

REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL



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Annual Report for the Council Year 2005/2006

The Chambers

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Redruth
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this our first annual report.

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

During the year under review we had an extremely successful Murdoch Day, possibly the most successful so far. We have made further steps towards our goal of achieving 'Quality Parish Status' (which will lead to the Council having additional responsibilities and powers) including the launch of our newsletter 'Redruth Record' and other technical points.

The purchase of the Chambers was completed during October ensuring the security of the Council and its tenants. A consequence of this has been that one of our tenants, Penhaligon's Friends (a children's bereavement charity) has been able to move into larger premises, within the building, which are better suited to their needs. This has enabled them to remain in Redruth providing a service to young children and families.

The Council was able to complete the purchase and still, by good husbandry, reduce the Town Council precept (council tax) by 3.35% for the coming year.

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

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 when at our Annual General Meeting Councillor John Hayward was elected as the Town Mayor, with Councillor Jim Carroll elected as his Deputy. Councillor Hayward's first task was to thank his predecessor, Councillor Keith Dinham, for his sterling efforts whilst in office and he presented him with a Town Plaque. The next major item of business was to approve the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2005. After submitting these for annual audit, we were again pleased to see that the Audit Commission had raised no matters of concern.

During the year Council discussed pollution hotspots in Penryn Street with Kerrier District Council; presented a Town Plaque to Redruth RFC after their promotion to National League Two; supported the Liveability projects in Plain-an-Gwarry play area and the Redruth Bowling Club. We discussed the grave matter of suicides in the town, and following meetings with Network Rail, did get some action taken on the viaduct over Penryn Street. Council also agreed to reduce the number of Standing Committees to three by amalgamating the Finance and Staffing Committee with the General Purposes Committee for the following year.

The Minutes of all Council meeting 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 four main Committees of the Council each consisting of at least four members. Reports on the activities of each of the committees follow:

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman – Councillor Keith Dinham

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Mrs Ashford (formally Pascoe) (Until February 2006)

The Amenities Committee consist of the following Councillors:

Councillor Mrs Christine Ashford (formally Pascoe) (Until February 2006)

Councillor Stephen Barnes

Councillor James Carroll

Councillor Keith Dinham

Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek

Councillor Mrs Susan Fowler

Councillor John Hayward

Councillor Christopher Mason

Councillor Keith Old

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.

During this year the Amenities Committee has been involved in the consultation of the proposed Public Realms works in the town and in particular the lighting and street furniture. We have also been appraised of the progress of the Redruth Heritage Economic Regeneration scheme. We have contributed to the Kerrier Open Space Policy and Air Quality Management consultations carried out by Kerrier District Council. The committee took an active role in establishing links between the Mineral Tramways

and the town thereby enabling people to better access the routes. We have agreed to take on the management of the Strawberry fields play area and will progress this matter with Cornwall County Council. We have assumed responsibility for the bus shelter in Murdoch Close which was installed as part of the HomeZone project, and have pledged £5000 towards the improvements at North Country play area and £6200 towards the Allotments Association project to improve access and water facilities at the Coach Lane Allotment site.

FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE

Chairman – Councillor Christopher Mason

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Michael Eddowes

The Finance & Staffing Committee consist of the following Councillors:

Councillor Miss Patrician Aston

Councillor James Carroll

Councillor Keith Dinham

Councillor Michael Eddowes

Councillor John Hayward

Councillor Christopher Mason

Councillor Keith Old

The Finance & Staffing 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.

During this year the committee has approved an upgrade in the accounting software used by the Council; has dealt with two requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000; have granted the Town Museum a further 3 year tenure of lease; and through negotiations acquired the remaining share of our building in Penryn Street from Kerrier Homes Trust who moved out of the town. The committee ensured that financial matters pertaining to the Council were carried out in accordance with current regulations.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Chairman – Councillor John Hayward

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek

The General Purposes Committee consist of the following Councillors:

Councillor Stephen Barnes

Councillor Miss Clare Batten (from September 2005 until December 2005)

Councillor James Carroll

Councillor Keith Dinham

Councillor Michael Eddowes

Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek

Councillor Mrs Susan Fowler

Councillor John Hayward

Councillor Christopher Mason

Councillor Keith Old

Councillor Andrew Trathen (From May 2005 until June 2005)

The General Purposes Committee is responsible for the annual Murdoch Weekend; the Floral Displays in the town; regeneration projects; communications; tourism and all Donations & Xmas Goodwill.

The committee has had an extremely busy year. The annual Murdoch weekend went ahead as usual and was again a resounding success for the town. Glorious weather greeted everyone on the Saturday and following a fantastic Children's Dance and Art Procession, a good day was had by all. The Floral Displays in the town during the summer months go from strength to strength with the displays a vivid colour all

through the season. We continued to provide support to the Chamber of Commerce with the advertising of the French and Continental Markets that came to the town, and again supported the regeneration of the town. In particular we have pledged £10000 towards the building of a new hall for the St John Ambulance in Basset Street. For the first time, and in partnership with Cornwall County Council and Kerrier District Council we provided a manned tourist information point in the town for the period June to September. This proved a great success and certainly helped to boost visitors to the town. We will continue to strive for this facility on a permanent basis. The committee was also instrumental in the production of a council newsletter. First published in January, this quarterly newsletter is distributed to all residential properties in the parish and includes news from other public agencies, and local organisations as well as the Town Council.

