

Chair's Report 2025-26

It has been a real honour to be your chairman again, and to work with such a dedicated group of volunteers, who give up their time and expertise so willingly for the good of our wonderful community here in Mullion. All my colleagues are hardworking and their efforts should be so appreciated. I won't embarrass them by naming them, but they know who they are, they quietly monitor our open spaces, footpaths, toilets and car parks. I would like to mention the lady who looks after the toilets for us so well, we get many letters of thanks in appreciation of her hard work.

Finally, I must pay tribute to our 'proper officer' clerk to the council Mrs Sam Folds who is always there to make sure we are doing things appropriately and to the best of our ability, her expertise is invaluable.

It has been a pleasure to work closely with our Cornwall Councillor Rory Gow, he is so hard working and an amazing link from our council to the unitary authority at Cornwall. These links are vital, and a good relationship with our partners in Cornwall, the police, RNAS Culdrose, the health service and the senior leadership at Cornwall is enhanced by membership of the community Network panel that meets regularly. This is where all local parish councils and the Cornwall councillors for this area come together. Through that we can input your local concerns to the right people, through the officer who looks after this area Mrs Maxine Hardy. Topics we have recently been discussing and investigating are the lack of dentistry services, anti-social behaviour, risk to the Co-responder service, traffic problems where we get cut off in the event of a major incident across Culdrose, and of course the recent storm.

As a council we have built good links with both schools and indeed have a named councillor attend each of them regularly to enhance a mutually beneficial relationship. Our young people are the future for our community and we want to include and work with them.

As a council we have taken on responsibility for the provision and maintenance of our footpaths, the two car parks, the public toilets, St Mellan's park and the cemetery. We are also consulted about planning applications, though it is Cornwall council who make the decisions, they say they will have mind to our comments.

This year we have upgraded the CCTV in the park after suffering from mindless vandalism, we have spent a lot of money on play equipment and do not want to see it damaged by a few young people. This system is very clear and has already been of use to the police who approached the people seen causing mischief.

We have sadly lost one of our hardworking councillors, Mike Rowse had been an invaluable hard working and supportive colleague, his sudden passing was a huge shock and our love goes out to Pauline.

Mullion is a wonderful community this was very evident in the recent storm where people came together to help where needed. Whether it was the farmers and hauliers

clearing the roads or neighbours ensuring people had a hot cup of tea, and supporting the most vulnerable.

The council suffered damage to the very large trees in the park and were grateful for the professional help of the tree surgeons in making the area safe and removing them.

It is evident that we need to update our emergency plan and that is being worked on at the moment. The main concern was lack of communication to know what was happening, there is a piece of work being carried out at the community network panel for a strategic way of bringing together all the individual plans and enabling coordination where necessary. With the failure of the mobile phone network and no alternative suitable landline we are working with the amateur radio community at Poldhu locally, and RAYNET (radio amateurs emergency network) at a Cornwall level to address this.

It is good to have reports from some of our community groups, there is such a wealth of activity going on in our village and as a council we applaud all the hard work that goes on. Some of it not as visible, but others like the horticultural show, extravaganza, Mullion in Bloom and the Christmas lights are a delight to be enjoyed by us all. Our two churches also open their doors to provide community events for everyone not just the actual church family and the village hall is always very busy.

Thank you one and all

Carolyn Rule

Chair