Town Mayor Report to Penzance Council

Penzance Council Meeting 9 November 2026

Work Streams

Climate Action Fund

The Expression of Interest to the National Lottery for the project which is now called The Big Table, has been expertly put together ready for submission by [redacted] of Growing Links on behalf of the Climate Action Fund Partnership and based on the excellent joint-working and collaboration thus far. We now need to wait to see if we emerge successfully through this first phase.

Youth Services Provider Forum

Following a very positive and helpful scoping meeting, involving several Councillors and officers, I have decided to put my aspirations for developing a Youth Services Provider Forum on hold for the time being. The principal reason for this is that the need to strategically develop a strong and meaningful youth voice and youth engagement across the Parish appears to be a much more urgent priority. There are a number of strands of youth work/engagement being progressed at the moment, including working with WAC, Active Cornwall and Trelya on the Princess May Recreation Ground; Sustainable PZ's School Symposium; youth engagement in the Neighbourhood Priority Statement and collaborative workshops at the Job Centre. All these strands need to feed into a strategic plan for youth engagement that will be central to our Strategic Business Plan and ensure that our Future Generations Pledge is a reality.

Love our Streets

I have a meeting with an officer from Cornwall Council's Waste Division in early November. The officer concerned supports community and volunteer-led projects as part of the Waste Community Engagement team. Once this meeting has happened, I will be in a position to pull together a Core Partnership Group, to help me plan the implementation of this pilot from Spring 2027.

Increasing Councillor involvement in Council decisions

We had our first informal All-Councillor Meeting on 13 October. The meeting was well attended and out of this meeting has come a list of topics that Councillors would like to discuss and explore, to help us all work more effectively together as a group and support the Strategic Aims of the Council. Our next meeting is scheduled for 10 November and will; focus on urgent devolution matters.

Business meetings

I continue to represent the Council on a range of Boards, Committees, Steering Groups and other Fora. These include Penzance Regeneration Company Board; Safer Penzance; Penwith Community Area Partnership and the Transport and Connectivity Working Group; Penwith Interagency Forum; and the Neighbourhood Priorities Statement Steering Group.

Individual networking meetings

I continue to regularly meet and collaborate with individuals and agencies embedded within the community and working hard to improve the lives of their local communities. Some of these

individuals and agencies are well-known to the Council and indeed, may be directly supported by the Council, such as Sustainable PZ and Penzance and Newlyn Youth, but in many instances, I am directly contacted by individuals who wish to promote and publicise the invaluable work they are doing in their communities and are seeking support and affirmation from the Council.

I always really appreciate members of the public approaching me to tell me what they are doing to create positive and supportive communities and seeing if there is any way we can help and support.

Events

As usual, I have received several invitations to come along to community events, sometimes to open them, sometimes to speak and sometimes just to be there and support the local community. These events are the highlights of my role. It's a privilege and an honour to be asked to support community events and meet local people where they are, listening to their stories and supporting the incredible community cohesion work that is going on all over the Parish where we live and work. Some of the events/places I have been to since my last Mayor's Report include: Community gardening at Penrose Gardens, St John's Church Clothes Rack; Mousehole Wild Bird Hospital; West Cornwall Health Watch AGM, Trafalgar Day and Paul Feast. I am now in full preparation mode for Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, both absolutely vital events on the Penzance Calendar.

Conclusion

It has been another very busy 2 months and I am constantly reminded what a privilege it is to serve as Penzance Town Mayor. Community events such as Trafalgar Day and Paul Feast, bring home to me, the wonderful role I have been given, to represent the people of this Parish.

Splann! (Fantastic)

Councillor Andy Law