

REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL



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Annual Report for the Council Year 2008/2009

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Annual Report.

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

During the year we have welcomed the Wilkinson's store to Redruth, and despite losing the Co-op from the town centre this has brought a welcome boost to the shopping experience in Redruth. This year has also seen the launch of the Heart of Cornwall Loyalty Card which is available free of charge and can be used in member businesses throughout Redruth Camborne and Pool.

As usual we have financially assisted a diverse range of local community groups from the Meals on Wheels service to the Christmas Events group.

We run regular surgeries where members of the public can call in to discuss issues with Councillors, details of which can be found either by telephoning the office during working hours, or looking on our website (www.redruth-tc.gov.uk).

In order to promote Redruth the Town Council took the decision to join with Camborne and Carn Brea Councils and Camborne-Pool-Redruth Regeneration to take part in a marquee at the Royal Cornwall Show. As we go to print preparations are underway for the event. The Council intends to highlight the many unique facilities we have in Redruth both to Cornish residents and to visitors, and we have produced a DVD entitled Redruth Revealed. In it we showcase Murdoch House, the Murdoch Flyer, the Tregellas Tapestry, the Global Migration Project, the Cornish Studies Library as well as the architecture of Redruth. This is not intended to be a definitive list of things to do and see in Redruth, rather to give a flavour of what Redruth has to offer. If any resident would like a copy please contact the Town Council.

The biggest challenge of the year, and indeed in the coming years, has been for the Council to engage with the new Unitary Authority – now officially Cornwall Council. This has been made more difficult because of uncertainties due to the reorganisation. We are quite clear that it is vital for the future of Redruth that we take up this challenge, especially as it remains our ambition to deliver good quality locally delivered services that meet local needs. We are also keen to set up arrangements to meet regularly with our new Cornwall Councillors so that we are all working together for the benefit of Redruth.

The work of the Council has been achieved through dedicated hard work from the Councils staff and the members. I thank them for their hard work, dedication and support as without it we would achieve nothing.

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



Councillor Mrs Barbra Ellenbroek
Mayor of Redruth

GENERAL INFORMATION
THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW
FULL COUNCIL

The Council Year began in May with our Annual General Meeting. At this meeting Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek was elected as the Town Mayor, with Councillor Lloyd Jenkin elected as her 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 continued support to the proposed Unitary Authority; to the Sustainable Communities Act; opposed the closure of the Post Office in Close Hill; a number of options within the Camborne-Pool-Redruth-Illogan Area Action Plan; and the recommendations of The Boundary Commission for newly formed wards within the parish of Redruth. Given our wholehearted support to the local police neighbourhood teams and the work they carry out throughout the parish; and sought to promote Redruth to a wider audience through participation at this year's Royal Cornwall Show.

Members have introduced a new Training and Development Policy for members and staff alike and issued a new Publication Scheme. 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 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. For this year there was an additional Committee namely the Unitary Transition & Liaison Committee set up to deal with matters relating to the changeover to Cornwall Council. 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 James Carroll

Councillor Mrs Lisa Dolley (until January 2009)

Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek

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. The committee have supported and advised Euny Close & West Trevingey Residents Association in providing a play area (this is on-going and a financial contribution will be made next year); continued our involvement in the Cornwall County Council Local Maintenance partnership whereby the Town Council receives a financial contribution towards the maintenance of the footpaths within the parish; had discussions with local groups about the possible development of Strawberry Fields; had active involvement in the Kerrier District Council Greenspace Strategy which forms part of the Area Action Plan

and supported the Cornwall County Council's Key Quality Corridor (Camborne to Truro) initiative. We were delighted that the work to illuminate the Town Clock tower was finally completed, and we continue to support the Redruth Amateur 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 Lloyd Jenkin

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson

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

Councillor Miss Patricia Aston

Councillor Mrs Alison Biscoe (until January 2009)

Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson

Councillor Michael Eddowes

Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek

Councillor John Hayward

Councillor Lloyd Jenkin

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 regeneration work in the town has continued and we have raised significant issues over the improvements to the Fairfield site, although it is owned by Kerrier District Council. The committee were responsible for again providing the impetus behind the Tourist Information Point in the Cornwall Centre during the summer months which has proved an invaluable resource for visitors, and have supported a new Town Guide for the period 2009-2010. The committee continued 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 2010. We also continue our support in the policing of the parish with a financial contribution towards an additional PCSO.

