

## **Cornwall Councillor Report – St Austell Bay Parish - July 2023**

I hope you are all well as we move through July.

Earlier this week it was great to help the hard working volunteers put flags up all around Charlestown ahead of Charlestown Regatta Week.

What a brilliant bunch of people, working hard to pull of another amazing community event.

On footpaths, Cormac are working with the landowner to help address drainage issues on the footpath from Carlyon Bay to Polmear Farm, hopefully something can be put in here in due course to make the path more accessible.

I have also had a commitment from Cormac to put chippings down on parts of Mill Lane, the path running down the side of Chandlers Walk and part of the SWCP from Charlestown to Carlyon Bay, on a programmed basis annually going forwards.

Also from Cormac, the double yellow lines on Porthpean Beach Road are due to be painted imminently

I continue to be locked in intense discussions around the traffic management proposals for Duporth Road. I will provide further updates as soon as I receive them.

It was great to visit Lee and Mark at Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre on 18 July, in my capacity as Chairman of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Cornwall Council

This follows the strong cross party recommendations last year from our committee that when going to tender, Cornwall's Outdoor Education centres be kept as affordable and accessible to Cornwall's children as possible, something which we had a progress report on as a committee last week.

This has certainly been achieved at Porthpean Outdoor , and it was great to see the improvements they have made as well as the positive feedback from the schools who have come from near and far to use the site this year for the traditional residential stays.

Any schools who are interested in the future please contact them direct for a list of activities and to see what is on offer.

<https://porthpean.com/>

I have also worked with the Porthpean Outdoor team and landowner at Porthpean Beach to get additional signage and railings put in earlier in July.

It was great to welcome Sarah Scoltock, the new Community Link Officer, to Mevagissey and St Austell Bay division today. We drove all around the area, from Portmellon to the Eden Project, and discussed the various issues faced locally, met with various local groups and discussed funding opportunities. I look forward to working with Sarah in the future.

On wider matters, one thing I thought readers might be interested in as the Department of Health and Social Care is inviting interested organisations to register expressions of interest for its £1 million Community Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Fund, aimed at increasing the number of AEDs in public places where they are most needed and help save lives.

The funding is part of the Government's drive to equip the health system with the right technology to ease pressures, reduce backlogs and cut waiting lists, and to improve public access to care when they need it.

As part of the grant award, applicants will be asked to demonstrate that defibrillators will be placed in areas where they are most needed, such as places with high footfall, vulnerable people, rural areas, or due to the nature of activity at the site.

Examples could include town halls, community centres, local shops, post offices and local parks, to ensure that defibrillators are evenly spread throughout communities and easily accessible if someone is experiencing an unexpected cardiac arrest.

An estimated 1,000 new defibrillators are to be provided by the fund, with the potential for this to double as successful applicants will be asked to match the funding they receive partially or fully.

Organisations who submit an expression of interest will be notified once grant applications open to the Department of Health and Social Care's £1m Community AED Fund.

Please let me know if you are interested in applying for a defibrillator and I can provide further details on how to do so.

Finally I was delighted to support my friend and neighbouring Cornwall Councillor Michael Bunney by nominating him as Chairman of the new South Cornwall Community Area Partnership, for which he was elected unopposed and unanimously.

I was also pleased to be elected unopposed and unanimously (I think!) as Vice Chair.

Michael and I have worked well together for approaching 10 years now, across party boundaries, with the best interests of our communities and the wider area in mind at all times.

I hope to work with Michael and the wider Community Area Partnership for the good of the area, over the next year and beyond.

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