

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024



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Cornwall Council and around the Peninsula-

St Germans water treatment works

I was really pleased to join members from St Germans Parish Council earlier in September to visit the new South West Water, water treatment works in St Germans. There has been a huge amount of investment in the area for dealing with storm overflow and capacity. While this is all really welcome, there are still outstanding issues including smell and noise further up in Eliot Drive and Treboul Way. We have asked for these to be properly investigated again, hopefully this will result in repairs being done.

Casework update

Recently, I have noticed a real uplift in casework centred around residents access to adult social care. I am always happy to make enquiries on behalf of residents around this - it can be a really tricky area with services provided and funded from different places, and sometimes we aren't successful, but please do put people in touch with me if you know someone is struggling and I will do all I can to help.

Major works on the Saltash Tunnel

As an update on this topic - I was pleased to join a meeting with Anna Gelderd MP, National Highways, GWR and other stakeholders about the tunnel works. Anna has added her weight to my request for extra stops at St Germans station while the work is ongoing, and asked National Highways to look into the possibility of a park and ride scheme from Trerulefoot to cover the period in which we will see big delays as well. I will report back if this comes to anything, but I think we need to think outside the box for this.

You can find out more about the scheme by visiting nationalhighways.co.uk/saltashtunnel or following this [LINK](#)

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Traffic Lights on the A374

I'm sure you are aware of more traffic lights on the A374, and may be confused as to why it appears that it is not being worked on. After the wall rebuild a little further towards Polbathic, workers cleared the sides of the roads in the area - unfortunately another area of substantial subsidence was discovered. There is currently a design being developed to repair this, and then funding will be sought to do the works. I completely understand people's frustrations at another set of lights and delays along the A374, but unfortunately it is something that we are likely to see more of in the future. As soon as I have more information I will share it.

20 is Plenty

The 20mph scheme is now being rolled out across Antony, Crafhole, Portwrinkle, St Germans, Tideford and Maker with Rame. These are all areas that have a lot of public support and in areas where mostly the average speeds is only marginally over 20mph as well. In addition, there will not be cameras on speedbumps put in either. There is often criticism about this scheme and comparisons to the Welsh scheme - there is a big difference however, in Wales there was a blanket approach, so 20mph zones put in on roads where it quite simply would not be appropriate. As I have put above, this scheme will be on roads where drivers are only just going above the 20mph limit - not on through roads or main roads. You can read more about the scheme by following this [LINK](#) or going to <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/20mph-speed-limits>

CC Report for the Town Council Meeting 17th October 2024

This report covers the period 13th September to 11th October 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: Unfortunately, no progress has been made on this, another request for an update sent.

Harvey St Flats: Again, unfortunately no progress as regards CCTV.

Garages rear of Roberts Avenue: No change in status.

Footpath behind Sidney Road bungalows: It was rather disappointing to visit the site earlier this morning to find no work had commenced, having been assured work will be commencing 7th October. I have asked for the reasons why and will update at full council, if reply received.

Pentire Road – No further movement forward as regards the accessibility issues.

Parking Meters Sainsburys Car Park – No Update.

Albion Court : Refurbishment continues with some of the wings now completely finished with carpeting laid. It is hoped that all will be complete by the end of the month. Some of the Retained Firemen have already visited the site but will check on my visit to them this coming Monday evening.

Chapeldown Road: As per last month's report, dash cam evidence was not clear enough in identifying offender. Have not received any further reports.

Local and County Elections May 2025: Further to last month's TTC meeting I took on the responsibility of speaking to the CEO of Cornwall Council over the (possible) disenfranchisement of some of the electorate. Discussed in great detail and will report outcome of same at full council.

CC Meetings attended during this period:

Friday 13th September Plymouth City Council Offices – Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Committee.

Tuesday 24th September NCH Truro – Full Council.

Friday 27th September NCH Truro – Audit Committee.

Monday 30th September Chy Travail Bodmin – East Sub-Area Planning Committee.

Wednesday 9th October NCH Truro – Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HASCOSC).

Some Virtual Mtgs.