

CHAMBER REPORT

At the Chamber meeting on the 3rd April members greeted Cornwall Councillor Martin Worth who gave a talk on his roles on the Scrutiny Panel and as Joint Chairman of the Tamar Bridge/Torpoint Ferry Committee. Members were particularly interested as to why the Tamar Bridge could not become a free crossing and the actions being taken to find a solution.

Councillor Worth was also able to impart some information as to the development of Treledan and, in particular how the traffic, pedestrian and cycleways were being dealt with. Discussion also took place as to the building of a new school and how money had been allocated but, due to numbers of children being down, work had not yet started. Members also noted that space had been allocated for a small retail development and employment use.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Worth for his time and the members then discussed other items including the progress of the Town Team and heard about how running the festivals in Saltash could be part of a Community Interest Company being set up which would then take the pressure off some of the members of the Chamber, who had run the Mayfair and Christmas Festival for the last few years. It would also allow different sources for funding.

The Chairman reported that representations had been made re. the increase in car parking charges as proposed by Cornwall Council and that he understood that a decision was due in the next few weeks.

Discussion also took place re. CCTV and members reiterated their concerns as to the costs involved. It was suggested that providing some of the shops with individual systems would give better coverage and be at a cheaper cost. It was noted that the matter is in abeyance at the present time.

Peter Ryland
Chairman