

REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL



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Annual Report for the Council Year 2010/2011

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Redruth Town Council's Annual Report for 2010/2011.

It is Redruth Town Council policy to be open and informative. In light of this not only do we publish this report, it is also available on our website www.redruth-tc.gov.uk, as are minutes of all Town Council meetings and other documents which may interest you. Furthermore, we are on Facebook - www.facebook.com/RedruthTown.

Our Council hold regular monthly surgeries at the Council Chambers in order to allow anyone/everyone within our community to raise issues with representative Town Councillors. Those issues may be local concerns and complaints or ideas on shaping and improving the town's infrastructure and environment. All matters raised are presented, anonymously, if you so wish, to Full Council at the earliest opportunity for a wider discussion. The schedule of these surgeries is available on the town notice boards, on our website and advertised in the local press. Members of the public are welcome to drop in, no appointment being necessary.

Much work continues within the Town Council and CPR Regeneration on the Redruth Action Plan Project (RAPP). Despite the announcement that CPR Regeneration is to be subsumed by the Cornwall Development Company (Cornwall Council's economic development arm) and, thereby, cease its operations with effect 31st March 2012, the good news is that the RAPP Framework Document is to be submitted for adoption by Cornwall Council. During the year, the initial RAPP Task and Finish Groups, those being 'Site Improvement' and 'Promoting Redruth' have made some good progress. The Site Improvement Task and Finish Group has either directly or indirectly been involved in partnership with a number of improvements around the town. The Promoting Redruth Task and Finish Group has also taken major steps, again, either through indirect or direct means, in its endeavours to encourage visitors and increase footfall and retail in the town. Much of this work has been co-ordinated by the Town Development Manager and included social media, radio and television, promotions, newsletters, surveys, notice boards etc. However, the most noticeable impact has been in the promotion of an annual events programme which included Murdoch Day, the Mining Festival, Market Way Open Day, Christmas and, of course, the biggest St Piran's Festival in Cornwall.

However, your Town Council will not sit back on its laurels, but will continue to seek new and innovative ways of making Redruth inviting, interesting and an enjoyable place to visit, live and work in. We will continue to work with partners and agencies, old and new, to deliver services of good quality, in a timely manner and at value for money cost. It is still our ambition to take on more responsibilities and functions, providing they are financially viable, from Cornwall Council under their 'Active Partnership' initiative, but we still await their deliberations.

Of course, these aspirations and ambitions could not or would not be achieved without the dedication and hard work of the Town Council personnel, my Councillor colleagues, nor the fantastic contribution made by the community. Whilst we still look for more volunteers, whether it be as traffic marshalls, crowd stewards or event organisers, I would like to thank 'One and All' for their amazing efforts and contribution to the successes of 2010-2011.

I hope that you find this Annual Report useful and informative. We would appreciate and welcome any feedback you may wish to make. Thank you.



Councillor Ian Thomas
Mayor of Redruth 2010-2011

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GENERAL INFORMATION
THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW
FULL COUNCIL

The Council Year began in May with our Annual General Meeting. At this meeting Councillor Ian Thomas was elected as the Town Mayor, and Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson was elected as the Deputy Town Mayor for the coming 2010-2011 municipal year.

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 wherever possible to Cornwall Council as they continue settle into the new structure. We have continued the significant engagement with their local members and they have supported us with a very good attendance at our Council and Committee meetings, and have taken up matters on our behalf where appropriate.

One of the more important decisions that Council has taken during this year is in support of the Redruth Action Plan Project and we have appointed a Town Development Manager whom we hope will lead this project in the coming years. We believe it essential that the town is re-vitalised. By capturing the spirit and enthusiasm of local people and businesses we look to ensure that the town regains its confidence and again plays a vital role in the prosperity and well-being of Cornwall.

Council continue to put what pressure we can on the "blots" of our landscape and the Brewery site in particular, this is going to take time but we hope to make progress over the coming twelve months, and hopefully people have welcomed the sprucing up of the Clotworthy's site, although a long-term solution will be better for all. We have agreed to fund the monitoring of the CCTV system in the town by setting up a partnership with other Town Councils in the west of Cornwall, and will hopefully contribute towards a safer environment in which to socialise and work. This was necessary following Cornwall Council's withdrawal of funding, although they will continue to maintain and upgrade the system.

We have been involved in numerous consultations with Cornwall Council most notably of which was the increase in off-street (car parks) parking charges. Whilst our objections were noted but not included we will continue to try to achieve what we believe is best for the town.

