

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 12th January 2021

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – COUNCILLOR G CLAYTON

I attended Local Liaison Forum mtg on Dec 8 where the Cam to Cam link was discussed ahead of the Greater Cambridge Partnership mtg 2 days later. The bias in this meeting and hostility towards Cambourne and the needs of its residents always shocks me in these mtgs. I was not invited, but our two Conservative Cllrs were. This may be to do with my very vocal advocacy in the past on behalf of our residents. A voice which the Chair and Vice Chair of the LLF do not wish to promote. I am hopeful this situation will not arise again.

- I attended and the Greater Cambridge Partnership mtg on Dec 10 and spoke on behalf of Cambourne Village College and Cambourne Town Council. The result of the meeting is that the planning process (including the appointment of an independent audit process) will now be re-started. We are a tad closer to a public transport solution for Cambourne.

- I continue to volunteer at Cambourne FoodBank and we saw a sharp increase in demand just prior to Xmas. This was not matched this week, but we did see a busy session and pretty much emptied the supplies. A larger than usual order is being placed this week to ensure we can meet demand.

I have been asked by a young person in Cambourne to enquire whether there are plans to build a new skate park in Cambourne as part of the Youth Building plans? They assure me that the current park is no longer fit for purpose and that a Town the size of Cambourne really ought to have a higher spec facility. I would be happy to meet with Leisure & Amenities Cttee to see what we can do on this front.

I wanted to bring a recent report to the attention of Council if I may :

Firstly published late last month by Sir Michael Marmot through the Institute of Health Equity is the Build Back Fairer report. Something that would be useful to be facials with when we are thinking about the future actions we take in addressing inequalities that have been heightened during COVID19.

<http://www.instituteofhealthequity.org/home>

I have managed to secure the reinstatement of £150k of funding for Health & Well-being that was to be clawed back in next budget by SCDC. When I know more about how Cambourne might access some of those funds I will be sure to let you you know.

Lastly, I wonder if Town Council might invest in some signage encouraging residents and visitors to wear masks at all times when outdoors. With the transmission of the new Varanasi being some much higher I think we might be well advised to do that and introduce some temporary street marketing also.

The Public Health messaging has been unclear at best and Town Council taking a lead on such a clear message might help reduce transmission in our Town.

Thanks you
Cllr Gavin Clayton