

St Mawgan Report March 2024

Good evening,

At the request of Cllr McKenzie, Chairman of the Parish Council, I have again contacted planning officer Stephen Kirby to request an update on the application Cornish Fresh. His reply is as follows; "Dear Paul, Still work in progress on this long outstanding planning application and the overall assessment. Kind regards Stephen".

The planning inspector has visited Milland farm at Demelza to determine the appeal reference unlawful occupancy and the placement of a home on the site. The inspector agreed with Cornwall Council and the appeal has been lost. The occupant will now be given a short time to vacate the site before formal ejection will take place.

I attended a meeting of the Cornwall Newquay Airport Forum, passenger numbers are now back at pre pandemic levels with 380,000 passengers carried, 5282 commercial flights, 18511 movements, 40% of which are Ryan Air, A memo of Understanding has been signed on one of the big hangers at the site. Spaceport is also hoping to secure a new deal with a proven horizontal take off provider, but they would not say who at this point. Plans are being laid for new terminal improvements incorporating a new build of the passenger security checkpoint.

I also attended, at the invitation of the chairman of Cornwall Councils Economic Growth and Development Committee, a confidential meeting at the Airport where project corduroy was discussed. This is the plan to try and bring in private sector investment to the airport. I can tell you that it is hoped that from the number of interested parties there is the possibility that an investor may be found. This is not a certainty but if they do, this will alleviate the current four million pound a year subsidy currently being paid by Cornwall's taxpayers.

I have made representation on behalf of Mr Paul Young-Jamieson to the airport about the constant hovering of the Search and rescue helicopter right next to the fence very close to Carnanton House, which is grade 2 listed. This hovering is causing damage to the interior of the house. I appreciate that others live close by the airport at Carloggas, and I have been assured that once the homeless shelters, which are currently stored in the Northern Loop have been moved the helicopter will no longer hover quite so much.

I attended Full Council at County Hall on the 20th of February where the 2024/25 budget was presented to Council. None of the opposition parties presented an alternative budget so the administration budget went through. This means a 4.99% increase in Council Tax bills plus an increase from the police and crime commissioner.

I attended a member briefing on the new stretch of the A30 from Carland Cross to Chiverton. Work is progressing however, as you can imagine with the extremely wet weather, we've all experienced has had an adverse effect on work. The new estimated time for completion is now June this year.

I have received representation regarding the closure of the road during Boardmasters. I will fully support the efforts of Cllr Fitter who is pursuing this issue as Boardmasters is held in his division. I understand how inconvenient the road closure is for all residents in the area, including St Mawgan Parish and others.

I have dealt with many constituents' queries over the last month, all of which I treat as confidential.