

# CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Jamie Hanlon – Penwithick & Boscoppa

For Treverbyn Parish Council – 27 January 2026

## 1. Community Chest Updates

### Treverbyn Community Trust & Treverbyn Greenspace

- A Community Chest request was submitted on behalf of **Treverbyn Greenspace – Gwer Efander**, acknowledged by the Communities Support Team.
- Follow-up engagement with a local volunteer confirms continued collaboration regarding Greenspaces activity in Penwithick Park.

### Treverbyn Community Hall – PAT Testing (£250 Application)

- A Community Chest application for **£250** toward PAT testing for Treverbyn Hall was submitted and confirmed as eligible.

### Bugle Youth Club – £350 Application

- A Community Chest application for **£350** from Bugle Youth Club has been received, appraised as eligible, and awaits approval.

### Defibrillator Pads – Treverbyn Community Hall (£177.95 Awarded)

- You previously approved **£177.95** to support replacement defibrillator pads at Treverbyn Hall.

## 2. Housing & Planning Matters

### Shadow Cabinet Member for Housing – 27 January Briefing (09:00)

- As the **Shadow Cabinet Member for Housing**, you will attend the Housing Briefing on **27 January at 09:00**, covering performance, Cabinet Work Programme and OSC Work Programme.
- This is also recorded in your diary.

### 3. Tourism, Localism & Accessibility

- An update was received regarding the **Tourism Summit at the Eden Project**, outlining sector-wide intentions following the end of Visit Cornwall CIC, and its relevance to your Accessible Tourism Directory project.

### 4. Storm Goretti – Response & Lessons Learned

- Members were thanked for their involvement in the community response to **Storm Goretti** and invited to contribute lessons for improving resilience.
- Storm Goretti was also discussed in the recent Members' meeting.

### 5. China Clay Area & Luxulyan Strategy

- The 2022 foundational document for the China Clay Area strategy was circulated ahead of upcoming workshops, reaffirming key priorities including Economy, Transport, Housing, Wellbeing, Community, Environment and Climate.

### 6. Member Training & Compliance

- Completion of **Mandatory Climate Literacy e-learning** has been recorded.

### 7. Environment, Highways & Infrastructure

- Members were invited to the All-Member Briefing on **Healthy Rivers and Seas**, linked to Cornwall Council's commitment to address sewage pollution.
- Guidance circulated regarding EV charging infrastructure planning.
- Highways improvement data and prior CHIP submissions shared to support development of future Expressions of Interest.

## 8. Local Casework & Community Support

- Ongoing engagement with Treverbyn and Penwithick community groups, including Greenspaces involvement and discussions at Penwithick Park.

## 9. Clay Country Roadshow – 15 January 2026

- Attendance at the **Clay Country Roadshow** on **15 January**, a community event focused on topics including the Budget, the Critical Minerals Strategy, and the Kernow Industrial Growth Fund.

## 10. Code of Conduct Complaint – Full Summary of Outcome

A Code of Conduct complaint (**CCN142/25/26**) was submitted against you by another councillor. The complaint was assessed on **14 January 2026** by Simon Mansell – Head of Governance, Elections and Democratic Services.

### Nature of the Complaint

The complaint alleged that you made an inaccurate public statement on the “Trethurgy and Friends” Facebook group on **10 December 2025**, stating you were not contacted by the Parish Clerk regarding planning application **PA25/07177**. The complainant stated:

- The Clerk *had* contacted you,
- Your statement was misleading,
- It risked undermining public confidence, and
- It could unfairly reflect upon the Clerk.

### Assessment and Decision

The assessor reviewed:

- The Facebook post,
- The wider circumstances, and
- The fact that you had recently submitted a complaint about the same councillor concerning the same planning matter.

Under the Standards Committee procedures, a complaint may be rejected if it appears **malicious, politically motivated, tit-for-tat**, or insufficiently serious.

The assessing officer concluded:

- A reasonable person would view the complaint as **tit-for-tat** due to timing and context,
- Even if escalated, the complaint would **not** reveal a sufficiently serious breach (such as failing to declare a DPI),
- Therefore, it did not meet the threshold for formal investigation.

## Outcome

The complaint was **rejected** under **paragraph 3.5(vi)** of the Code of Conduct procedures for appearing tit-for-tat and lacking the seriousness needed for further action.

## Additional Notes

- Rejected complaints are logged and later placed in the public domain as part of the Standards Committee's reports.
- Accessibility support remains available if required.

# 11. Additional Statement from Councillor Hanlon

I was informed by the Parish Clerk that Treverbyn Parish Council would be issuing a public statement on the *Trethurgy and Friends* Facebook group. Following this, I reviewed my correspondence relating to planning application **PA25/07177**, including emails from the Clerk, and from the Planning Officer.

During this review I did eventually locate the email from the Clerk that had been referenced, however, I emphasise that while the email was present in the chain, I had not previously seen it. My earlier public comment reflected this fact, at the time of writing, I had not seen any contact from the Clerk.

The complaint against me stated that I had misled the public, or effectively that I had lied. I reject that implication. A person cannot lie about something they have not seen. My original statement was factually correct, based on the information I had seen at the time.

When speaking with Cornwall Council during the assessment of the Code of Conduct complaint, I raised this point directly. The officer acknowledged that this situation occurs frequently, long email chains mean that messages can be missed unintentionally, particularly when several people are copied into a thread. That is what happened in this case.

I would also highlight the working constraints faced at the time. Councillors had been informed that we would have **only 15 minutes** with the Parish Clerk. This applied equally to me. It is extremely challenging to cover all matters affecting the parish, provide my update as Cornwall Councillor, and seek updates from the Clerk within such a short window.

I have since had a longer meeting, approximately an hour, which was productive. Most recently, I requested another meeting with the Clerk for **Thursday 22 January**, but due to workload pressures relating to the upcoming Full Council, and planning matters on the **27th**, this meeting had to be postponed. I fully understand the pressures he is under, particularly given the volume of work required at this time of year.

Since being elected as the Cornwall Councillor for Treverbyn, I have encountered several obstacles in trying to work constructively with the Parish Council. At Full Council meetings, I am only permitted to deliver my Cornwall Councillor's report, and cannot contribute to wider discussion. This leaves me effectively sitting aside without meaningful involvement.

As such, I will not be attending Full Council meetings going forward. If Parish Councillors have questions for me, I am very happy to respond via email, or, where appropriate, discuss matters over the phone. I will continue to work with the Parish Clerk through email, telephone contact, and face-to-face meetings whenever these can reasonably be arranged.

Finally, I wish to be clear, as Cornwall Councillor, I will not always agree with the Parish Council's position on whether a planning application should be called in to the Central Sub-Area Planning Committee. There will be times when I call in an application and support it, and times when I call in an application without supporting it. My responsibility is to ensure transparency, oversight, and fair consideration, not to simply mirror the view of any one body.

I suggest that the Clerk contact me directly by email or phone to ensure I don't miss any five-day protocols in the future.