

PORTREATH SEPTEMBER REPORT

Unfortunately, due to health problems within the family I have not achieved as much during the summer as I had planned.

The big surprise was that after attending the extra Portreath Meeting to discuss Planning Applications for Gwel an Mor, only Ian and Sasha appeared at Illogan on the Wednesday evening. I went along and there was a couple of interesting presentations, one for each application and as a result the 10 new ones resulted in an objection and the Fish Lodges were supported by Illogan. I know that the Planning Officer has made her site visit, but at this stage do not know what she is proposing to do.

Locally I have had conversations with the residents around the Rookery Farm area regarding the proposed Private Gypsy and Traveller Site and reminded myself of how narrow the road is as it is not possible to drive along the lane when pedestrians are coming towards you, which I did experience.

One meeting with a resident was conducted in The Pod to discuss the WAFF Site and affordability of properties in Portreath for siblings to fly the nest and still live within the village along with the complexity of the Second Homes market. It was once again reiterated that until a planning application appears on the Cornwall Council Planning Portal there is nothing further anybody can do due to the legal position of the Head of Terms.

Fortunately, I had a short meeting in New County Hall which meant that I could attend a presentation at Up Cycle Kernow to see the proposals to make the building more energy efficient and increase the workshop and storage space, which will be the subject of a planning application in the very near future.

As the Post Office have now confirmed that there is only one Post Office that is accessible within 3 miles by public transport, knowing how irregular they are open in the afternoon I have submitted a Freedom of Information request asking for the number of transactions that were carried out each day for the last four weeks after 1pm along with the last full years remuneration paid in respect Portreath Post Office.

Last month I was placed on the Board of the Cornwall Buildings Preservation Trust as until 2018 they had two Cornwall Councillors on the Board and for some reason they were never replaced. It was commented that Portreath

Harbour is reviewed by them and I have my first meeting on 12 September so will know more then.

Tregea Hill has featured in my inbox during the summer and I have therefore continued to push for the safety scheme which will reduce parking on the hill and provide a safe pedestrian route up and down it as well. At the moment there is a notice of intention to close the hill for a week in October, however at this stage it is only an intention, and nothing is confirmed and that will be from 7.30am until 5.30pm and as yet I have not received clarification as to why it will be closed.

You will notice that on the Agenda I am seeking support from the Parish Council with my request for a reduction in the speed limit along Cot Road/Penpraze as far as Tregea Hill from 60mph to 40mph. I have always felt that 60mph is excessive for this road and in places so is 40, however as you drive along by East Lodge, the tree coverage makes this road dark during the day in the summer and it is difficult to see both pedestrians and cyclists on the road. Many of you may also notice the same as myself in that the car headlights automatically come on whilst driving that stretch. I have formally asked for a review of this limit and would welcome a letter of support from the Parish Council for this improvement.

Unfortunately I will not be at next months meeting as I will be attending the World Heritage UK Conference, however I will submit a written report which Lucy can read out on my behalf whilst I will be on a tour of the Forth Bridge.