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Points of Interest

- Leader of Cornwall Council visited 20th March whilst on their tour of the CAP
- In conjunction with the Wave Project following a meeting with the Waste Partnerships Officer from Cornwall Council a wetsuit swap will be hosted in the community hub on the 25th April.
- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at St Mary's Church Hall at 6:30pm on Monday 27th April.
- The council's EOI for the improvements to the multi-use trail at bridge as part of the Community Highways Improvements Programme has been prioritised and sent for costings through the CAP.
- The Contractor carrying out the RA on the WAAF, remains busy, but has us ensures us that they will carry out the assessment asap.

Staffing Committee Update

A staffing committee meeting is due in June.

Facilities Working Group Update

The Environment Agency continue to have a regular booking in the community hub. They will be coming on the 13th April due to the bank holidays.

There are various commercial and community bookings in the community hub during March. Please do put forward ideas for community events that the council could host in the Community Hub.

Youth Engagement Working Group Update

Chips & Chill, 7th March

Attendees: 13

Age range: 10 - 16

Chips & Chill 21st March

Attendees: 10

Age Range: 10 – 16

Chips & Chill, 4th April (Easter Saturday)

Attendees: TBC

Age range: TBC

Love Portreath Update

None at time of publication of report

Planning Report

Applications for consideration:

[PA26/01731 | Demolition of Existing Lean-To Garage and Construction of Single Storey Extension with Annexe Accommodation & Construction of Detached Garage & Associated Works | Fairview Nancekuke Redruth Cornwall TR16 5UG](#)

5 Day Notices:

Appeals:

Approved:

Refused:

Closed Advice Given:

Other:

[PA26/00840 | Prior Approval for conversion of the existing agricultural barn into a single dwellinghouse | Barn At Lower Manor Farm Nancekuke Redruth Cornwall TR16 5UJ](#)

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Donation Request

(confidential personal data redacted)

Correspondence

(confidential personal data redacted)

- **Received 05/03/2026**

Good Morning Ian

I am writing to you in your capacity as chair of Portreath Parish Council.

Portreath Parish Council having already taken the important step of passing a motion of no confidence in South West Water's ability to deliver a safe service to us, I hope very much that Portreath Parish Council continues its leadership in representing the expressed views of the parish.

I know that you were shocked by the C4 programme Dirty Business and that you and other parish councillors have been following the recent discussion on our village Facebook fora about the programme and the related class action against South West Water being progressed by Leigh Day Solicitors. People from Portreath were included in the producers' research for the series so it is in many ways our own story.

You will know that I have been asking for views about us requesting Portreath Parish Council to begin quickly a discussion with Leigh Day about the implications of Portreath Parish Council joining other public bodies from the south west and beyond in this class action. There has been strong support for the idea so I am now formally requesting that Portreath Parish Council take this action as soon as possible.

I know you will take this request seriously and with the urgency being asked for and so look forward to your response.

Best wishes

- **Received 18/03/26**

Dear Portreath Parish Council

I am writing to formally advise the Parish Council that we have launched a community petition regarding the ongoing concerns surrounding the EA's proposed flood alleviation scheme in Portreath.

The petition can be found here...

[Petition · Urge the Environment Agency to improve Portreath flood scheme - Portreath, United Kingdom · Change.org](#)

As of today, there are 478 signatures.

This petition reflects the significant level of public unease and the shared feeling among residents that key issues are not being adequately addressed.

Many residents feel their voices have not been heard despite repeated attempts to raise legitimate questions and seek clarity.

We believe it is important that the Parish Council is fully aware of the strength of local feeling and the collective desire for greater transparency, accountability, and genuine dialogue.

The petition will be shared publicly and with relevant authorities, and we will ensure the Council receives updates as it progresses. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We hope the Parish Council will support the community in seeking a more open and responsive approach from the agencies involved.

Yours sincerely,

 PFRAG secretary

- **Received 24/03/26**

Good afternoon,

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I used to be Tregony Parish clerk a long time ago, so I know how busy you are, if this letter's **question gets asked**, it will help a great deal.

Please share with your Cllrs, some are expecting it, I said I'd be sending it to you.

Please find attached an open letter I have sent to the MPs listed, the chairs of EFRA & EAC, relevant APPGs, regarding practical climate resilience for communities. The letter responds to the recent debate on Tuesday evening 10th March and highlights several particularly relevant points that were made.

I am requesting that an extremely relevant question be tabled, one that I believe will help us all achieve our community resilience goals more effectively.

