

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR MAY 2026



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Cornwall Council

As with all the Parish and Town Councils, May saw Cornwall Council's Annual Meeting where the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council were elected for the coming year and the Leader of the Council was re-elected. There were no surprises with this and Cllr Rob Nolan was re-elected as Chair for another year, with Cllr John Thomas as his Vice Chair. Cllr Leigh Frost was reelected for another year as Leader of the Council. The official opposition on the council, again, did not offer an alternative for leader, chair or vice chair so these were uncontested elections.

The Leader delivered his State of Cornwall address to Members, which you can read in more details [HERE](#) if you so wish.

Highways

There is a lot of resurfacing work being undertaken around the division at the moment, with road closures galore. I know it is disruptive, but it is essential work so patience is appreciated. That said, I have had various reports of road closures being implemented slightly earlier than permitted which is not really acceptable. If you hear of any, please do let me know so I can feed that back.

Tideford crossing

Our long awaited pedestrian crossing in Tideford is inching towards reality. It is deeply frustrating how the dates for things like this move, often through bad weather knock on, but frequently through the slowness of beaurocracy. This is the case here, with Cornwall Council having to negotiate with National Highways for permissions etc. We are now looking at very early September, once the holidays are over.

Black Prince 2026 and St Germans May Tree

Black Prince was a huge success this year, with the weather looking slightly precarious we were delighted to see that the sun shone on the Rame and the villages supported it in their droves again.

The St Germans May Tree fair was also incredibly well attended and bathed in glorious sunshine all day long!

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Continued: **Torpoint Ferry**

I am pleased to see that the ferry is back up to three ferries now, and traffic seems to be back to normal. I really want to see more consistency in the ferries to stop this lottery of traffic building happening as frequently as it has been.

Royal Garden Party

I was delighted to have been invited to attend one of the Royal Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace in the middle of the month. I took my youngest sister with me, who is a children's nurse. I met many extraordinary people doing amazing work in their communities, it was truly inspiring and has left me with memories that will last a life time.

And finally ...

I attended the final dinner for outgoing commander of HMS Raleigh, Captain Jez Ussher. Jez has only been with Raleigh for a relatively short period of time, but he heads off to a new role now and we welcome Colonel Chris Hall MBE who takes over.