

Cornwall Councillor Report

Cllr Jamie Hanlon – Penwithick & Boscoppa
For: Treverbyn Parish Council
Reporting Period: April – May 2026

Community Engagement and Casework

Over the reporting period, I have continued to actively support residents across the division, dealing with a wide range of issues including housing, planning, highways, and general enquiries. My approach remains focused on direct engagement with residents, ensuring that concerns are properly escalated and that clear communication is maintained throughout.

One of the more serious cases I have been dealing with relates to a household facing homelessness. Following contact from the residents, I progressed the matter through Cornwall Council's Casework Assist system to ensure it received formal review and intervention. I have continued to monitor this case given the distress and urgency involved, and I am maintaining oversight until a resolution is reached.

I have also continued to support residents with planning-related concerns, including queries relating to applications PA26/00978 and PA26/00979. This included direct communication with residents to clarify the position regarding those applications and, where appropriate, offering to meet in person to discuss concerns in greater detail.

A significant amount of my time has been spent dealing with concerns relating to the Cargywn development in Penwithick. I have been in ongoing discussions with planning officers and senior staff over a number of weeks to try to fully address the concerns raised by both residents and the Parish Council. These discussions have covered matters such as construction traffic management, delivery timings, access arrangements for emergency vehicles, and broader highway safety issues.

Despite the concerns raised locally, I have been advised that the application will proceed under delegated powers. Whilst Parish Councils can request an application be referred to committee, such a referral can only be made by the elected Cornwall Councillor with agreement from the Head of Service and must be supported by sound planning reasons. In this instance, I was unable to secure that agreement, and therefore the application will not be taken to Central Sub-Area Planning Committee.

Through continued engagement, a number of amendments and mitigations have been secured. These include an updated Construction Traffic Management Plan, restrictions on working hours, coordination of deliveries outside peak periods, and confirmation from the fire service that access arrangements are acceptable.

Council and Committee Engagement

I have remained fully engaged in Cornwall Council business throughout this period, including committees, member briefings, and local partnership meetings. This has included participation in planning-related discussions, local highways meetings, and Community Area Partnership work across the China Clay area.

Policy, Advocacy and Strategic Work

I have continued to play an active role in shaping wider policy discussions, particularly in relation to housing and planning. During member briefings on Homes Cornwall, I raised concerns regarding the absence of accessible housing standards and emphasised the need for M4(2) and M4(3) homes to be embedded as a baseline. I have followed this up with officers to seek clarity on how accessibility will be incorporated moving forward.

Accessibility and Inclusion

Accessibility remains central to my work. During this reporting period, I have continued discussions with Cornwall Council regarding accessibility support and assistive technology available to elected members to ensure barriers to participation are reduced wherever possible. This has included engagement around the Access to Work scheme and how support can be used to enable disabled people to undertake their roles effectively.

I also believe there is greater opportunity to raise awareness of Access to Work amongst residents. Many people remain unaware that the scheme can provide practical support in employment, including specialist equipment, workplace adjustments, travel support and communication support where required. Increasing awareness of available support can help more residents remain in or return to work and participate more fully in their communities.

Wider Engagement and Local Developments

I have maintained oversight of major developments including West Carclaze Garden Village. Construction continues, although progress has slowed due to site conditions and wider factors. I remain engaged with officers and stakeholders to monitor progress and ensure community impacts are considered.

To support this ongoing engagement, I am due to attend the West Carclaze Garden Village Quarterly Meeting on **9 June 2026**, where progress updates and key issues affecting delivery will be discussed. I am also scheduled to attend a site visit on **18 June 2026**, which will include attendance by the Portfolio Holder for Housing. These opportunities will provide

further insight into current progress on site and allow continued discussion around delivery, infrastructure, and the wider impact on local communities.

Conclusion

Throughout this period, I have remained focused on delivering practical outcomes for residents, ensuring that their concerns are raised at the appropriate level and that they are kept informed of progress. I will continue to work proactively on behalf of residents and the Parish Council.

I would also like to make residents aware that during this reporting period I took the decision to leave Reform UK and will continue serving as a **Non-Aligned Independent Cornwall Councillor** for Penwithick & Boscoppa.

Whilst my political affiliation has changed, my commitment to residents has not. My priority remains representing all residents fairly, independently and in the best interests of the community. I will continue carrying out my role as your elected Cornwall Councillor, progressing casework, engaging with local issues, challenging where necessary, and working constructively with officers, Parish Councils and partner organisations to deliver practical outcomes for local people.

My focus remains on serving residents and ensuring local voices continue to be represented at Cornwall Council.

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