

Cornwall Councillor Report - Carlyon Parish Council – June 2025

I hope you are all well as we go through June.

Following May's Local Elections, things are now becoming a bit clearer at Cornwall Council in terms of who is running the council.

The first Full Council of the current term saw Bodmin's Leigh Frost elected as Leader of Cornwall Council. I've known Leigh since his election in 2017 - he's a good local man with a young family who I know stood to represent his community for the same reasons I stood to represent mine. Politics is a team game, and although our politics with a big P differ in some areas, I appreciated Leigh's conciliatory speech prior to his election and I look forward to working with him and his new Cabinet to serve the people of Cornwall over the coming years.

Moving on to local issues:

I was pleased to help arrange a meeting with police, ASB Officer, parish council and public in Tregrehan on 4 June to discuss anti social behaviour concerns, mostly on Beach Road and Sea Road, in Carlyon Bay.

A number of action points were agreed with all parties at this meeting and I felt it was a productive one.

In terms of my action point, which was to check with Cornwall Council's licensing department for advice on applying to varying licenses, I have now done so and they have replied stating that:

'If you believe a licensed premises are operating in such a way that they are undermining any of the licensing objectives, any of the Responsible Authorities or other persons may apply to the Council, as the Licensing Authority, for a Review of the Premises Licence. However, this should be a last resort if problems have not been able to be resolved with the premises licence holder informally.'

Another action point for the police was for them to check with their own licensing officer as to how many complaints had been made about any licenses in the area, so as to inform next steps on this matter.

The most important action for the public remains for them to report any and all instances of ASB (or any crime) to the police, so they can build an evidence-based picture of the issue, which will help them to successfully apply for and allocate resource to deal with problems going forward.

Related to this, I am grateful to the police for their work on Crinnis Beach itself, as well as contact with local schools and increased comms and activity around it.

I also wanted to put on record how well run the three day festival was, that took place on the last May Bank Holiday weekend.

Moving onto highways matters, I am pleased to see Cormac taking long-needed action to help address drainage issues at the Beach Road end of Fairway. This has necessitated a road closure for most of June, but I hope this will resolve a long running issue once and for all.

On the topic of a bigger road closure, I was pleased to see the works on the A391 conclude, just about on time, and hopefully the new surface is an improvement on what was there before. I hope the council has learned lessons on the importance of communicating promptly and accurately with stakeholders and the wider community on big infrastructure projects like this.

Related to this, I was pleased to arrange a litter pick of the entire closed section of the A391 on 24 May, where we were escorted to and from the closed A391 by Cormac, and spent 2 hours litter picking its entire length.

It was 28 Days Later-like in being so quiet in sections and as well as removing loads of rubbish from the verges we also could appreciate some of the wildflowers and less seen features like the plaque from when the 'new' road was first opened 26 years ago!

I was also delighted to have enabled Lee and the team at Biscovey YFC in getting material from Cormac and Cornwall Council from the recent A391 closure, to help in upgrading their ground. Thank you too all at the council who assisted in making this happen, great outcome!

I saw the below funding opportunities and thought it might be of interest:

Nature:

<https://naturesave.co.uk/naturesave-trust/>

Town halls:

<https://acre.org.uk/main-grants-scheme-for-village-halls/>

High streets:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/business-trading-and-licences/economic-development/town-regeneration-and-investment-programme/>

Finally, looking at another new role for me, I am delighted to confirm my appointment as co-Chair of the Cornwall Learning Disability Partnership Board.

Working with Healthwatch Cornwall, the Cornwall Learning Disability Partnership Board connects individuals with learning disabilities, carers, and service providers to improve local services.

It ensures their voices are heard in shaping health, social care, and community support. The board fosters collaboration, identifies key issues, and promotes positive change for inclusive, person-centered services.

The Learning Disability Partnership Board provides an opportunity for people with a learning disability, their families and carers to work with professionals to improve the lives of people living with a learning disability in Cornwall.

I look forward to using my experience on the Council over the past 11 years, plus lived experience as a SEND parent to contribute in this really important area.

As ever, should people require my assistance on any matter, please get in touch on 07885 277670 or at cldr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk