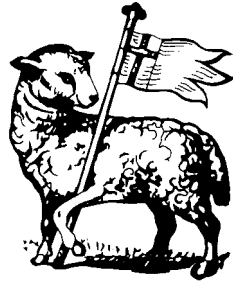


REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL



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Annual Report for the Council Year 2007/2008

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Annual Report.

It is the Town Council's policy to be open and informative. In it you will find a set of financial accounts showing how the Council spends money on your behalf.

Last year the Council completed the remaining steps towards 'Quality Town Council' status and it is with pleasure that I am able to report that this was awarded to the Town Council at a special meeting of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils. Redruth is one of only 13 Town and parish Councils in the County to be awarded this status. It is the culmination of many years work by Council staff and members.

During the year the Public Realm Works finally came to an end, the town is smarter but there has been a high price paid by residents and especially by our traders. The Town Council worked hard to minimise the disruption and are currently working, with others, to bring a market back to town on a regular basis. To those folk who say that 'there is nothing to come to Redruth for', I say come and see.

Our young people are often criticised for the behaviour of a few miscreants. I do not decry the effect that the behaviour of those few has on those directly affected (we are all affected to some extent) but it does concern me when broad brushes are used to condemn the majority who are in fact well behaved and make a positive contribution to our town. An example of this is the Community Police Cadets who continue to demonstrate what young people can do when encouraged; a locally organised and supported initiative, they recently received international recognition when three cadets were invited to Norway to explain the scheme to Norwegian Police officers and young people. The young are our future and the majority must not suffer because of a small minority, actions are louder than words.

The Council continued to support a number of community based organisations making a number of monetary awards throughout the year.

Much of the work of the Council this year (as it will in future years) has been linked to the Unitary Authority (One Cornwall) being established in the county. The Town Council welcomes the opportunities that the new authority will bring; our principal ambition (and duty) is to bring to the people of Redruth quality services, locally delivered to meet local needs.

The work of the Council has been achieved through dedicated hard work from the Council's staff and Councillors. I thank them all for their work, as without it we would achieve nothing.

We hope you will find this Annual Report useful and informative, any suggestions as to how we can improve it for the future are welcome.



Councillor John Hayward
Mayor of Redruth

GENERAL INFORMATION
THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW
FULL COUNCIL

The Council Year began in May with the election of a new Council. All 14 members of the Council were elected and there was no need to co-opt. At the Annual General Meeting Councillor John Hayward was re-elected as the Town Mayor for an unprecedented third term of office, with Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek elected as his Deputy.

Although the majority of the Council's work is carried out in committee, the Council meetings are nonetheless busy. During the year we have given support to the proposed Unitary Authority; to the Treleigh Parents Action Group to provide a safer route for schoolchildren; given financial support to traffic calming measures in North Country; given our wholehearted support to the local police neighbourhood teams including the support for a dispersal order in the Close Hill area; supported the WRVS Meals on Wheels dinner over the Christmas period. Members also undertook training in the new Code of Conduct. Finally, we have appointed our own Town Warden by employing a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for the town. The Minutes of all Council and committee meetings are available for inspection at the Council offices, or by downloading from our website (www.redruth-tc.gov.uk). More importantly, members of the public are reminded that there is a 15-minute period at the start of each Council meeting where you are free to speak to the Council about matters relating to the parish, and we encourage you to make use of this opportunity.

COMMITTEES

There are three main Committees of the Council each consisting of at least eight members. Reports on the activities of each of the committees follow:

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman – Councillor Stephen Barnes
Vice-Chairman – Councillor Keith Old

The Amenities Committee consist of the following Councillors:

Councillor Stephen Barnes
Councillor James Carroll
Councillor Mrs Lisa Dolley
Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek
Councillor John Hayward
Councillor Lloyd Jenkin
Councillor Keith Old
Councillor Bill Turner

The Amenities Committee is responsible for the Council Building; all Public Footpaths (in consultation with Cornwall County Council); Coach Lane Allotments; all Parks & Play areas (in consultation with KDC); the management of St Rumon's Gardens; the Town Clock; Bus Shelters and Public Seats.

Once again this year the committee was responsible for providing the Floral Displays in the town, and we hope you were as pleased with them as we were. In addition to the involvement in the public realms works in the town, we contributed £5000 towards the new play equipment at East End Playing Fields, and also a financial contribution

towards the lighting of historic buildings within the town which the Redruth Economic Arts Project will be carrying out over the next twelve months. We have taken over the management of the Strawberry Fields play area from Cornwall County Council with a long term lease being agreed between both parties. The committee was also heavily involved in the lighting of the clock tower and faces. The internal lighting for the faces has been working for some time, but we await completion of the last floodlight for the external floodlighting. We continue to support the Growers Association who manage the allotments on behalf of the Council, and are pleased to see they are reaping the benefits of their work in improving facilities and services to the site.

