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Good evening,

As you can imagine I do not have a lot to say regarding Cornwall Council activity owing to the Festive break, that said the budget setting process goes on and like Councils all over the country the Cabinet and shadow Cabinet are striving to maintain as many service's as possible and despite calls for more funding from central Government there is only so much money to go around and with the downturn in trading figures and interest levels causing concern and the effects of covid still having an impact coupled with the cost of living crisis playing a major part in financial recovery many Council's are now asking for permission to raise precept levels beyond permitted levels which coupled with local Councils having no choice other than raising their precepts to maintain devolved services or simply stop providing services such as the public toilets and raising the cost of devolved car parks and cutting the level of investment in recently devolved play parks.

As it stands Cornwall Council have already announced cuts to services and will continue to closely consider where any savings can be made in order to not have to issue a section 114 would basically mean the Council is bankrupt.

With the CAP in mind we had a very good meeting on 3rd of January with an excellent presentation by Adam Birchall and Rob Lacey regarding the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood plans with the new directives issued by central Government meaning that as an authority we will have to update the Local Plan and some NDPS may need to be reviewed sooner than anticipated.

Also the meeting was the last that our CLT rep will attend having decide to leave the Council after many decades in local government, I will also be standing down as Chairman at the meeting in April having had a the privilege of Chairing for several years and would like to thank all those who have contacted me to offer their thanks and for the kind words that I have received, I feel now is the time for fresh blood to take the CAP to the next level.

Despite any rumours you may have regarding the number 7 bus route we fought for the service is still running and will until easter this year as agreed with Transport for Cornwall.

Council workload continues to rise and this is one of the reasons I need to step down from the CAP coupled with not the best of health and the desire to spend more time with my family who have had to sacrifice so much to allow me to give so much time to the many post and committees I sit on.

Regards Clemo

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