

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT November 2023

To receive the monthly Cornwall Councillor's Report from Councillor Brian Clemens:

I would like to start my report by thanking you all for your support over the transport issue since the new timetable came into force, it was I felt more than helpful having the support of all those councils effected voicing their concerns.

While the measures put in place will only last until easter it will provide us all the opportunity to make sure our residents use the service and strengthen the case for it to made available next winter and thereafter.

The cost of this service is in the region of £25.000.

I would encourage you all to read and understand the planning newsletter recently released by Hayley Jewells head of planning, the bill that i informed you was going through parliament gained royal assent on October the 26th so now becomes a planning act the changes are being implemented as quickly as possible though some may take a little while to act on, the main area of concern is that planning cost will rise by 35% for major schemes and 25% for normal applications also the free go that was previously allowed if slight changes had to made to application has been taken out.

Please attend the training that will be provided it will help you understand the changes.

With regards the cap we have the transport committee and the finance committee up and running and they are meeting monthly to help all councils to gain as much support as possible,

Rosie greaves is busy running roadshows to help push the CLUP funding and we are as a CAP after a very slow start making up ground at a rate of knots and should hopefully secure all the available funding.

When we next have a chair and vice chair meeting with officers I shall be suggesting that we need to be less stringent on the timescale of the CLUP funding as it has made it difficult for some larger projects to apply.

As some of you will be aware I am an Advocate Councillor for the Youth Council and in the new year we will be looking for new members will be holding elections and nominees will need to register between the 29th of January and the 1st of march next year i will be attending secondary schools in the area with a toolkit provided to encourage young people in the area consider becoming a youth council member as at present we no members this side of Redruth and i meet so many students that I feel would not only be good councillors but would get so much out of the process.

You will no doubt have head that the council have announced a budget deficit od £14.9 million for the first 6 months of the year nor all of that is my fault.