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For your information to give you an idea of my involvement as a Cornwall Councillor, below is a list of the committees and roles that I fill within the council structure.

Member of the Strategic Planning Committee (*twenty-one member committee*)

Member and Vice-Chairman of the East Planning Committee (*fifteen member committee*)

Substitute Member of the Central Planning Committee

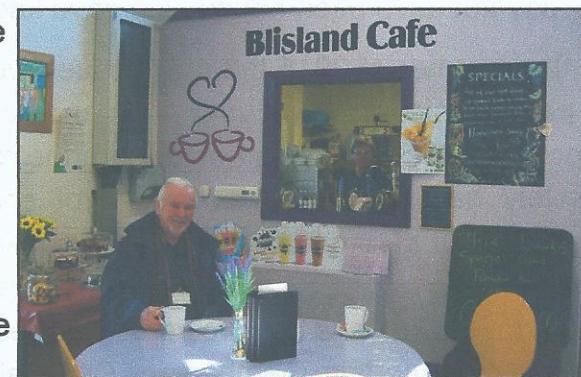
Member of the Young Peoples PAC Committee

Substitute Member for Transport PAC

Substitute Member for Children & Adolescent Mental Health Select Committee

Police Crime Commissioners Committee (PCC) - Vice Chairman

This resulted in me attending the below meetings in the last twelve months.



Planning - (58) Full Council - (10) Transport - (4)

Police Committee - (11) Young People - (6)

Plus - Local Site Meetings - (36) Training - (10)

and Parish Meetings - (55) Total Meetings (190)

Added to this are the many extra meetings that I have attended on private issues for parishioners.

Although a heavy schedule, I enjoy the commitment and the varied subjects that I pursue on your behalf.

Chris relaxing in the Blisland Café with Holly.

It is the easiest thing in the world for people to be critical of Cornwall Council, but with the year on year budget cuts from central government, it becomes extremely hard for there not to be an affect on the services that the Council provide. It takes a total of around £600 million to run the services in this county, and it is from that figure that the budget cuts are taken. It is a very involved subject, and if anyone wishes to speak to me in more depth, then please feel free to give me a call. Each budget cut we receive from Whitehall ends with us having to decide from which service money can be taken. It is no different than you receiving a large reduction each year in your total income and working out from where the savings have to come from, but in our case, it boils down to choosing which public service will be less affected.

Concluding this report, I was delighted to be invited to the opening of the new school block at Lanivet School. This was a subject that I was involved in just after becoming your councillor, and at that time I was requested to get Cornwall Council to drop their plans to refurbish the aging and dilapidated Elliott block in favour of contributing towards a new classroom block. I was delighted when they agreed to do so, and although its taken over two years to achieve, the school now has a facility to be proud of.

I was delighted to make several donations from my Councillors Community Trust Fund to local causes. I made donations towards defibrillators for Blisland, Cardinham, Nanstallon & Withiel, plus a donation to the Nanstallon pre-school group, the Nanstallon Memorial Hall, and for a bench at Lanivet. I was also happy to be invited to do two fundraising evenings with a quiz and a nostalgia show for Blisland and Withiel, from which good sums of money were raised at each evening.

Please remember that I am your quickest route to any issues or concerns that involve Cornwall Council, and please feel free to contact me at anytime by telephone on 01208-269991, or by email on cbatters@cornwall.gov.uk. I assure you of an early reply. *Kind regards - Chris Batters*