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Chairman – Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson

The Finance & General Purposes Committee consist of the following Councillors:

Councillor Miss Patricia Aston

Councillor Mrs Alison Biscoe

Councillor Clive Bray

Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson

Councillor Michael Eddowes

Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek

Councillor John Hayward

Councillor Keith Old

Councillor Bill Turner

The Finance & General Purposes Committee is responsible for all matters relating to our employees; the finances of the Council; all matters relating to policy and the general administration of the Council.

The committee was once again responsible for the town's celebration in Murdoch Day, and a very successful day it was with plenty of good weather to help things go well. Our consultation on the public realms works has continued and we have again been kept well informed and indeed played our part in the Heritage Economic Regeneration project in the town. The committee were responsible for again providing the impetus behind the Tourist Information Point in the Cornwall Centre during the summer months and this proved an invaluable resource for visitors. The committee concluded the work on the agreement with the Passport Office to utilise the ground floor of our building and they commenced operations late in 2007. The committee were also delighted that after three years work attempting to get the footpath from Green Lane to Nettles Hill recognised on the definitive map, that this was achieved following a public inquiry. The committee authorised the purchase of a new uniform for the Town Crier; has been involved in the consultation on the update for the West Cornwall CCTV system; and has participated in the Cornwall County Council's project to update and digitise the local tithe maps and we now have our own copy of the Redruth parish that is available for use by the public. The committee also authorised its annual financial support to the Redruth Fun Day and to Christmas Goodwill projects.

The committee were responsible for the following grants to local organisations:

Kerrier ASK	£	150
Shelter UK	£	300
Tregellas Tapestries	£	290
CCC - Tithe Project	£	200
Treleigh CP School	£	500

Kerrier Over 50's Services	£ 100
Murdoch Flyer	£ 1,000
Cornwall Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre	£ 300
Fun Day	£ 500
Christmas Goodwill	£ 855
Regeneration	£ 13,000
Floral Displays	£ 10,346
Tourism	£ 5,419

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman – Councillor James Carroll

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Ian Thomas

The Planning Committee consist of the following Councillors:

Councillor Mrs Alison Biscoe

Councillor Clive Bray

Councillor James Carroll

Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson

Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek

Councillor John Hayward

Councillor Lloyd Jenkin

Councillor Ian Thomas

The Planning Committee meets twice a month and considers all planning applications for the Redruth Parish area. The Town Council is not the planning authority (that is Kerrier District Council) but is a 'statutory consultee'; that is the Town Council has to be consulted on planning issues within the parish boundaries. The policy of Redruth Town Council on planning is that the Committee considers all plans, those considered to be contentious will be visited by a Member of the Planning Committee to ascertain the views of the local residents and neighbours and a verbal report made at the Planning Committee Meeting. A recommendation will be made and voted upon. This recommendation is submitted to the District Council as the Town Council's consultation response. Members of the public can attend these Committee meetings.

During the year the Planning Committee considered some 330 planning applications, the decisions of which were forwarded to Kerrier District Council Planning Committee as recommendations. The committee received a number of notices regarding road closures due to highway maintenance in the parish of Redruth throughout the year. Discussions were held concerning the Wheal Peavor Trails; the proposed Household Recycling Centre and Waste Transfer Station at Scorrier; Kerrier District Council Taxi Policy; the Cornwall County Council Street Lighting Policy; and continued discussion on the Camborne Pool Redruth Area Action Plan. The committee made decisions regarding the naming of streets within the parish with bilingual names in Cornish, and gave their approval to street names for new residential developments within the parish. The process of dealing of all planning applications using "e-planning" (whereby all plans will be electronically sent and viewed on Kerrier District Council's website) has been formally adopted by the Council.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The following is a summary of the attendances of Members at Meetings of the Council and its Committees during the Council Year 2007-2008:

	Full	Amenities	F&GP	Planning	UTLC
No of Meetings	12	6	8	25	2
Miss P Aston	3		2		
R S Barnes	11	6			
Mrs A Biscoe	9		8	21	
C Bray	5		1	11	
J Carroll	8	3		22	
Mrs J Davidson	9		4	18	2
Mrs A J Dolley	6	3			
M S Eddowes	9		8		1
Mrs B R Ellenbroek	10	4	8	19	2
J Hayward	11	6	6	23	2
L A Jenkin	12	6		22	2
K Old	12	5	8		
I Thomas	11			23	2
W H Turner	5	2	3		

