

This is the final meeting for me and indeed April was still as busy with meetings with the final West Area Planning meeting on the Monday immediately before the elections.

Just to prove it was challenging at times, in the final 12 months I attended 41 formal committee or full council meetings, 24 hours of mandatory planning training, 4 CAP meetings, 45 all member briefings covering everything from bus timetable reviews to funeral home inspections and 19 parish council meetings – the ones I missed were due to diary clashes with other meetings on outside bodies or presentation evenings.

After 3 days sat in a public enquiry regarding Illogan Woods a year ago, we are still awaiting the outcome.

The last month was spent trying to resolve the anti-social behaviour around the play area and elsewhere in the village and happily, after early intervention, you may in for a quieter summer. I attended on a Thursday evening during the worst period however, there were only two males in there that left before lock-up time.

I am pleased to see that work has commenced on the Bassett Arms and a compromise was reached with the Planning Officer within a matter of days.

On the 30th April I visited Upcycle Kernow to look at the refurbishment of the facility after the keys were handed back at the end of March and they were given an extra month to submit the SPF documentation.

Overall Portreath has benefited from over £500,000 of funding in the last couple of years.

The raised bus stops at East Lodge Car Park were completed on 30th April with the signage added today. The missing public footpath signs should be erected in the next couple of weeks.

All I can say now is thank you for your hospitality for the last 4 years since I joined your meetings during the Covid days – I will not forget the Zoom bombing.

I dare say that the challenge now will be fending off another bollard gate and the removal of a small section of double yellow lines that would have consequences for all other residents since this would result in all year round restrictions instead of seasonal.

I will be returning to New County Hall in June as a member of the school admissions and school exclusion panels.