

Since we last met, I have chaired a meeting of the licencing sub committee in Turo where we determined two applications. I attended the full council meeting in Truro where a petition was debated on a proposal to ban drag/trail hunting on Cornwall Council land. This petition was organised by the "League Against Cruel Sports". I spoke against the petition because drag/trail hunting is a lawful pursuit and to ban such a lawful activity would mean that the Council must ban all lawful activities on land it owns. The cost implications alone, having to re-write and negotiate tenancies agreements with tenant farmers would not be cost effective. I also asked if the leader of the council would join with me in lobbying our MP's and parliament to repeal the Tamar Bridge Act and make the crossing free for all to use, just like the Prince of Wales Bridge over the River Severn? I was somewhat disappointed with the answer given by Cllr Desmond, the Transport Portfolio Holder, who went on about the Tamar Crossings including the ferry and how he did not think a repeal would be possible due to maintenance cost on the bridge and the subsidies for the ferry.

I attended the latest meeting of the Cornwall Airport Newquay Consultative Forum, I asked several questions including staffing numbers at the airport, are we back to pre-pandemic levels with our staffing? The answer is NO, currently they are 30% down on staffing numbers compared to pre-Covid.

We attempted to hold a meeting of the Newquay and St Columb Community Network Panel, sadly I was the only councillor to join the meeting as Newquay Town Council held a special meeting on the same evening, we were not quorate and so abandoned the meeting. St Wenn Clerk did attend but no representatives from any other parish. We will attempt to hold a next meeting as a face-to-face meeting at St Columb Major Town Hall. The Expression of Interest forms are now live for the Community Highways Schemes, to run for the next three years. Approximately £33,000.00 will be available to the St Columb Major, St Mawgan and St Wenn ED. As the local member I will have the final say on any schemes proposed. I have made a commitment to the people of Trevarrian that Traffic Calming in the village is my priority and the Parish Council of St Mawgan has agreed to purchase two Solar Speed Awareness signs to help alleviate speeding in the area. Two traffic "Gateways" have been proposed by Highways as a significant measure and I have already submitted my EOI to our Network Manager and Highways. This does not mean that parishes should not submit EOI, if there is money available all schemes will be considered.

I have dealt with many queries from residents from all three parishes within the division on various matters including planning, benefits, housing, school Transport and placements and fly tipping! Sadly, fly tipping is becoming more prevalent of late. Fridge freezers and other white goods and peoples unwanted furniture dumped at the side of the road. This anti-social behaviour is unacceptable.

I have had several residents contact me who have been given "Notice to Quit" by private landlords, (three in the last week) as their landlords sell up. As we are all aware, we are in the middle of a housing crisis and trying to help these people is proving difficult. Yes, they can register with "Home choice" but housing stock is limited and waiting lists are long. I fear the situation is going to get worse before it improves. I do feel for these people however, I like all Councillors, am limited in what I can do! Many ask if I can use my influence to get them a home! I only wish I could. The answer is to build more social housing and for people to get on the property ladder with "Help to Buy" and "Shared Ownership". It's going to take decades to sort if we ever do.

We are now officially in the Platinum Jubilee year, St Columb Major TC has given me the mandate and honour of organizing the parishes events, these will include a 1950's style street party on the Thursday, a music festival style event in the Recreation Ground on the Friday and a concert in the

Church on the Sunday with a Male Voice Choir and Brass band. All the school children will get Jubilee mugs. I have met with local musician and entertainer Del Hodd to discuss the Jubilee celebrations and sought his professional help and guidance on how to stage a concert in the Rec. I am pleased to report he is willing to help organise the staging, sound and ensuring that the acts get on and off stage with the minimum of fuss. Last evening, I attended St Wenn parish councils meeting where the Jubilee was discussed and today, I attended their Jubilee committee meeting, they are planning a Jubilee treasure hunt, a street party, a pop-up pub in the WI Hall the Platinum Arms, a thanksgiving service and grand Jubilee lunch. I very much look forward to hearing what St Mawgan parishes plans are to mark this historic event.