

Good evening,

I suppose the obvious starting point this month is the General Election Result and any impact this may have on you as local councillors and myself as the elected Cornwall Councillor for this division. First I suppose is the finance that could be coming in way of the new shared funding to replace the SPF and the CCF funding, hopefully at the same level or preferably higher who knows????

We already have confirmed that the ban on land based windfarms will be lifted and this will no doubt cause concerns to some as we live almost entirely within the protected landscape area for west Penwith, also will this effect the funding for the offshore project in the Celtic sea which Cornwall Council are keen to push ahead with and the benefits of offshore wind are well known and there are many examples nationwide ,this could be the first one locally owned by British companies and giving direct return and cheaper power to Cornwall and still able to supply the Grid.

Also the pledge to set housing targets that must be built not just site allocated could help if it can be achieved and would go some way to helping with the housing crisis locally.

With regards the CAP AGM sadly nobody was willing to take the chair so after considering the options of how we could proceed and having had a conversation with Guy and Kerri I decided that I would consider continuing as chair for the coming year on certain conditions being approved by the voting members, as a result we will in future hold several informal meetings on teams or perhaps a mix including some in person informal meetings to allow members to discuss topics of their choice with a view to sharing knowledge and also having more input into the agenda something I as chair proposed and feel it is the way we should operate as opposed being run by Cornwall Council.

I think the idea of having themed meetings linked to our chosen priorities is a sound idea and we will continue with themed meetings the next one will concentrate on Transport and as with the last meeting Guy will arrange for the relevant officers to be present and we will allow time for questions as this will encourage the decision makers to consider local knowledge as a priority rather than an afterthought hopefully leading to better projects delivered more cost effectively and hopefully more timely.

Looking ahead to the elections next year as a group we the Independent's are considering what we will prioritise in the run up to the next elections and will shortly meet to finalise these, for my part the blue light services are one I have a keen interest in and I have made my feelings known to the other members of the group also I am convinced that a further devolution package must be a priority for Cornwall as we have proved in the past the more control we have locally the better we can provide service wise for the Duchy.