

Agenda item 13 – To receive an updated report on the conditions of the A38 roundabout and consider any actions and associated expenditure

52/22/23 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING WORKING GROUPS:

j. A38 Roundabout

(Composition of three Members)

Councillor Worth was invited to report on previous enquiries made regarding the ownership, restoration and continued maintenance of the A38 Roundabout situated at a central entrance to Saltash, but to this day has had no luck in ascertaining ownership and responsibility for maintenance.

It was proposed by Councillor Bickford, seconded by Councillor Lennox-Boyd and **RESOLVED** to discontinue the A38 Roundabout Working Group and defer the item to the Services Committee for further investigation.

Cllr Worth kindly confirmed the following information may be shared with Members of the Town Council:

There were discussions at the last STC Full Council meeting and the update is that so far;

I have failed in getting any action to change the look of the roundabout. I was trying to get a red, white and blue display for the Platinum Jubilee, but the red tape proved too much to get it done in time. However, the best part about it is that nature has taken over and given us wonderful natural floral display.

Going forward this is going to be about ownership, budgets, timing, and the desire from the majority for change. The land is in STC area, half in Cllr Sheila Lenox Boyd's and the other in my ward, on the National Highways A38 and obviously the gateway to Cornwall Council with a CORMAC influence.

On a practical note, over the next few months I will be engaging with senior figures in National Highways about the forthcoming A38 Safety Announcements so I will ensure that the sight lines and look of Carkeel Roundabout are discussed. That clearly will determine what can be done on it.

Former Cllr, Mayor to Saltash Town Council and Freeman of the Town Mrs Sue Hooper MBE confirmed the following information may be shared with Members of the Town Council:

When Saltash In Bloom that I founded and led some years ago organised the upkeep of the derelict A38 roundabout, we initially raised all the money and contractor (Hine Bros), and kept the sponsorship going for many years. When we retired, Saltash Town Council took over our work for many years, but this ceased eventually.

It may be a thought that Saltash Town Council again plays a significant role in the interest of the roundabout in association with all the other stakeholders that Cllr Worth has mentioned, as there could well be many of the businesses like Lidl, Waitrose and others that may consider putting some sponsorship into the project.

Waitrose sponsored with Saltash In Bloom for many years, and we successfully gained planning permission for two Waitrose sponsorship plaques on site; these were removed during the rebuilding of the roundabout during the new traffic management scheme that exists there now.

At the time, Saltash In Bloom met regularly with the Highways Dept and agreed on design and sight lines etc! They were wonderful and gave so much of officer time to assist, so at least we have this historic knowledge to perhaps work in the same vein again.