

I am so sorry I can't be with you tonight, we had to postpone sheep shearing last week due to the weather and it's all hands on as today is the only day the shearers can make it!

Since my last report I am pleased to have been re-elected as Chairman of Cornwall Council's Standards Committee. I was the only nominee and was voted unanimously to carry on as Chairman now into my fifth year. Cllr Barry Jordon was elected as the new Vice Chairman of the committee. As the Independents are the largest "none" administration group on Cornwall Council they now make up the official opposition under the Council's constitution. Therefore, it is the Independents who will form the Shadow Cabinet. I have been appointed Shadow Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Transport and will shadow Cllr Phil Desmond. I have made it very clear that I will support policies I agree with, as an example the new "Quite Lanes for Truro" and will scrutinize and hold the administration to account on policies that are not in the best interest of the people of Cornwall. The "Cornwall Integrated Transport Initiative", is something that needs a lot of hard work and I will work with Officers and Cllr Desmond to ensure that once formalised and implemented it works for all who use public Transport.

The constitution and Governance Committee of Cornwall Council met to decide on which recommendations to put to the Boundary Commission for England on proposed changes to parliamentary seats in Cornwall. I spoke in favour of St Columb Major, St Mawgan and St Wenn Electoral Division re-joining the North Cornwall Constituency, as we were before the 2010 changes. Roach and Bugle would join the St Austell and Newquay Constituency thus keep all the parishes from Clay Country all in one area. This was voted on and agreed by the Committee and will form Cornwall Council's submission to the commission. Ultimately it's up to the commission what the changes will be however, I am confident they will accept our recommendations. At least common sense has prevailed, and we won't have a Devonwall constituency imposed on us.

I wish you all a delightful summer and very much look forward to being with you all in September.