

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 8th June 2021

Clr Clayton District Council Report

- Gypsy Roma & Traveller training (provided by the Community Safety Partnership) on cultural history & obstacles and approaches to building more positive community links and understanding have been really informative. There is a suggested toolkit that I would like to discuss with Town Councillors to see what positive role Cambourne can play in progressing attitudes towards GRT community. Have you been offered or received similar training?
- Encompass Training has been really useful in raising knowledge of LGBTQI+ equality. I am encouraging the involvement of Encompass and the Safe Space badging of businesses in South Cambs as the development of 'Visit South Cambs' destination brand is implemented.
- At Full Council we reviewed the next Business Plan from the LibDem administration. Along with the points above I asked the following questions :
- What percentage of total homes built will be Council Houses over coming year? This is of particular importance given the recent announcement that the Business Park Land opposite South Cambs Hall is to be developed as residential (and some small industrial units that are long overdue). I also raised a question about the S106 policy/monies attached to this planned development. Initially the administration were very reluctant to discuss and dismissed my question. However when pushed they were in agreement this was important and I think we have some leverage there for the S106 allocation to be upped if they want the cooperation of Town & District Councillors for the development.
- I asked about whether any of the plastic recycling collected by South Cambs residents is sent abroad and burned as has been highlighted in recent media reports about UK waste management companies shipping it overseas to areas where it is disposed of with no oversight causing pollution elsewhere. I would like to know what the situation is here at SCDC recycling service. I have been passed some reports, but as yet not had a definitive answer from the District Administration.
- I asked why culture was not mentioned anywhere in the business plan as it had been highlighted as so important during lockdown for people's mental health and well-being. Council Leader agreed that was an omission and she and I have had the first meeting to discuss how to fund new cultural funds for the larger settlements and in particular Cambourne as south Cambs only Town. Hopefully I will have more news on this soon.
- The new Welfare/Money Maximization Advisor is Lucy Tompkins she will be starting Monday 14th June. At the moment contact will be via main SCDC number or by email as she hasn't yet got her office and mobile numbers . Her email will be lucy.tompkins@scambs.gov.uk

- EWR and Cam2Cam continues and with the new Labour Mayor and a Coalition at County we hope that real progress will happen with the needs of communities such as ours here in Cambourne featuring highly in the thinking.