We continue to have an excellent working relationship with our Neighbourhood Police team and support the work they carry out throughout the parish and have been actively involved in re-organising and promoting the Partners and Communities Together (PACT) scheme which the police have helped to set up within the county. We have continued our support in the policing of the parish with a financial contribution towards an additional PCSO.

On a lighter note we were delighted to be involved in having our input into a new school uniform for Redruth School and look forward to seeing a return to a more traditional and smarter outfit.

The Council also operates monthly surgeries where you have the opportunity to discuss issues with a member of the council on a one-to-one basis. These are held on either the second Saturday or Wednesday of each month and you should check our website for details.

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 each of the monthly Council meetings 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 consists of the following Councillors:

Councillor Stephen Barnes

Councillor Henry Biscoe

Councillor James Carroll

Councillor Mrs June Enefer

Councillor Mike Hall

Councillor Keith Old

Councillor Ian Thomas

Councillor Bill Turner

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

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. We continued our involvement in the Cornwall Council Local Maintenance Partnership whereby the Town Council receives a financial contribution towards the maintenance of the footpaths within the parish; and have had on-going discussions concerning the transfer of assets and services from Cornwall Council to the Town Council where we believe the community will be better served by locally based services. Our involvement with the proposed Adventure Playground at Gweal-an-Top continues with much support for the Friends of Gweal-an-Top. We were though extremely disappointed that the initial funding pot for this exciting adventure has been reduced significantly, but believe that the Friends can make the project work with the community's help and support. We welcomed the Kernow Credit Union as new tenants on the ground floor of our building. Although they only moved here from "around the corner" we sincerely hope their new home will enable them to build on the success so far. We have and will continue to ensure that the Cornwall Council owned parks and play areas in the parish are well maintained and will be places that the community wish to use.

We continue to support the Redruth Amateur Growers Association who manage the allotments on behalf of the Council, and are pleased to see they continue to reap 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 consists of the following Councillors:

Councillor Miss Patricia Aston

Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson

Councillor Michael Eddowes

Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek

Councillor Mrs June Enefer (from March 2011)

Councillor Mrs Mary McWilliams (from August 2011)

Councillor Keith Old

Councillor Ian Thomas

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. We have been involved in various consultations with Cornwall Council which will hopefully pave the

way for a greater liaison between to two tiers of local government. Regrettably we have decided not to continue to provide the funding for the Tourist Information Point during the coming summer months. Although this has proved an invaluable resource for visitors, we like other authorities have had to be very prudent with our finances and balance many things against others. On the positive side we have agreed to fund during the coming year new town orientation maps, a new town website and replacing our town guides with a town leaflet, and these in themselves will help visitors to the area. We have had input on a plan to update the directional signage around the town which will help everyone. We have also made a financial contribution towards sprucing up the derelict site at the bottom of Station Hill which will hopefully come to fruition in the near future.

The committee continues its efforts in developing the Council's work and establishing the existing and new criteria as a Quality Town Council as we work to re-accreditation in 2011. The committee also authorised its annual financial support to the Redruth Christmas Events, Redruth Fun Day and Christmas Goodwill projects.

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

Redruth Christmas Lights	£6000
REAP (Station Hill)	£2500
Redruth Story Group	£170
Fun Day	£500
Sculpture Series	£420
Christmas Goodwill	£875
Redruth Leats Eco-clean	£250
Penhaligon's Friends	£500
CCPFA	£100
Cornwall Air Ambulance	£250
Cornwall Blind Association	£250

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman – Councillor James Carroll

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Henry Biscoe

The Planning Committee consists of the following Councillors:

Councillor Henry Biscoe

Councillor Clive Bray (until November 2010)

Councillor James Carroll

Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson

Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek

Councillor Mrs June Enefer (until March 2011)

Councillor Mike Hall

Councillor Will Tremayne (from March 2011)

Councillor Ian Thomas

Councillor Bill Turner

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 Cornwall Council) but is a 'statutory consultee'; that is the Town Council is 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 Cornwall 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 180 planning applications, the decisions of which were forwarded to Cornwall Council as recommendations. The committee received a number of notices regarding road closures due to highway maintenance in the parish of Redruth throughout the year, and were also consulted on numerous topics such as Renewable & Low Carbon Energy schemes, Affordable Housing

Developments, Community Involvement, and the Local Transport Plan. We have also been actively involved in the development at Hallenbeagle and for road schemes at Avers roundabout and Buckets Hill places and restrictions on waiting within the parish. A lot of consultation has been carried out with the new Cornwall Council concerning the protocol that their Planning & Regeneration Service has with local councils.

