

Since we last met, I have attended both St Wenn and St Columb Major meetings.

I attended Full Council at New County Hall on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July. Details of which are available on the website.

I attended the Central Area Planning Committee meeting where I brought before the committee for consideration an application at New Farm St Mawgan for an annex to be granted retrospective planning consent. This annex has been in situ for over two years and before that the applicant's daughter lived in a caravan on the site for eight years. Officers wanted to turn it down. I argued that if turned down a young person would lose her home and would find it extremely difficult to find somewhere close to her family in the area. I am pleased that by majority vote the committee agreed with me, the application was granted.

I attended the Airport Forum meeting held at Spaceport. I can report that passenger numbers are now almost back to pre-pandemic levels. Work has begun on the new check-in and security check area. Cllr Carter was also in attendance and will no doubt brief you.

Last week I attended the Standards Committee meeting at County Hall where I was elected for the seventh time Chairman of that committee.

I attended an all members briefing on the strategic review of the Airport. Cornwall Council wants to bring in a partner to alleviate the current 4 million plus subsidy the airport currently receives from the Cornish taxpayer. It's a six hundred and fifty acer site that is in desperate need of proper investment. This sounds all very complicated but, the Cabinet have put in place several red lines including that the airport must remain operational and new commercial businesses must be encouraged to invest in the site bringing in jobs and services. I did ask if this would go to full council for debate and a vote, however I was informed that under the constitution this would be a cabinet decision.

I was contacted by the leader of Cornwall Council Cllr Linda Taylor: you may know that three members of her group have left and formed a new group called the None Aligned Group. Two years ago, I left the Independent Group because I was fed up with them playing politics and not doing their best for the people of Cornwall. Most of them are only interested in power. I remain an Independent, but I have been aligned to the ruling group headed by Cllr Linda Taylor. I did this to get things done in our area. Cllr Taylor asked me to formally join her group so that they still have a majority. I believe it's important to have stability in the Council in the final months before the May 2025 elections, so I've agreed to this. I reiterate I remain Independent. The new group is called the "Conservative and Independent Conservative aligned Group".

I was contacted by officers' ref the application at Trevenna Lodge and after much consideration agreed with them that this could go ahead without the need for it to go to committee. I considered the following:

1. Officer were minded to approve, they are the experts.
2. Having looked in detail at the application I agreed with them.
3. The proposed development is in keeping with what has already been approved at Trevenna.

I fully accept that the PC were not in favour however, we won't always agree on planning.

Boardmaster remains a concern, not only for me but for residents and the PC. The size of the festival is now obviously far too big. Cllr McKenzie contacted me with concerns raised by some residents. I have written to senior officers requesting that a full debrief is undertaken in which local councils affected, residents, organizers and all agencies involved can get together and discuss concerns and any lessons learnt so that a proper road management scheme can be implemented and more

consideration to the needs of the local community during any future event MUST be a priority. I'm not holding my breath as I fear this request may fall on deaf ears.