

Since my last report, I have attended the first full Council meeting of the new 87-member strong Cornwall Council which was held at New County Hall under strict Covid rules. I am pleased to inform you that I have been appointed to the following committees; The Standards Committee, Licencing Act and Subcommittee, Street Traders Licencing Act Sub Committee, The Constitution and Governance Committee, and a substitute on the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. I have also been appointed as Shadow Portfolio Holder for Transport as part of the Shadow Cabinet. I envisage a busy time ahead over the next four years.

I attended the public meeting held over a proposed development on the seafront at Cornish Fresh. The shop wishes to expand and build higher and wider, with apartments above. It is on your agenda for consideration this evening. I think its important that members and residents understand my role in planning. As the divisional member it is my job to look at all plans submitted and to listen to your views and that of the officers. It is the officers who make the decisions on planning applications, the parish council are consultees in the process. Should I disagree with the officers I have the right to call a decision into committee for consideration. I have already called one application in, that of the proposed barn conversion at Gluvian Farm. A second barn conversion at Dave Taylors has been granted an extension to see if a compromise can be reached. The Ranch application was called in by my predecessor Cllr Fitter and this council. I visited The Ranch a couple of weeks ago and I've spoken to the officer dealing with the retrospective application. I have let it be known that I am in favour of the officer's recommendations at will speak in favour of the application at committee. I will be visiting Cornish Fresh on the 15th to see for myself what their plans are. I do not make the decisions on planning, but I do, and I will look at all plans before formulating my own opinion. I can assure you all that I will always take into consideration the views of this council and the residents of this parish, however I will continue to make my own decisions as I believe that is only right and proper.

It was a great pleasure to officially open the Smallseum in Fair Street, St Columb Major, on Saturday the 29th of May. It's taken a while for this project to be completed due to several lockdowns. This is a joint project between St Columb Major Town Council and the St Columb Major "Arts and Heritage Festival Committee", completely financed by the Town Council. The Smallseum will be dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs Bill Glanville, Historian, archaeologist, and Bard of Gorsedh Kernow, in recognition of her dedication and service to the history of St Columb Major Parish and Cornwall. Please, if you get the chance do go and have a look. Each window pain has a photograph and brief description of events, people, places of interest and history of St Columb dating from the earliest days of photography to the present day.

I attended the public consultation on the proposed development at Trekennig Farm, this was open to the public to express their views. I was pleased that so many residents booked slots and attended, it was good to see a few residents from St Mawgan parish attending. It is very important for all residents to remember that this is a consultation and not a planning application.

The G7 summit will of course affect us all in some way or another. The road closures in and around the airport will mean that residents who live within the affected area will need two forms of identification when needing access and egress. One should be a photo ID the other a utility bill or similar paperwork clearly showing your address. This also applies to any resident who may wish to visit family or friends within the road closed areas. We are all going to be inconvenienced during the summit, especially during arrival and departure of delegates. It runs from the 9th – 13th of June.

I was invited to Retallack Resort and Spa last week to see how they are progressing with the site; this was at the invitation of the site owners. It has been a while since my last visit, I am pleased that work is progressing well. Once completed, hopefully by late summer 2022, the resort will be a real asset

bringing in a high number of visitors who will have entertainment provided on site as well as the ability to visit local attractions and our glorious North Cornish shores.

I have today chaired a meeting of Cornwall Councils Licencing Act Street Traders Sub Committee at New County Hall. We dealt with three applications, two in Newquay and one in Falmouth, all three were refused due to public safety concerns.