

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR JULY 2025



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As we move through into August, much of Cornwall Council's business slows down - which is very welcome after the previous 6 months. I will be taking a short amount of time off in August to spend some time with my family.

Sandways

This continues to rumble along without a satisfactory outcome - I continue to work with the association and support them however I am able. I remain grateful with how supportive Maker with Rame PC are being and how reasonable to camping association are being as well.

Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee:

This has finally been appointed to, and I am pleased to say that I will continue to sit on this committee. There is a lot happening in the park always, so I remain frustrated that this has taken so long to get established. The first meeting of this civic year will be held on Friday 8th August, where we will find out who will chair this committee for the following year, both from Cornwall and from Plymouth. I am really disappointed to see that this years car show has been cancelled, I am unsure of the reasons why however, but will endeavour to find out more.

Tamar Crossings Joint Committee:

I attended my first meeting of this joint committee in the last week, where Cllr Andrew Long was unanimously elected as the Cornwall joint chair. We received a budget outturn report and well as a managers report on the work being done on maintenance and operations. This is a really complex committee and I am still learning about the ins and outs of it, I attended the training that was provided on the complex way the crossings are funded and we will be having a "training workshop" day in September as well as there were some members who weren't able to attend the training provided. I discovered that the Tamar Crossings are now using Google Analytics to keep an eye on journey times across the bridge and the ferry rather than the previous system they used.

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On the 22nd July, we held our second full council meeting of this council. There were a lot of motions to be discussed, one that I had worked on and seconded was on the blight of dumped fibreglass boats in our estuaries and rivers. This was an issue I was aware of, but was highlighted to me through a piece of casework from a resident in St Germans. I was pleased that the Council overwhelmingly supported this motion to work with our MPs and other stakeholders to push for legislation on this issue.

We also had motions on Cornwall becoming the 5th Nation of the United Kingdom and Banning plastic flying rings on beaches as they are so detrimental to marine life, especially seals.

Another motion that I supported, which was to look at reopening the hydrotherapy pool in St Austell was not allowed to be debated, which was incredibly disappointing.

I hope you all manage to have a break over the coming month, thank you all for all you do.

Kate.