

# CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## **Clr Clayton District Council Report**

- Benefit and Welfare Maximisation Advisor is now in post and I have already put people in touch from FoodBank session with very positive results. Her name is Lucy Tompkins and you can reach her on [lucy.tompkins@scamb.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.tompkins@scamb.gov.uk)
- An informal cabinet mtg I was invited to has resulted in a Cultural Strategy Development process being initiated at SCDC with particular focus being on Cambourne and other larger new developments (but not ignoring heritage of culture in smaller villages) As the timetable emerges for these discussions it would be helpful for me to meet with appropriate Town Cllrs to look at how our community has developed and diversified and how we might celebrate that through a Cambourne Town specific element to the Strategy.
- I am speaking today at Combined Authority mtg in support of Town Council position on C2C busway.
- I would appreciate a discussion at Town Council level about the editorship of Cambourne Crier as I have had some serious concerns about the editorship and censorship of certain matters. This reached a head in June (Pride Month) when my reference to LGBTQI+ training and initiatives in South Cambs was cut from my article along with similar anti hate content on Gypsy, Roma and Traveller matters. I have spoken to IPSO and the SCDC Comms Team who all agree that the way the editing is being handled is not in line with best practice. Given the important role the Crier plays here in Cambourne I feel it is time to address this matter so that this kind of censorship has no place in our community. Can we set up a small discussion group where we ask The Crier Editors to meet and discuss how the editorial policy and decisions can be made transparent and perhaps ask that they sign up to IPSO in order that future disputes can be handled by an independent outside organisation.
- C2C has progressed onto the next stage today at Combined Authority Board meeting after many faltering steps and barriers. I think this takes us a step or two closer to the level of integrated public transport that will be needed for the future of residents in Upper, Lower, Great and West Cambourne along with Bourn Airfield and any possible developments north of A428 that may be built in the future. What we need to ensure now is that pricing when it does get built is such that no post 16s are hampered in their choices of further education by the ability to pay to get there!