The committee has continued its proactive stance in respect of planning enforcement, i.e. dealing with breaches of planning legislation, and has ensured that Cornwall Council has become aware of such issues and continued to press for some form of action to be taken by them as the planning authority.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The following is a summary of the attendances of Members at Meetings of the Council and its Committees during the Council Year 2010-2011:

	Council	Amenities	F&GP	Planning
No of Meetings	10	8	7	24
Miss P Aston	3		2	
R S Barnes	10	8		
H Biscoe	9	8		19
C Bray	1 (5)			0 (12)
J Carroll	7	5		22
Mrs J Davidson	8	5	4	20
M S Eddowes	9		4	
Mrs B Ellenbroek	10		7	20
Mrs J Enefer	8	3	1 (1)	15 (19)
M K Hall	9	5		19
Mrs M McWilliams	3 (5)		3 (4)	
K Old	10	8	7	
I Thomas	10	8	7	21
W Tremayne	2 (2)	0 (1)		5 (5)
W H Turner	2	1	2	2

Notes:

- Figures in brackets for Cllr Bray show the number of meetings he could have attended prior to his disqualification from the Council.
- Figures in brackets for Cllrs Mrs McWilliams and Tremayne show the number of meetings they could have attended after being elected onto the Council.
- Figures in brackets for Cllr Mrs Enefer relate to coming off one committee and joining another in-year.

COUNCIL FINANCES

Set out below is a summary of the Council's Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2010-2011:

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Precept	220090	General Administration	96518
Agency services	1261	Agency services	11260
Interest	394	Grants & Donations	22235
Floral Displays	2910	Murdoch	9395
Tenancies	12732	Capital Expenditure	5968
Other Income	4156	Running Costs	33985
		Other Payments	59550
	<u>241543</u>		<u>238911</u>

Members of the public can view the Annual Return of the Councils Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011 online on the Council's website or contact the office.

STATISTICS AND INFORMATION

The Council administers a 'second tier authority', and is a parish within the Cornwall Council (Unitary Authority) area.

The old County of Cornwall Wards of Redruth (North) and Redruth (South) are still the constituent Wards of the Council which at present returns seven Councillors each. In 2013 we will align with the new Cornwall Council Electoral Divisions of Redruth North, Central, and South.

In the year under review:

Redruth North was represented by:-

Councillor Stephen Barnes
Councillor Clive Bray (disqualified from office November 2010)
Councillor Michael Eddowes
Councillor Mrs June Enefer
Councillor Mike Hall
Councillor Keith Old
Councillor Will Tremayne (Elected Member from 10th March 2011)
Councillor Ian Thomas

Redruth South was represented by:-

Councillor Miss Patricia Aston
Councillor Henry Biscoe
Councillor James Carroll
Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson
Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek
Councillor Mrs Mary McWilliams (Elected Member from 29th July 2010)
Councillor Bill Turner

There are approximately 13000 people residing within the boundary of this Council of which 10404 are registered electors.

The Precept from Cornwall Council for the current fiscal year is set at £248615. This equates to a sum of approximately £58-65 per household within the year of the Town Council. This money is allocated by Cornwall 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 £220090.

ABOUT MEMBERS

For the period of this report:

Councillor Michael Eddowes is an elected member of Cornwall 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 Judy Davidson	Redruth Youth Centre Management Committee; CAB
Michael Eddowes	Police Liaison Committee; Redruth North Partnership

Mrs June Enefer	Mineral Tramways Partnership
Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek	Redruth Chamber of Commerce; Redruth Action Plan Project; Community Network Panel; CALC ALLC
Keith Old	Redruth Twinning Association; Redruth Economic Arts Partnership
Ian Thomas	CCVS; Redruth North Partnership

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 MAYOR OF REDRUTH

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
2008/2009	Mrs B R Ellenbroek
2009/2010	Mrs B R Ellenbroek
2010/2011	I.Thomas

CLERKS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

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 2011 – 2012

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Cllr M Hall	23 West Trevingey, REDRUTH, TR15 3DJ Email: mhall@redruth-tc.gov.uk	01209 219426
Cllr K Old	1 Chapel Terrace, Carn Brea Village, REDRUTH, TR15 3BG; Email: keithold5@googlemail.com	01209 219202
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