Portreath Parish Council's Response to Email request for information received: 09/08/23

To Whom it may Concern,

I am mailing for some clarification regarding your plans to develop the former WAAF Site in Portreath.

I have noticed from your own minutes on Monday 9th May 2023 that the meeting was attended by 6 members of the public as well a Cornwall Councillor (Dave Crabtree). This is correct.

I notice that the Chair Ian Stewart states that following a consultation with Cornwall Council that the overage clause could be waived by Cornwall Council. This is correct. However, there was no allowance for a Public Consultation regarding this matter. This would not routinely be a matter for public consultation, under the councils' financial regulations the council are required to ensure best price possible when disposing of its assets.

I also have reservations about Coastline Housing continually using the term 'Brownfield Site'. According to the HM Governments Website the site does not satisfy conditions as a Brown Field Site. This will be a matter for the Cornwall Council planning officers to consider when they look at the full application. The WAAF site is not listed as a Brown Field Site on Cornwall Councils register.

Furthermore, Ian Stewart, the Chair, suggested setting up a WAAF Working Group and the Clerk commented to say that this could be made up of members of the public and councillors. This is correct, working groups can be made up of councillors and members of the public.

I have looked at the Working Group that was set up on that day and see that you have included Mr Boorman Hewitt. I can see that Mr Boorman Hewitt is a property speculator and wonder how and why he attended the meeting? Mr Hewitt-Boorman approached the council in regard to obtaining the land for Classic Builders SW and coastline, hence his attendance at the meeting. https://www.landsalecornwall.co.uk/

Let along be accepted into a WAAF working group as he is not a member of the public or a councillor. Mr Hewitt-Boorman is a member of the public, therefore eligible to be a member of a working group.

With this in mind I shall be passing this information onto the Local Government ombudsman.

Kind Regards