

On Wednesday 7th September 2016 at the Guildhall, St Ives, the Mayor chaired a town meeting of the electors of St Ives to debate various traffic issues. The Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk and various town councillors also attended.

People expressed anger at changes made to the traffic management system near to Lelant Saltings, and frustration that neither officers nor councillors from Cornwall Council attended. There were two main areas of debate.

Parking Restrictions at Lelant Saltings

A number of residents expressed anger and annoyance that Cornwall Council had not properly considered alternative means of keeping Saltings Reach clear of traffic. While some residents agreed with the year-round parking ban being implemented by Cornwall Council, others felt that a more flexible approach would be more reasonable, such as a residents parking scheme. People felt that the difficulties the parking restrictions would impose on local residents would be exacerbated by the one-way traffic system on the B3301.

The One-Way System Along The B3301 To Nut Lane and The Additional Lane

A significant number of people expressed anger and frustration about the effects of the imposition of the one-way system by Cornwall Council, which, it was reported, had cost £230,000 to carry out. People who have lived in the area for many years said that that traffic had become chaotic at times, reducing roads to a standstill for long periods and affecting traffic flows on the A30 between Hayle and Penzance. Local residents, visitors, delivery people and emergency services were all affected, and disruption for many was deemed intolerable. Cornwall Council was criticised for imposing the scheme.

Town councillors present expressed sympathy and stated that no single issue had been brought to their attention with such frequency and vigour.

After lengthy debate, votes were held on three motions.

That in the wake of 3 disastrous decisions by the Ward Cornwall Councillor to approve projects that have caused major disruption in and around the St Ives Ward of Lelant and Carbis Bay, the Ward's Cornwall Councillor's total disregard for many of the constituent's major concerns and the arrogant manner in which the Ward Councillor has simply ignored innumerable requests over many weeks for information relating to these matters, the Ward Cornwall Councillor E. Penhaligon should consider her position and resign forthwith as she does not have the confidence of the Electorate.

For: 42 Against: 18 Abstained: 37

St Ives Town Council write in the strongest terms possible instructing Cornwall Council and their wholly owned contractor CORMAC to put on hold any plan they have to impose waiting restrictions at Saltings Reach until after a full survey of residents and businesses has been completed this survey to include all reasonable options suggested by the interested parties.

For: 90 Against: 0 Abstained: 4

To call on the Town Council to submit a strongly worded representation calling on Cornwall Council to have the one-way system at Griggs Quay (B3301) removed and revert to the previous, original road layout.

For: 99 Against: 4 Abstained: 2

The notes of the meeting will be forwarded to Cornwall Council and to the Cornwall Councillor for the Lelant & Carbis Bay Ward, and will be reported to the town council for its consideration of the second and third motions.