

COUNCILLOR ARMAND TOMS  
COMBINED MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL REPORT  
26TH MARCH 2018

I am making this month's reports combined because of the cross over that most of the issues have between the two roles.

#### MAISIE DUNCAN

The town was hit by the tragic death of Maisie Duncan in a road accident during the recent bad weather. This has hit at the heart of the Council with one of our own Councillors being the great aunt of Maisie and our thoughts and prayers are with her and all the family at this sad time.

I give credit to the town's residents for their reaction to this event and the way it has pulled together and supported the family. The close friends of the family have been amazing in the way they supported them in many different ways. This proves that we live in a caring community which holds and supports each other in difficult times.

The accident has affected many people in the town and we will need to support them into the future. Having spoken to so many people I know that those involved will need our support for a very long time to come.

#### LETTERS TO HEALTH AND POLICE

As requested at the last Council meeting I have written to the Police and hope that Councillors will support this and counter sign the letter. I have also written to the surgery and a copy of the response is attached to this report.

#### GRANTS FOR SUPERFAST BROAD BAND

As Chairman of the Liskeard Looe Community Network a sub-committee has been working to do more with the connectivity of the area. After the next phase of work on the system there will be about 8000 properties which will still have poor broadband speed. Superfast Cornwall has grants for this of up to £1700 per property to pay towards getting them connected. I will have a link to send to Councillors so that we can support residents and businesses to get connected.

#### MOTION TO CORNWALL COUNCIL RE LIFEJACKET WITH PBLs

Councillors may remember that I put a motion to Council regarding the supply of Lifejackets with PBLs to Cornwall Council some time ago now. At a recent meeting this was supported and the motion will go back to Council with the possibility of having 300 Lifejackets being purchased for the fishing community. I am delighted with this and I must pay credit to the Council Officer who has worked so hard to deliver this outcome.

## CORNWALL COUNCIL RESIDENTS PARKING

I have been informed that Cornwall Council will be putting up charges to local residents for reserved parking in the town. The increase is 15% far in advance of inflation and even though your local Councillors have complained about this it has been put through the system and will be imposed. Charges will increase in the Millpool from £411 to £439 and Riverbank £604 to £678. I am speaking to other Councillors about this situation and will report back.

## PAT OVERD

I would like to pay tribute to Pat Overd who passed away recently, the long term Mayoress of Looe and wife of Ron, a Mayor in the town for many years. She supported Ron and the town in her role with dedication and she will be missed by us all. Attending her funeral I was able to thank the family personally for her work for the town.

## MAYOR'S DINNER

Can I thank everyone that attended the Mayor's Charity Dinner this year and the support they gave in raising £2,300 for the Mayors Charity. I must thank the Council staff and especially Annette Keen in organising the event. These monies will be distributed to organisations across the town later in the year.

## ZIP WIRE

Last Saturday Annette Keen, Laura Kellaway, Councillor David Welch and Dave Massey met the challenge of the Zip Wire at the Adrenalin Quarry at Menheniot to raise funds for the Royal British Legion and the Mayor's Charity. I thank them for their efforts and hope they enjoyed the experience.

## OTHER EVENTS

I attended Hillcrest Nursing Home and gave flowers and a card to Mary on reaching her 100th birthday. We had a long chat about her life and the fact that she was born before the end of the First World War. A lovely lady with a great spirit. Having also attended the Lifeboat AGM it was good to hear how they have increased their income in collections and the shop. As always I paid credit to the volunteers and crew who support and keep the town safe. The Lions Club Charter Night celebrated their 52nd year in the community and I stressed the importance of the work they do in holding events for the town. A meeting with the St Martin's Glebe Committee has raised a couple of issues that I will be taking up during our next cooperation meeting and with the Council via a Committee.