

ANNUAL REPORT TO KENWYN PARISH COUNCIL

GLOWETH MALABAR AND SHORTLANESSEND DIVISION CORNWALL COUNCIL

I do not recall being asked to do such a report since I was first elected to Cornwall Council in 2017 so this is more like a random selection of comments.

1. Parish Boundary, I was not supportive of the attempted land grab by Truro Council in relation to Gloweth and this has been kicked into the long grass again.
2. Quiet Lanes, the Trial has finished, and the idea has been abandoned for the foreseeable future. It was evident from the reports that the trial had effectively failed principally because there were no means of enforcing the restrictions-the Police did not have the manpower to do anything. I received correspondence both for and against this scheme all of which, on both sides of the argument, made sense. Unfortunately, the only way such a scheme would work would be to install ANPR Cameras at the entrances and exits but I am not even sure this would be legally possible let alone affordable. I did have a lot of sympathy for people in Shortlanesend who had to go across to the College or Treliske and were faced with a long detour and if ever this scheme comes back, I would want to find some way of avoiding this problem.
3. 20 is Plenty-this is a Cornwall wide initiative from the Council to reduce speeds on urban roads. People should see Consultation notices being stuck on lamp posts in relevant areas, which include Kenwyn, and where people have concerns, I would encourage providing feedback to Cormac and also copying me in. Unlike Quiet Lanes there is a commitment from the Police to help enforce these limits. I have been particularly concerned to seek to slow traffic coming through Shortlanesend and I hope that some of the proposed steps will help.
4. Langarth Garden Village-this is the plan to build a whole new garden village which will in the end have something like 3,000 homes although it will take decades to build out. This all sits within Kenwyn Parish and one of the key concerns has been how its Stewardship, ie all the things that the Parish would handle and in this case quite a few other things, will be dealt with. The current Cornwall Council plan is to create a separate Stewardship organisation that will develop as the area is built and involve proper local representation. As the lead Cabinet member on this matter I have given an unequivocal commitment that Kenwyn Council will be properly consulted on this as ideas develop.
5. For my sins I am Deputy Leader of the Council and also responsible for finances. I don't think many people realise just how big Cornwall Council is, our annual gross revenue budget is £1.2 billion and trying to keep an eye on this and other matters is not a small task. I could write pages on this but if any reader has specific questions or points, I would be pleased to respond. The only thing I will say is that we have come up with a balanced budget for this year and next without dipping into our reserves (rainy day funds!) which is a lot better than many Councils in England.