If you think this is a reasonable question for Parliament to address, please consider:

- Reading the attached open letter
- Sharing it with others
- **Writing to your MP, supporting asking them to raise this question too**
- [Supporting my LinkedIn post](#)
- [Supporting my Facebook post](#)

Whether it's [sewage](#), buckled [rail](#) track, [flooding](#), [watershortage](#), [overheating](#), or other local impacts, change often starts by asking the right question collectively. Adaptation isn't optional; alongside mitigation, it's essential.

Thank you very much for your time, consideration, and any support you may be able to provide.

Kind regards,

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Climate Vision

Agenda Items

- 11. To give consideration to the Cornwall Council Proposal for the Public Realm Improvement and Re-introduction of Weed Treatment in Portreath Parish**, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

Full supporting documentation has been attached to the meeting summons.

Cornwall Council are about to embark on a program of Public Realm Improvement and Re-introduction of Weed Treatment. This is because of evidence of declining standards since routine weed management stopped in 2013, resulting in increasing complaints, narrowing footways, damaged surfaces, and perceived reduced community pride.

Cormac on behalf of Cornwall Council will carry out the following works on adopted highway:

- Targeted manual and mechanical weed removal on areas with significant weed growth
- Carefully controlled, limited chemical treatment only on the urban highway network where weeds are present, using modern Controlled Droplet Application methods to minimise quantity and footprint.
- Improvements to amenity and environmental areas, including enhanced cutting and better management of urban verges.
- Partnership working with local councils and volunteers, supporting local pride and community involvement.

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Cornwall Council's default position is that all town and parish councils will automatically be opted in to the scheme. Town and Parish council have the option to opt out of the scheme if they wish to manage their areas without chemical treatment. Cornwall Council have set a strict set of criteria councils must meet if they wish to opt out.

Cornwall Council will provide funding equivalent to the cost of chemical treatment that would otherwise have been applied locally for council that opt-out. For 2026/27, the expected contribution is £343.45 per km. Additional costs, such as increased manual clearance, must be funded by the Town or Parish Council.

Should this council wish to opt out of the scheme the council must submit no later than the **20th May 2026** an operational plan which includes: (Initial notification to the Cornwall Council should be received no later than 20th April 2026)

- a marked-up plan showing streets that will be maintained by the Town/Parish
- proposed method(s) of treatment
- expected frequency of visits – minimum of 2
- how weed-related complaints will be managed
- how promptly issues will be addressed
- evidence of trained staff or contractors
- appropriate insurance
- details of safe working procedures

Should this council choose to opt out of the scheme councillors should consider that, if standards fall below the agreed level, the opt-out will be withdrawn for the following season and the area will return to Cornwall Council's treatment programme.

When making a decision on this proposal councillors should consider Councillors should consider:

- The Councils Climate Action Plan
- The amount of work that would be needed to bring the area up to standard following 13 years of lack of management
- The feelings of the community on the matter
- The timescale that the council is expected to produce a full management plan for the works
- These are not works that Cornwall Council would sanction volunteers to carry out.
- There is no budget allowance in the 26/27 for any works

12. To receive various items of correspondence, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure

b) General correspondence

i) Request for the council to consider joining the Class Action Against South West Water

[Leigh Day | South West Water sewage pollution claim](#)

Following the request from a parishioner for the council to consider joining the Leigh Day Class Action against South West Water contact was made with Leigh Day to see what would be required for the council to join such action.

From first exploration of the Leigh Day website it suggests it is not possible for the council to join the action as we are not within the areas currently in the action. (Screen shots of the website attached) Following these further enquiries were made directly with Leigh Day. Responses to the queries as below:

Q1. Is it possible for us to join the class action presently?

No, they are in the early stages of drawing up the case for the existing claimants. They did say that they he will send a form to allow us to express an interest (without formally joining) for possibly joining in the future and being kept up to date on progress, public events, etc

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Q2. Is there a timescale for joining.

No, there is not at this present time.

Q3. Do we need definitive evidence of harm to be eligible to join.

Probably Yes. Records of water tests, photographs or multiple instances of illness, etc would likely be required.

Q4. The Leigh Day website states there would be an insurance policy set up for any "after event" claims made against us by SWWA and that the fee for which would be subtracted from their 35% fee if the claim was successful. I asked who would pay the premium for such a policy if the claim was unsuccessful.

They advised that it would be themselves and the website would be amended to reflect that point in the FAQ section.

Other than that, they said that if we were to gather evidence, they would be pleased to receive it. Either from ourselves or individuals.

Contact was made with Penzance Town council, Newquay Town Council and Ludgvan Parish Council to discuss their involvement in the Action. None of these councils were aware of the class actions and are not involved with the case.