The committee also made the following grants during the year:

Redruth North partnership	£50
Redruth Regeneration Group	£360
Treleigh Primary School	£1000 (subject to matched funding)
Victim Support Cornwall	£500
Redruth Fun Day	£500
Esethvos Kernow	£500 (up to a maximum)
Home Start West Cornwall	£250
Christmas Goodwill	£1000
Christmas Lights	£1000

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman – Councillor James Carroll

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Ian Thomas

The Planning Committee consist of the following Councillors:

Councillor Mrs Christine Ashford (formally Pascoe) (Until February 2006)

Councillor Miss Clare Batten (from September 2005 until December 2005)

Councillor James Carroll

Councillor Keith Dinham (from September 2005)

Councillor Mrs Sallie Dinham (from April 2006)

Councillor Mrs Susan Fowler (temporary)

Councillor John Hayward

Councillor Ian Thomas

Councillor Andrew Trathen (from May 2005 until June 2005)

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. 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 218 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 on signage improvements at Sandy Lane and West End (Penventon Hotel). Members of the public also wrote with concerns of speeding traffic at Sandy Lane and Falmouth Road which have been dealt with by the committee. Traffic calming at North Country was also discussed. Various new street names were

submitted to the committee and approved by Kerrier District Council/Royal Mail as well as receiving various licence applications and public entertainment licences. The committee had sight of the Cornwall County Council Review of the Regional Spatial Strategy and we were asked for our comments on the Kerrier Local Development Framework – The Kerrier, Vision, Strategy & Core Policies Development Plan Document.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The following is a summary of the attendances of Members at Meetings of the Council and its Committees during the Council Year 2005 06:

	Council	Amenities	GP	F&S	Planning
No of Meetings	15	6	6	6	24
Mrs C Ashford	10 (12)	3 (4)			17 (18)
Miss P Aston	3			1	
R S Barnes	14	6	5		
C Batten	2 (4)				4 (7)
J Carroll	13	4	5	5	21
K R Dinham	12	5	5	4	11 (15)
Mrs S Dinham	1 (1)				2 (2)
M S Eddowes	14		4	4	
Mrs B R Ellenbroek	13	4	6		
Mrs S Fowler	11	5	5		4 (6)
Mrs V Fry	0 (6)				
J Hayward	15	6	6	6	24
C R Mason	14	4	6	5	
K Old	15	5	5	5	
I Thomas	14				20
A Trathen	2 (4)		1 (1)		4 (4)

Note: Figures shown in brackets relate to the number of meeting that the Member could have attended if different from number in first row.

DETAILS OF ALLOWANCES PAID TO MEMBERS

The following Members received allowances for approved duties during the Financial Year 2005-2006

MEMBER	AMOUNT
Cllr Mrs Ashford	15-60
Cllr Dinham	34-70
Cllr Eddowes	271-75
Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek	24-30
Cllr Mason	8-00

COUNCIL FINANCES

Set out below is a summary of the Council's Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2005 – 2006:

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Precept	158067	General Administration	77669
Agency services	1364	Agency services	9630
Interest	8753	Grants & Donations	30646
Floral Displays	4981	Murdoch	12621
Tenancies	3725	Capital Expenditure	146908
Other Income	9563	Running Costs	11539
		Other Payments	10980
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Members of the public can view the Annual Return of the Council's Accounts 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 Miss Clare Batten	(Until January 2006)
Councillor Keith Dinham	
Councillor Mrs Sallie Dinham	(From 27 March 2006)
Councillor Michael Eddowes	
Councillor Mrs Vanessa Fry	(Until February 2006)
Councillor Christopher Mason	
Councillor Keith Old	
Councillor Andrew Trathen	(Until June 2005)

Redruth South was represented by:-

Councillor Mrs Christine Ashford (formally Pascoe)	(Until February 2006)
Councillor Miss Patricia Aston	
Councillor James Carroll	
Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek	
Councillor Mrs Susan Fowler	
Councillor John Hayward	
Councillor Ian Thomas	

There are about 12352 people residing within the boundary of this Council of which approximately 9700 are registered electors.

The Precept from Kerrier District Council for the current fiscal year is set at £156080-00. This equates to a sum of approximately £39-00 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 £161155-00

ABOUT MEMBERS

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

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

Councillor Keith Old is an elected member of Kerrier District Council.

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

REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Outside Body</u>
Mrs Christine Ashford (formally Pascoe)	Cornwall Community Volunteer Services
Miss Patricia Aston	Mitchell Committee New Connection Project, Board of Management
Mr Stephen Barnes	Redruth Chamber Town Centre CCTV Working Group Foyer Accommodation Advisory Panel Homezone Redruth North Partnership
Miss Clare Batten	NONE
Mr James Carroll	Police Liaison Committee Redruth Twinning Association Redruth Town Forum
Mr Keith Dinham	HOCTA Redruth Youth Centre Management Committee Redruth Regeneration
Mrs Sallie Dinham	NONE
Mr Michael Eddowes	Redruth Chamber Police Liaison Committee Mitchell Committee Redruth North Partnership
Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek	NONE
Mrs Susan Fowler	HOCTA Police Community Forum
Mrs Vanessa Fry	NONE
Mr John Hayward	Redruth Twinning Association Community Link Mineral Point Twinning Association Redruth Town Forum
Mr Christopher Mason	CALC ALLCC Redruth Community Centre Association

	CAB Homezone Redruth North Partnership
Mr Keith Old	Redruth Economic Arts Partnership
Mr Ian Thomas	NONE
Mr Andrew Trathen	Redruth 2000 (Murdoch House)

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

1985/1986	J. Ham
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. Dinham
2005/2006	J. 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 2006 – 2007

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