

CORNISH LANGUAGE POLICY – Camborne Town Council 2023 – 2028

Policy Statement

1. The Town Council recognises the distinct identity of the Cornish nation and its responsibility to cherish, protect and promote its distinctive heritage, culture, and language.
2. The Town Council recognises the status of the Cornish language as an official European minority language, ratified for Kernewek by the UK Government in 2002; within the Council of Europe's Charter for Regional and Minority Languages (Section 2) of the framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, of which the Cornish are officially recognised as a national Minority Nation of Britain.
3. The Town Council recognises that the Cornish language is a vital part of Cornwall's cultural wealth and heritage. The Town Council will aim to meet the requirements of the Charter agreement and endeavour to be proactive where possible. It will work with Cornwall Council and other bodies for:
 - Its promotion, recognition, respect, and use.
 - Support work to raise its national and international status.
 - Support initiatives to gain resources for its continued development and use.
4. The Town Council recognises the language's role in Cornwall's cultural heritage and identity in relation to Celtic nations, European nations and the international diaspora. The Town Council acknowledges the benefits of its usage in contemporary society by differentiating the Cornish region and adding value for the creative arts and local economy.
5. The Town Council will encourage the use of the language for the naming of streets in Cornish, in liaison with the Cornish Language Office, in line both with Cornwall Council's Language Policy, its Address and Street Naming Policy and the Charter agreement.
6. The Town Council will, wherever practical, provide and support the provision of bilingual signage and information. This includes public information and documents produced by or supported by the Town Council.
7. The Town Council will, within its resources and scope of activities, provide information about the language, its heritage and cultural significance, its use, development, and availability. The Town Council will support language initiatives including the teaching and study of it, through its community grants where appropriate.
8. The Town Council will use the official 'Standard Written Form' of the Cornish language for education and public life.