Town Council. I will let you know the conclusions on these two sites in particular and any recommendations for future uses.

Slightly confused with this response and have asked for clarification as although having suggested E/V charging/Parking at no time has devolution to Torpoint Council been personally suggested.

Harvey St Flats: Again, no walk rounds have been conducted recently and still awaiting a response from CHL as regards installation of CCTV.

Garages rear of Roberts Avenue: As at Kingsley Avenue.

Torpoint Bowls Club: Works completed and some improvements to the green have been noted.

Thanckes Drive – Some work completed at the same time as that above.

Footpath behind Sidney Road bungalows: Update request resulted in the following reply:

Your enquiry to update is aptly timed, I was only speaking to my director this morning about this proposed works. As you know budgets have been massively restricted and this in turn has caused serious problems across our business in having to restructure many projects.

I have now received the quotes, due to the adverse effect the cuts are having, these now must be passed to my director for consideration and hopefully sign off to proceed. As soon as this has been done, I will inform you, however, I trust you will understand our position in difficult circumstances.

This is quite disappointing considering it has been ongoing since June 2023 when I was first made aware of this and I am led to believe had been reported to my predecessor so a period in excess of at least 5 years and still not resolved, during this time there have been two life changing injuries to residents who have fallen whilst trying to negotiate this path. I have asked to speak to the Director concerned, preferably face to face, but I have not received a response to this request.

Pentire Road – It is noted that the gate is now back in position, however I have not received any official confirmation that the right of access has been resolved. As a point of interest, I have been approached by some residents who would like to take on this area similar to that already underway in Penlee Park where advice was given previously. I have advised that they put their enthusiasm on hold until the access issue is fully resolved.

Parking Meters Sainsburys Car Park – No Update.

CC Meetings attended during this period:

Tuesday 16th July – NCH Truro Full County Council Meeting.

Friday 19th July – Plymouth City Council Offices Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee

Monday 5th August – Chy Travail Bodmin East Sub Area Planning Committee.

Some Virtual Mtgs.