

Since my last report as you may know I've been to the States to visit my son and new daughter-in-law however, the work of Cornwall Council has continued, and I did some work before leaving.

I attended the annual meeting of the Newquay and St Columb Major Community Network Panel meeting. I was proposed to be chairman as was Cllr John Fitter who is the Cornwall Councillor for St Columb Minor and Colan. The vote was tied and both Cllr Fitter and I agreed to Co-Chair for this year. Cllr Fitter chaired the first meeting, and I will chair the second so on and so forth. I was disappointed that St Mawgan Parish Council did not support me and voted for Cllr Fitter, but I am pleased that Cllr Liz McKenzie had been elected Vice Chair.

I attended the AGM of the Independent Group of Councillors on Cornwall Council; I was happy to propose that Cllr Loic Rich stay on as Group leader.

I visited the Youth Club in St Columb Major where we discussed applying for grants from the Community Infrastructure Levy fund for 2022/23. Five hundred thousand pounds is available with grants from £10,000.00 to 100,000.00 with the emphasis being on Youth projects this time around. I have applied for a grant of 100,000.00 for a new roof, the youth club has applied for £50,000.00 for main hall refurbishment.

I attended a meeting of Cornwall Councils appeal committee where five appeals regarding school transport were heard by the committee. Details of this meeting are available on the Cornwall Council Website.

Our Community Link Officer Helen Fincham and I met virtually with Adrian Drake our Highways manager to discuss the new lights at the top of Hill Crest, part of Penkernick Way in St Columb Major. I am really hoping that two new lights will be installed in the next financial year.

I attended virtually a pre-agenda meeting of the Standards Committee; the full meeting took place on Thursday the 28th of July. I was re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the sixth consecutive year. Details of the meeting are available on the Cornwall Council website.

I attended a meeting of the Constitution and Governance Committee at New County Hall again details are available on the website.

I attended a meeting of Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Community Network Panels at Heartlands at Pool near Camborne, the first of two such meetings, the second being held next week. Basically, we were asked about how the Networks should be structured. The Portfolio Holder and officers seem to be leaning towards amalgamating many networks to form 12 – 15 supersize networks. I am very much against this, I feel that smaller rural parishes will lose their voice It would also make the "Community Highways Budget" that more difficult to fund smaller, more rural schemes. It is my humble opinion that sadly these changes will be forced on us.

I attended a virtual meeting with the Leader of the Council, Councillor Linda Taylor, the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Development Cllr Lewis Garndner, and members of the management team of Pall Corporation, who operate from The Industrial Estate at Trelawney Parc, St Columb Major. They already have planning for a new extension to the factory and have submitted an amendment to planners. Since the amendment, Southwest Water have reared their heads and are demanding a substantial payment from Pall for discharge of water, even though Pall has its own water treatment plant as part of the original plans. It is now in the hands of lawyers.

I have met with the owner of Cornish Fresh. We had a full and frank discussion on his proposals for the site. I believe that I have now persuaded him that his current plans are not likely to gain planning

approval. The scale of the current plan is far too large and not in keeping with the area. I suggested that he should review his plans with his architect and work with officers to try and find a way forward which would be acceptable to planners and locals alike, keeping any new development proposals within the current footprint of the existing buildings. He has requested a meeting with Stephen Kirby and that has been granted. I will of course keep you fully informed.

I have today attended a meeting of the new Airport Forum, Cllr Carter is your representative on that body, so I won't steal her thunder as I am sure she will update you on that meeting. I sit on the Forum appointed by the Leader of Cornwall Council as a Cornwall Council representative.

I have also attended a Parish Council meeting at St Wenn and St Columb Major's Town Council.

I have had several correspondence and meetings with several residents throughout the Division over housing issues, benefit problems, planning, and other matters before my holiday and since my return.