

REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL



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Annual Report for the Council Year 2011/2012

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Redruth Town Council's Annual Report for 2011-2012 Municipal Year.

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 accessible locations within the town so that anyone/everyone within our community can 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.

The Town Council has been extremely busy over the year 2011-2012, not only in the delivery of local services, but through leadership and involvement with community based projects and events. It would be impossible to relay all of our achievements here, but I will endeavour to highlight some of the key objectives delivered and those that have had, for me, the greatest impact. During the period we have seen the site improvement at the junction of Station Hill and Penryn Street; publication of the book, "True Tales of Redruth"; a second amazing St Piran's Festival; adoption of the Redruth Action Plan as a strategic development framework by Cornwall Council; production of a new town map and guide; launch of the Street Pastor project; and the delivery of five mobile skate park events - all of these events over and above those already imbedded in the town's annual event's diary. As Mayor, I have been heavily involved with all of these successes, but much less noticeable work continued in the form of discussions and negotiations with Cornwall Council on the transfer of responsibilities, assets and budgets; concessions on car park charges; improvements to the town to make it more attractive to residents, visitors and businesses alike - but progress has been slow. However, great progress has been made in engaging with groups across the whole community, whether it be the Churches, Public Services, the Commercial Sector, Schools, Sports Clubs, Youth Clubs and Organizations, the Voluntary Sector and Charities

There are two further objectives which we have been determinedly working on. Firstly, from discussions with our friends in the Cornwall/Mexico Association we decided to promote a Redruth Mining and Pasty Festival 2012 which would see a three day event embrace our traditional Miner's Day, the Churches Services of Thanksgiving, Remembrance and Hope and neatly 'sandwiched' between a day to celebrate the Cornish Pasty another first for Redruth! Secondly, colleagues, partners and I have also been working tirelessly with Members and Officers of Cornwall Council and the Brewery owners to secure the Brewery site as the home of the Cornish National Archive which would see the Cornwall Records Office, Truro, and the Cornish Studies Library, Alma Place, co-locate in Redruth. As I write we await further deliberations and a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

These aspirations and successes could not or would not be achieved without the dedication and hard work of all of the Town Council personnel, my Councillor colleagues, nor the fantastic contribution made by the community itself. Whilst we still look for more volunteers, whether it be as traffic marshals, crowd stewards or event organisers, I would like to thank 'One and All' for their amazing efforts and contribution to the successes of 2011-2012.

We hope that you find this Annual Report both useful and informative, and we would also very much appreciate and welcome any feedback you may wish to make. Thank you.



Councillor Ian Thomas
Mayor of Redruth 2011-2012

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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 the Cornwall Council 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. We are also working with Cornwall Council to look to improve the gateway roundabouts to the town; the possibility of taking over the running of the public toilets; and other aspects of asset transfer or service devolution which we believe will be of benefit to the town.

Following on from the appointment of the Town Development Manager and the completion of the Redruth Action Plan Project, we were delighted when this document was adopted by Cornwall Council. This now stands as a resource for the future planning within the town and hopefully a tool to help with future funding for regeneration. Further to this Council has been seeking assurances from the Cornwall Development Company that the excellent work carried out over the last 10 years or more, by the CPR Urban Regeneration Company will continue to help the area prosper.

The Council has actively supported the campaign to retain Redruth Fire Station and the dedicated staff who give of their time to towards providing this service. Sadly, it appears a battle lost and it now looks increasing likely that a new station in the Tolvadden area will cover Redruth.

Council continue to put what pressure we can on the "blots" of our landscape and you will hopefully have welcomed the sprucing up of the site at the bottom of Station Hill, although a long-term solution will be better for all. We continue to fund the monitoring of the CCTV system in the town in partnership with other Town Councils in the west of Cornwall, which is appearing to contribute towards a safer environment in which to socialise and work.

We have been involved in numerous consultations with Cornwall Council most notably of which was the increase in off-street (car parks) parking charges. As a result of our objections West End Car Park charges were reduced, but not to a level we believed necessary, whilst the charges elsewhere remained as set by Cornwall Council. However, 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 actively supported the Partners and Communities Together (PACT) scheme, and will continue to do so with its successor scheme, the "Have Your Say" campaign. We have continued our support in the policing of the parish with a financial contribution towards an additional PCSO.

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.

Unfortunately, the year ended on a sad note when Cllr James Carroll passed away after fighting a long illness. His dedication and commitment to the Town Council, and the Planning Committee in particular, will always be remembered.

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 (until 7th May 2012)
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, although this is proving more difficult than first envisaged. We have continued to provide support for the proposed Adventure Playground at Gweal-an-Top, which should be available to the community in the coming summer months. We have been in discussion with Cormac Solutions about the state of the roundabouts in Redruth, Barncoose and Tolgus in particular, aiming to make them welcoming objects at the gateways to our town, and hopefully this will happen during the coming months. We are also investigating the possibility of establishing a skate park in the town following a very successful trial with a mobile facility during the month of August.

