

I am so sorry I can't be with you tonight, I'm full of cold and not feeling at all well.

Since my last report:

I made the very difficult decision to leave the Independent Group at Cornwall Council and I am now an Independent Conservative Aligned Councillor. I felt the Indy Group and their former political partners the Lib Dems spent far too much time opposing the Conservative Administration just for the sake of it. I really could not see the point in remaining with them when my primary concern is trying to get things done within our area. This can be achieved far better by working with the ruling administration. Although by leaving the Indy Group I lost all my committee seats, the Conservatives immediately put me back on the Standards Committee and I was re-elected at the committee meeting last week as Chairman. The Leader of the Council, Cllr Linda Taylor has agreed that my former seats will also be reassigned to me very shortly.

I met online with Stephen Kirby, Planning Officer and those proposing development of the former Creamery at Trevarrion. This meeting was to discuss the developer's ideas to perhaps scale back the current proposals. I was only in attendance as an observer. Mr Kirby made it very clear that no decision has been made yet on the current proposal, but it is my hope they may withdraw the current application. To be honest I don't know what their plans are, we can only wait and see. I can confirm that I am not in favour of the current proposals for the site.

I met with officers in my role as Shadow Transport Portfolio Holder, I am no longer in that role since leaving the Indy Group. We did discuss many transport issues including the new St Austell to A30 road, the new Metro Train line connecting Newquay to Truro and Falmouth.

I attended a meeting of the Constitution and Governance Committee at New County Hall details of which are available on the CC Website. The main topic was the proposed boundary changes left over from the recent Governance Review prior to the 2021 elections. The committee recommended to Full Council no changes to any of the remaining boundaries. Newquay will not gain part of Colan parish.

There were two full Council meetings in January, which I attended both at County Hall.

I attended an all members briefing on proposed changes to the parking tariffs in all Cornwall Council Car Parks. Details are available online.

I also met with Ian Wright to discuss the yellow lines in St Mawgan Village proposed by the Parish Council. I have approved the final revised plans which are considerably smaller than Highways originally proposed.

I have emailed the Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Corbett into emails I have received on various issues concerning matters within St Mawgan-in-Pydar Parish. Yesterday I chaired a meeting of St Columb Major Town Council and I hope to be feeling better next week and attend St Wenn's meeting.

I met virtually today with Cornwall Council's new Monitoring Officer Mr Henry Lennox-Gordon to discuss various issues concerning conduct at Council meetings at Cornwall Council in my role as Chair of Standards.