

**COMBINED REPORT  
COUNCILLOR ARMAND TOMS  
14TH JANUARY 2019**

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**

Firstly, I would like to thank all those involved in delivering the Christmas events, although the weather was against us once again things went well. Having spoken to many people they enjoyed the events and the turnout at them all was very good. Because of the issues with the weather it is proposed to change the format for next year combining all the events onto one day. Even at this late date I wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Over the period I have attended a number of events including Sheila's School of Dancing Christmas show which was excellent. Looe Academy held a prom night which was organised by the students to raise money for their prom later in the year. I was impressed by the skill shown by the students in organising such an event. The school also held a concert showing some exceptional singing and musical skills. We should be proud of their ability as a town. Attending four events at the primary school it was so good to see the school engaging with the community. The school entertained parents with a Nativity for reception and year one, a concert at the lifeboat station years two, three and four. Then a concert at the school for years five and six, all excellent and I will never forget the cockerel in the Nativity.

**FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SE CORNWALL**

Over the last few years I have worked to bring forward development for the SE Cornwall area. Having kept a close eye on the EU Funding I know that the main funding has gone to the Truro and Falmouth area, with other areas getting some but the East of Cornwall getting a very poor share. This is also the same for the LEP Funding which also see more funding going to the West of Cornwall. Taking this up with the Senior Officers of the Council I am pleased to say that a report on Economic Development in the SE Cornwall will be coming forward to Cabinet soon.

**CYCLE TRAIL**

I have attended a meeting regarding the proposed Cycle Trail with Sue Brownlow and the Development Trust. This is moving forward and Cornwall Council are looking at this to be part of the South East Cornwall regeneration proposals coming forward in the next couple of months. This will be a boost to the area with a trail being looked at from Cremyll to Looe and Looe to Lanhydroc.

**LISKEARD LOOE COMMUNITY NETWORK**

To carry the Economic theme more locally as Chairman of the Network I am setting up a small group from the panel to bring forward Economic Development plans for the area. It is important that we do not fall behind other areas and good well paid jobs are important for the area.

## PARKING CONSULTATION

There is a Cornwall Council consultation on a revision of the parking charges within Cornwall Council car parks. They are proposing to increase charges by 3.1% which locally will mean some charges go up slightly others remain the same. There is a difference to the reserved parking and non reserved and these proposals need to be looked at as some have seen larger increased, the link below will take you to the consultation, your views are appreciated

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/parking/parking-consultations/>

## HEALTH SCRUTINY CHAIRMAN

As the Health Scrutiny Chairman I was delighted to be asked to attend the opening of three infection control rooms at St Michael's Hospital, Hayle which are to compliment the Orthopaedic ward. During the briefing prior to the opening I spoke to Professor Tim Briggs who has been leading the improvements in Orthopaedics nationally. He has visited every Hospital in England and Scotland leading the improvements programme. When he started infections were at .2% in the best hospitals and 15% in the worst. They are now at .2% to 5% and if they can all reduce to .2% the saving to the NHS is £300m which can deliver 60,000 more operations. Both he and the hospital staff are working hard to bring forward these changes and already there has been an excellent reduction in waiting time for the hospital. I thank them for their hard work

I have also been involved in the selection process for the new Chairman of RCHT and joined the Safer Cornwall partnership. As a Councillor it gives me great reward to be involved in Health and Social Care and I can't thank the staff in the NHS and Social Care enough for what they do.