

Report June 2023

Since we last met, I've had meetings with some residents to discuss the proposed new double yellow lines approved by St Columb Major Town Council and advised them to take part in the public consultation which has been underway.

I chaired a meeting of the Working Group of the Standards Committee looking at how to combat intimidation, bullying, and harassment of Councillors. Several recommendations were put to full council for approval including Cornwall Council formally support the "Debate not Hate" campaign. It was discussed whether a member's home address should be removed from the Register of Interests Form. It was agreed this would be voluntary. A single point of contact will be establishing within the Council to report incidents of bullying, intimidation, and harassment. It was recommended establishing a point of contact within the police to allow incidents of bullying, abuse, and intimidation to be reported. Group Leaders are asked to assist with the depersonalisation of debate and that training is organised on this subject with this linked to training on chairing skills. The Working Group also considered the impact of bullying, abuse and intimidation on Town and Parish Councillors and the effect this can have on them as many lack the support network which Cornwall Councillors have. The Working Group consider that this is something which should be discussed with CALC and there is the potential for engaging with all Town and Parish Councils through their Clerks and Chairs with regards to reporting incidents of bullying, abuse, and intimidation to Cornwall Council.

I was not able to attend the Full Council meeting at County Hall on the 22nd of May as my wife and I were on our belated honeymoon in Romania. However, the Vice Chair of the Standards Committee was able to submit my annual report to Full Council and the recommendations of the working group both of which were approved by Full Council.

I attended a meeting of the Cornwall Airport Newquay Consultative Forum, these meetings are subject to a confidentiality agreement however I can report that passenger numbers continue to increase, complaints are minimal and although Virgin Orbit has ceased trading Spaceport remains viable and indeed there has been considerable interest from many Space companies who may wish to use the facilities available at Spaceport Cornwall. It's not all about launches, there is much more to Spaceport Cornwall than one aircraft taking off with a rocket attached. Spaceport offers a wide range of other space related facilities.

I attended a meeting of the Central Planning Committee where two applications had been called in for consideration by the committee, the former Creamery at Trevarrian and the Anchorage, a private dwelling, at Trenance. Developers submitted plans to demolish the creamery and build 23 houses and two industrial units on the site. Both St Mawgan Parish Council and I objected to the proposal, and I am delighted that the overwhelming majority of the committee agreed with us, they also refused permission on the Anchorage.

I have attended St Columb Major's Town Council meeting and St Mawgan PC meeting.

I have met in person and spoken with several residents over the phone to discuss a range of issues concerning them, all of which I treat as confidential.