

Cornwall Councillor Report – St Austell Bay Parish – October 2024

I hope everyone is well as we go through October.

In Charlestown, I was pleased to see that Charlestown Harbour have now got their license from the MMO – which from past experience is a long and tortuous process as the MMO are a law unto themselves. This will allow them to start the works on the harbour gates which were partly secured via a grant from Cornwall Council's Shared Prosperity Fund, particularly timely given the recent storm damage which has necessitated the old gates being removed. Despite various things being said on social media, as with all Shared Prosperity Fund applications, the applicants won't get the grant funding until the work has started and in full, until completed.

There is a further meeting scheduled for today (17 October) regarding the S106 sports pitch money, which I hope to attend, albeit it was only arranged yesterday, so I will do my best to get there!

I have met with Cornwall Council and directors of the Duporth Development CIC to try to further progress the historic issues around responsibility for various parts of land on and around this estate.

I have emailed Connor Donnithorne as new(ish) Cabinet Member for Transport about the various issues on Duporth Hill – he is currently on paternity leave but I hope will respond promptly once he returns.

I was pleased to visit the Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre at their open day, during which they also raised funds for Children's Hospice South West.

It was also brilliant to meet with St Austell Coastguard and St Austell Air Cadets and get an update on their recent and ongoing work.

A reminder to businesses of all sorts, holiday lets, cafes and restaurants, to please use a commercial waste license to dispose of your waste and do not dump it elsewhere, particularly in public waste bins. A local business was recently taken to court and prosecuted by Cornwall Council - having to pay thousands of pounds as a result, so just don't do it!

Finally in September's meeting of Full Council I was pleased to see the motion which I seconded calling on Cornwall Council to campaign for push for more and fairer funding to help address issues with delays in the Education Health and Care Plans system was passed unanimously,

As ever, should people need to contact me for assistance they can do so at cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk or on 07885 277670