

As Mendip Ward Councillor for St Mary's ward, and therefore with responsibility for Pomparles Bridge encampment, and also shadow portfolio holder for Neighbourhood Services (including enforcement), I am concerned that the situation here has become more serious, with the burning out of one of the caravans. The safety of all concerned has become paramount, and it would be irresponsible to say otherwise.

My other duties this month have included:

- Planning Board;
- Licensing Sub-committee;
- Mental Health Day event - where it became apparent to me that there is a need in Glastonbury for an equivalent of Heads Up in Wells and another project in Stratton-on -the-Fosse, Root Connections, to provide occupational therapy and rehabilitation for those with mental ill health;
- Climate Emergency Peoples' Assembly - this included a presentation by Shelley Easton of Somerset Wildlife Co-adapt project regarding flooding in Somerset; and also Tom Ronan, Mendip portfolio holder for Strategic Policy and Climate Change talking about the Somerset Climate Emergency Framework document (available to the public, and it can be found amongst the Cabinet papers for the 4 November 2019 meeting on MDC's website); Bruce Garrard also spoke on Deep Adaptation and Paul Lund on the COP25 (Conference of the Parties, or United Nations Climate Change Conference, to be held in Madrid in December); this was followed by discussions in small groups following the Peoples' Assembly guidelines as explained by Indra Donfrancesco who co-facilitated the event;
- Climate Change Adaption talk at Mendip offices - Nick Pyatt of Trioss (slides available, please contact me or Claire Dicken at MDC - [claire.dicken@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:claire.dicken@mendip.gov.uk));
- Democratic Services Review interview (at Mendip offices) - my general comment was that the website was not sufficiently welcoming and user-friendly;
- Mendip District Council monthly Cabinet meeting - the Somerset Climate Emergency Framework document was discussed, where it was acknowledged that there needs to be an over-arching strategy, including provision for proper support networks to enable continuing public engagement and successful achievement of objectives.