COUNCIL FINANCES

Set out below is a summary of the Council's Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2007-2008:

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Precept	184725	General Administration	88698
Agency services	1419	Agency services	10220
Interest	7352	Grants & Donations	31550
Floral Displays	3439	Murdoch	11304
Tenancies	16448	Capital Expenditure	5573
Other Income	339	Running Costs	28449
		Other Payments	22601
	<u>213722</u>		<u>198395</u>

Members of the public can view the Annual Return of the Council's Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2008 online on the Council's website or contact the office.

STATISTICS AND INFORMATION

The Council administers a 'third tier authority', and is a parish within the Kerrier District Council area.

The County of Cornwall Wards of Redruth (North) and Redruth (South) and are constituent Wards of the Council; each Ward returning seven Councillors:

In the year under review:

Redruth North was represented by:-

Councillor Stephen Barnes
 Councillor Mrs Alison Biscoe
 Councillor Clive Bray
 Councillor Mrs Lisa Dolley
 Councillor Michael Eddowes
 Councillor Keith Old
 Councillor Ian Thomas

Redruth South was represented by:-

Councillor Miss Patricia Aston
 Councillor James Carroll
 Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson
 Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek
 Councillor John Hayward
 Councillor Lloyd Jenkin
 Councillor Bill Turner

There are about 12352 people residing within the boundary of this Council of which approximately 9626 are registered electors.

The Precept from Kerrier District Council for the current fiscal year is set at £198140. This equates to a sum of approximately £48-75 per household within the year of the Town Council. This money is allocated by Kerrier District Council in the Council Tax and is then passed to the Town Council on demand. The Precept for the past fiscal year was in the sum of £184725.

ABOUT MEMBERS

Councillor Stephen Barnes is an elected member of Kerrier District Council and Cornwall County Council.

Councillor Miss Pat Aston is an elected member of Kerrier District Council.

Councillor Michael Eddowes is an elected member of Kerrier District Council.

Councillor Mrs Lisa Dolley is an elected member of Kerrier District Council.

REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Outside Body</u>
Miss Pat Aston	Mitchell Committee New Connection Project, Board of Management
Stephen Barnes	W Cornwall CCTV Working Group Foyer Accommodation Advisory Panel Redruth North Partnership
Mrs Alison Biscoe	Citizens Advice Bureau Redruth 2000 (Murdoch House)
Clive Bray	Police Liaison Committee Redruth Regeneration Group Mineral Tramways Partnership

James Carroll	None
Mrs Judy Davidson	Redruth Youth Centre Management Committee Redruth Regeneration Group
Mrs Lisa Dolley	None
Michael Eddowes	Police Liaison Committee Redruth North Partnership
Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek	Redruth Chamber of Commerce HOCTA
John Hayward	CALLC & ALLCC Redruth Community Centre Association Redruth Twinning Association REAP Mineral Point Twinning Association Plain-an-Gwarry Play Area CPR Business Forum
Lloyd Jenkin	Redruth Chamber of Commerce CCVS
Keith Old	Redruth Twinning Association Redruth Economic Arts Partnership
Ian Thomas	CCVS Redruth North Partnership
Bill Turner	None

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

1985/1986	J. Ham MBE
1986/1987	R. S. Barnes
1987/1988	C. C. Hailey
1988/1989	C. Lawrence
1989/1990	T. J. Bray
1990/1991	C. Lawrence
1991/1992	M. Mullins
1992/1993	Mrs A. J. Palmer
1993/1994	Mrs W. Lawrence
1994/1995	Mrs E. Wilkinson
1995/1996	Mrs E. Wilkinson

TOWN MAYORS

1996/1997	M. S. Eddowes
1997/1998	C. Lawrence
1998/1999	C. Lawrence
1999/2000	D. L. Pascoe
2000/2001	D. L. Pascoe
2001/2002	K. Old
2002/2003	Mrs S. Fowler
2003/2004	Mrs S. Fowler
2004/2005	K.R. Dinham
2005/2006	J.T. Hayward
2006/2007	J.T. Hayward
2007/2008	J.T. Hayward

TOWN CLERKS

1985-1988	W. A. Skewes
1988	V. A. I. Blackmore
1988-1989	M. C. Rowe
1989-1996	D. Pullen
1996- Present	P. B. Bennett

YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS 2008 – 2009

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