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- 12. To consider a response to the Cornwall Council Cornwall Cultural Strategy 2026-2036, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure**

Cornwall Cultural Strategy 2026-2036

1. Could you tell us what culture means to you

Ambition 1: Joining In

What this means: Everyone in Cornwall should be able to access and enjoy culture, regardless of who they are or where they live. The Council will work with partners to reduce barriers, widen participation, and create inclusive, high-quality cultural opportunities for all communities.

Priorities for this ambition are to:

- **Encourage exciting, diverse culture for everyone**
- **Make sure culture includes everyone**
- **Bring people together and support wellbeing**

2. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the priorities for this ambition are the right ones

- Strongly Agree**
- Agree**
- Neither agree or disagree**
- Disagree**
- Strongly Disagree**

3. How important is this ambition to you

- Very Important**
- Somewhat Important**
- Not very important**
- Not at all important**

4. Please provide feedback on this ambition and or the priorities for this ambition.

For example what would make cultural activities more accessible for you or your community?

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Ambition 2: Supporting People

What this means: Cornwall's creative future depends on its people — their talent, energy, and imagination. Supporting people means investing in the full creative journey: from early inspiration in schools, through building confidence at events, to finding work and training.

Priorities for this ambition are to:

- **Inspire creativity in education**
- **Strengthen pathways through further and higher education**
- **Open access to creative careers**
- **Support growth and development**

5. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the priorities for this ambition are the right ones

- Strongly Agree**
- Agree**
- Neither agree or disagree**
- Disagree**
- Strongly Disagree**

6. How important is this ambition to you

- Very Important**
- Somewhat Important**
- Not very important**
- Not at all important**

7. Please provide feedback on this ambition and or the priorities for this ambition.

For example, are there particular groups or ages who you feel would benefit most from more creative opportunities?

Ambition 3: Growing our Economy

What this means: Cornwall's creative economy is a broad ecosystem that nurtures talent, attracts investment, and delivers long-term value. The creative industries work across sectors, from manufacturing to the visitor economy, and Cornwall's strong creative sector is well placed to contribute to this fast-growing national industry.

Priorities for this ambition are to:

- **Provide opportunities for networking and support**
- **Identify access to funding**
- **Provide workspace and infrastructure**
- **Support research, innovation and development**
- **Collate evidence and share insights**

8. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the priorities for this ambition are the right ones

- Strongly Agree**
- Agree**
- Neither agree or disagree**
- Disagree**
- Strongly Disagree**

9. How important is this ambition to you

- Very Important**
- Somewhat Important**
- Not very important**
- Not at all important**

10. Please provide feedback on this ambition and or the priorities for this ambition.

For example, do you feel that Cornwall offers the right kind of opportunities for people working in the sector?

Ambition 4: Improving Our Places

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What this means: Culture in Cornwall is deeply rooted in our landscapes, towns, industries and communities. Culture and heritage have the power to lead regeneration of our towns.

Priorities for this ambition are:

- **Place-based culture**
- **Clusters, networks and momentum**
- **Facilities and cultural infrastructure**
- **Regeneration, conservation and development**

11. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the priorities for this ambition are the right ones

- Strongly Agree**
- Agree**
- Neither agree or disagree**
- Disagree**
- Strongly Disagree**

12. How important is this ambition to you

- Very Important**
- Somewhat Important**
- Not very important**
- Not at all important**

13. Please provide feedback on this ambition and or the priorities for this ambition.

For example, are there any towns or communities where you think cultural investment or activity is especially needed?

Ambition 5: Celebrating Cornwall

What this means: Our landscape, language and traditions have all shaped Cornwall's distinctiveness and global recognition. Cornwall will be recognised for its diverse, green and distinct cultural life and for new high quality, innovative cultural work.

Priorities for this ambition are:

- **Promoting Cornwall to the UK and beyond**
- **Environment and sustainability**
- **Promoting Cornish language**
- **Cornish distinctiveness and heritage**
- **International opportunities**

14. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the priorities for this ambition are the right ones

- Strongly Agree**
- Agree**
- Neither agree or disagree**
- Disagree**
- Strongly Disagree**

15. How important is this ambition to you

- Very Important**
- Somewhat Important**
- Not very important**
- Not at all important**

16. Please provide feedback on this ambition and or the priorities for this ambition.

For example, how important is it to you that Cornwall's culture, heritage or language is promoted more widely?

An Action Plan will be prepared to outline how the Strategy will be delivered. This will contain an outline of ways of working and priority projects.

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Do you have suggestions for the Action Plan?

For example:

- What should be the top priorities for action?
- Are there particular places, communities or groups that most need support?
- What kinds of partnerships or ways of working would help deliver the Strategy?

17. Looking closely at the Ambitions, do you have suggestions for the Action Plan?

18. Is there anything else relating to the Cultural Strategy that you would like to give feedback on?



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