

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2024



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Cornwall Council and around the Peninsula-

As I keep getting asked for more information on the new waste roll out - I have kept this item on the update. The new waste reciprocals are being delivered in the East from 22/01 - 30/03. I have been asked if assisted collections will still be available, while I believe they will I have asked that specific question and will update you.

The new bins have been being delivered across the Peninsula, which has caused some obvious confusion for residents with many using them immediately. Hopefully most of this is being ironed out.

In terms of questions that have been raised - there is still assisted waste collections available, these are organised in the same way as they always have been through this [LINK](#) - there is a phone number on there as well for those that don't use the internet. If residents have had the wrong bins delivered they can report that [HERE](#)

This April see's the roll out of the new waste collection contract for our area. Cornwall Council will be holding a number of roadshow events in the area over the coming months, where residents can attend to find out more details and ask questions. I would appreciate you sharing this information on your usual channels please.

The dates and locations for the roadshows in this division are:

10th April - Torpoint Library **11am - 3pm**

17th April - Maker with Rame community hall **2pm - 6pm**

Further information can be found at the following link - <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/new-food-waste-recycling-and-rubbish-service/talk-to-us-face-to-face-at-a-community-roadshow/>

Highways scheme updates

The St Germans road closure has now been opened to allow traffic through, albeit on a traffic light system. I know this is welcome news as the disruption through the closure was considerable. More information is [HERE](#)

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Highways cont'd

The Highways Scheme proposals are now all available for consultation. You can find more details on those [HERE](#) - for this area they include, Furlanesend Primary, Wilcove speed reduction and Torpoint.

Planning

I am delighted that East Cornwall Planning Committee agreed with me and Maker with Rame PC and approved the planning application for the Sandways Campsite. The tents will make a welcome return sometime around Easter.

Tamar Crossings tolls increase

At the February Full Council meeting for Cornwall Council, we discussed the funding of the Tamar Crossings. It was quite a fraught meeting, not bringing out the best in some elected members. During the debate we heard that the bridge and ferry are in debt and that the tolls needed to increase to manage the debt and to invest in the future, but we also heard the other side that there is a growing feeling that these should be funded by National Government and not local users. There has been no indication so far that National Government are willing to do this, but lobbying continues. Nearly all Councillors, including myself, voted against the rises and this daily cost is borne pretty much solely by the people we represent. That said, I do have concerns that if Government funding does not come forward, that the 3 ferry service would be at risk in the future. If we need to continue with the same funding model, I would like to see a bigger gap between what tag users pay and what cash users pay, to make these essential crossings cheaper for those that bear the cost of them.

Cornwall Council Budget

At the same full council meeting, we heard a depressing speech from the Deputy Leader of the Council, in respect to the Council's finances. There just isn't enough money coming in from central government to cover the ever increasing costs of adult and children's social care. This is surely going to be further cuts to services that are "non-statutory" in the coming year.

Highways Reporting

I would like to remind Parish Councillors that they or and member of the public are able to report issues with the highways, or anything else that is managed by Cornwall Council. I am always happy to chase reports up if they are not actioned, or if you do not get the result you are expecting. The link to the website is <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/> or via link [HERE](#)