

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OCTOBER 6TH. 2025

1. We hosted the quarterly meeting of the MVRG. The guest speaker was Colleen O'Sullivan from Cornwall Council who briefed us and took questions on Local Priority Statements (LPS) which are starting to be rolled out to some pilot towns and parishes now before being promulgated to the whole of Cornwall. In a nutshell they are asking for a small document (maybe 12-15 pages) to describe our area and how we wish it to be going forward. A lot of this may well be already in the existing NDPs but is intended to be a more "higher level" set of aspirations and not specific policies. When in place the planners should take these wishes into account where appropriate and use them to build the new Local Plan which is hoped to come into force in 2027. Some of the parishes at the meeting were already working on theirs as part of the pilot trial. There was not a lot of enthusiasm from other parishes about the idea as most had "plan fatigue" and foresaw the amount of work that would need doing by what is normally the same set of people. Colleen said there was a model template document that just needed filling in to make the task easier. The one thing of note was that it was expected that most if not all parishes would be expected to have housing growth to meet the, now increased, county target. The Clerk has circulated the Powerpoint presentation which gives more information.
2. I attended the quarterly meeting of our CAP where we were given a presentation from the Integrated Care Board about the plans to increase move care across the whole of the NHS services into the community and away from the Critical Care centre of Treliske. A lot of concerns were raised about the lack of GP availability which was driving people towards the MIUs thus increasing the load on them. After this we broke into groups to try and focus the CAPs aims and activities in all matters to do with Youth. The results of these will hopefully be generated into one single document ready for adoption at the next meeting in December. Our 4Youth representative was in my group and was able to add "real life" experience in these areas.
3. The WAAF Site working group has held what was hopefully the final meeting necessary and are now finalising the report for presentation to the full council along with its recommendation for the site. This is scheduled to be ready for our full council meeting in November.