

Cornwall Councillor report – Carlyon Parish Council - May 2021

Good evening everyone and I hope you have been able to enjoy some of the lovely weather that we have been having over the past few days.

It's been a busy time for me, getting used to the 'new' parts of my division and meeting with various people and organisations, along with taking part in the first formal meetings of the new Cornwall Council.

It was good to take part in and provide equipment towards the Parish Council's litterpicks that were carried out as part of the recent Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean event.

I also took part in another couple of litter picks for Charlestown Chums that crossed that Parish boundaries so in effect we managed four litter picks around the parish in the space of two weeks.

Going forward, I am very happy to advertise and promote any litter picks or beach cleans like this on my (newly renamed), Mevagissey, Pentewan, St Austell Bay and Carlyon Community Action Group Facebook page to hopefully increase participation and awareness in the local area.

I have also put in a bid to Clean Cornwall for more litter picking equipment to replace some of the older stuff that was reaching the end of its lifespan.

In other developments, I have virtually met with Commercial Estates Group and written in support of their bid for the Levelling Up Fund.

I have joined the Eden Geothermal Community Liaison Group and look forward to visiting them on site next week.

At County Hall I was honoured to be elected as Chair of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This is one of the main committees that holds Cornwall Council to account in a particular area, and I am looking forward to working with the committee members to ensure our children and young people are best served in the future.

In terms of casework received, I have had various concerns raised with me about footpaths, and overgrown verges and hedges around the parish, and have raised these with Cormac who will take action either themselves, if it is their responsibility, or by raising it with the land owners.

I have also been consulted on, and given no objection to the slight rerouting of the footpath that runs up to the vicarage from Charlestown.

I have cautiously resumed my volunteer community action group, covid safe and outside in groups below the numbers needed under current regulations, and have the first session scheduled for Portmellon on 27 June.

If the Parish Council has any ideas about where to do them, or would like to do one and have me assist, I will be happy to organise or help as appropriate.

Finally, my Community Chest fund will shortly be open for bids and I would encourage anyone who is interested in applying to get in touch with me so I can consider bids.