

Councillor Report – February 2026



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Division: St. Columb Major, St. Mawgan-in-Pydar & St. Wenn

Introduction

Welcome to my February update for residents of St. Columb Major, St. Mawgan and St. Wenn. This report summarises key council activity, local issues raised by residents, and upcoming priorities for the month ahead.

Local Council Updates

- **Highways & Flooding:** Ongoing monitoring continues following recent periods of heavy rainfall. Reports relating to drainage performance, surface water pooling, and blocked gullies have been passed to Cornwall Council Highways for inspection and prioritisation. I am monitoring the ongoing situation in Mawgan Porth and will intervene as needed.
- **Storm Response:** Cornwall Council services responded to weather-related incidents during January, including highway inspections and targeted drainage clearance where required (Cornwall Council, Jan 2026).
- **Planning:** I continue to review and comment on planning applications affecting the division, with particular attention to landscape impact, infrastructure capacity, and adequacy of supporting information. Of particular note is PA25/04001 where I made a representation at planning committee on 09/02/26 against the application and attach a copy for reference.

Community News

- **Local Engagement:** I remain in regular contact with parish councils, residents' groups, and community organisations to raise issues and follow up on service requests.
- **Public Services:** No verified changes to local healthcare, education, or emergency services were announced this month.



Events & Activities (Next 28 Days)

- **Parish Council Meetings:** Scheduled parish council meetings are taking place across the division during February and early March. Agendas and timings are published by each parish council in advance.
- **Council Meetings:** Cornwall Council committee meetings continue throughout February, covering planning, scrutiny, audit, and service delivery matters.

Casework & Resident Issues

During February, the main themes raised by residents included:

- Surface water drainage and highway condition concerns
- Planning and development queries
- Requests for clarification on council processes and responsibilities

Individual casework continues to be progressed with the relevant Cornwall Council services.

Representations in Full Council and Committees

As a new addition to my report this month and moving forward, I've added a new section to capture my activities at County Hall.

Full Council

A last full council on 20 January, I spoke on the following items:

- Item 12. Right to Trial By Jury; Spoke in support for
- Item 12.2. Cornwall Council Supports businesses in Cornwall; Spoke in support for
- Item 13. I asked the Leader to clarify the situation at Newquay Airport with low occupancy rates on flights between Newquay and London and will be following up on this matter at the next Cabinet meeting.

Future Priorities

My focus for the coming month includes:

- Continued follow-up on drainage and flood-risk locations
- Scrutiny of planning applications affecting landscape and infrastructure
- Supporting parish councils and residents with unresolved service issues
- Continue to work closely with Cabinet on Newquay Airport issues.

Message to Residents

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me this month about local issues. Your feedback helps ensure Cornwall Council remains accountable and responsive to rural communities like ours. Please do continue to share any concerns or ideas — particularly as we look ahead to the festive season and beyond to 2026.

Useful Links

- [Cornwall Council Planning Portal](#)
- [Roads and Transport Information](#)
- [Waste and Recycling Services](#)

Contact Details

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Staying Updated

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