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
Councillor Mrs Mary McWilliams
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 two tiers of local government.

During the year we have installed new Town Maps which have proved a great success, and produced new "Visit Redruth" leaflets which have gone been distributed around the County. Work has continued on a new "Visit Redruth" website which will hopefully be "live" this coming summer. The committee also agreed to some town branding guidelines by which all future promotional material should follow. In considering services for the coming year, the committee regretted not having a Tourist Information Point during the coming summer months and took steps to reinstate this vital position. Whilst looking at finances we agreed to extend the contract of the Town Development Manager for a further 2 years and the position of the Town Warden (a PCSO) by a further 12 months. The committee has also worked hard to achieve the best possible agreement with Cornwall Council for car parking charges within the town.

The committee continues its efforts in developing the Council's work and we were delighted that our status as a Quality Town Council was awarded re-accreditation during the year. This demonstrates that our practices and procedures accord with national guidelines and demonstrates our commitment to providing the best possible service to and with the community. 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
Redruth Fun Day	£600
Christmas Goodwill	£975
Pond Lane Residents	£200
Movyan Skolyow Meythrin	£50
Redruth Cricket Club	£2000
Redruth Story Group	£170
CCPFA	£100
Spectrum	£100
Cornwall Blind Association	£150
Cornwall Air Ambulance	£500
Victim Support	£250
W Cornwall Cancer Friendship Group	£250

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman – Councillor James Carroll (until 7th May 2012)

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Henry Biscoe

The Planning Committee consists of the following Councillors:

Councillor Henry Biscoe

Councillor James Carroll (until 7th May 2012)

Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson

Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek

Councillor Mike Hall

Councillor Mrs Mary McWilliams (from October 2011)

Councillor Will Tremayne

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. They have also been addressing issues with the historic built environment of the town, in particular the Bruton Calciner. A large part of the committees work has been in adapting to the changes within the planning guidance and regulations. A lot of work is now carried out in pre-application discussions with potential applicants, with the committee trying to give informed views prior to discussing the application for real. We have looked at Neighbourhood Plans and are getting used to the National Planning Policy Framework. Further consultation has been carried out with Cornwall Council concerning the protocol that their Planning & Regeneration Service has with local councils.

The committee has wherever possible continued its proactive stance in respect of planning enforcement, particularly in the Gilbert's Coombe area of the parish and continue to press for resolution.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The following is a summary of the attendances of Members at Meetings of the Council and its Committees during the Council Year 2011-2012:

	Council	Amenities	F&GP	Planning
No of Meetings	13	7	8	23
Miss P Aston	4		3	
R S Barnes	13	6		
H Biscoe	12	7		22
Mrs J Davidson	12	5	5	17
M S Eddowes	13		6	
Mrs B R Ellenbroek	11		8	21
Mrs J Enefer	5	6	4	
M K Hall	10	4		16
Mrs M McWilliams	5		5	(14) 6
K Old	13	7	8	
I Thomas	11	6	6	19
W Tremayne	11	5		18
W Turner	5		4	7

Notes:

- a. Figures in brackets for Cllr Mrs McWilliams relate to joining a committee in-year.

COUNCIL FINANCES

Set out below is a summary of the Council's Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2011-2012:

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Precept	248615	General Administration	122422
Agency services	1261	Agency services	11600
Interest	495	Grants & Donations	20055
Floral Displays	3128	Murdoch	8541
Tenancies	21833	Capital Expenditure	6345
Other Income	5453	Running Costs	18947
		Other Payments	53298
	280785		241203

Members of the public can view the Annual Return of the Councils Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2012 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 Michael Eddowes
Councillor Mrs June Enefer
Councillor Mike Hall
Councillor Keith Old
Councillor Will Tremayne
Councillor Ian Thomas

Redruth South was represented by:-

Councillor Miss Patricia Aston
Councillor Henry Biscoe
Councillor James Carroll (until 7th May 2012)
Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson
Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek
Councillor Mrs Mary McWilliams
Councillor Bill Turner

There are approximately 13500 people residing within the boundary of this Council of which 10629 are registered electors.

The Precept from Cornwall Council for the current fiscal year is set at £248615. This equates to a sum of approximately £58-85 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
2011/2012	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 2012 – 2013

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Cllr Mrs J Enefer	2 Forth Noweth, REDRUTH, TR15 1AR	01209 204103
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
Cllr W Tremayne (DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR)	13 North Street, Redruth TR15 1HJ Email: wtremayne@redruth-tc.gov.uk	01209 314330
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REDRUTH (SOUTH) WARD		
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Cllr J Hayward	6 Glendale Crescent, REDRUTH, TR15 2JR Email: hayward.john@talktalk.net	01209 213554
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