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:

Redruth Christmas Lights	£3237
Cornwall Arts Centre Trust (Christmas activities)	£1000
Illogan Sparnon Silver Band	£400
Speakeasy Stroke Club	£250
Redruth Story Group	£155
Fun Day	£500
Regeneration	£1000
Christmas Goodwill	£900
Tourism	£10,324

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman – Councillor James Carroll

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Ian Thomas

The Planning Committee consists of the following Councillors:

Councillor Mrs Alison Biscoe (until January 2009)
Councillor Clive Bray
Councillor James Carroll
Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson
Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek
Councillor Lloyd Jenkin
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 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 280 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.

The committee continued its support in the fight against the proposed Household Recycling Centre and Waste Transfer Station at Scorrier and were delighted when this was withdrawn. They continued discussion and input on the Camborne Pool Illogan and Redruth Area Action Plan, and were consulted on the provision of disabled parking bays in the town. They raised awareness on numerous planning enforcements made further decisions regarding the naming of streets within the parish. They provided further consultation and support on highway improvements and also gave valuable input into planning and licensing consultation with the proposed new unitary authority.

UNITARY TRANSITION & LIAISON COMMITTEE

Chairman: Cllr J Hayward
Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs Ellenbroek

The Unitary Transition & Liaison Committee consists of the following Councillors:

Councillor Mrs J Davidson
Councillor M Eddowes
Councillor Mrs B Ellenbroek
Councillor J Hayward
Councillor L Jenkin
Councillor I Thomas

The Unitary Transition & Liaison Committee was set up to engage with the proposed new unitary authority and to hopefully help shape that procedures carried out once they were in place.

The committee were consulted and responded to Localism issues and Service Provision post Apr 09. Actively opposed the proposals of the Boundary Commission for new wards within the Redruth parish and provided alternatives which will hopefully be adopted from the 2013 elections onwards. Played an active role in the development of a One-Stop shop (Community Hub) in the town and continues to do so. We also ensured early engagement with the Community Network Manager for the Camborne and Redruth Community Network Area.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The following is a summary of the attendances of Members at Meetings of the Council and its Committees during the Council Year 2008-2009:

	Council	Amenities	F&GP	Planning	Unitary Transition & Liaison
No of Meetings	13	6	8	22	4
Miss P Aston	4		1		
R S Barnes	11	6			
Mrs A Biscoe	3 (8)		2 (6)	5 (14)	
C Bray	4			7	
J Carroll	12	6		20	
Mrs J Davidson	12		5	18	3
Mrs A J Dolley	4 (8)	2 (4)			
M S Eddowes	10		6		3
Mrs B Ellenbroek	11	6	4	19	4
J Hayward	10		7		4
L A Jenkin	12	5	7	21	2
K Old	12	5	7		
I Thomas	12			20	4
W H Turner	10	3	5	17 (20)	

Notes:

- a. Figures in brackets for Cllrs Mrs Biscoe and Mrs Dolley show the number of meetings they could have attended prior to their resignations from the Council.
- b. The Planning figure in brackets for Cllr Turner show the number of meetings he could have attended after being elected onto the Planning Committee.

COUNCIL FINANCES

Set out below is a summary of the Council's Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2008-2009:

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Precept	198140	General Administration	92053
Agency services	1466	Agency services	10611
Interest	5113	Grants & Donations	49958
Floral Displays	2542	Murdoch	9074
Tenancies	33286	Capital Expenditure	9529
Other Income	183	Running Costs	29970
		Other Payments	21762
	<u>240730</u>		<u>222957</u>

Members of the public can view the Annual Return of the Councils Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009 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 (resigned 26 January 2009)
Councillor Clive Bray
Councillor Mrs Lisa Dolley (resigned 26 January 2009)
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 Cornwall Council for the current fiscal year is set at £213485. This equates to a sum of approximately £51-54 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 £198140.

ABOUT MEMBERS

For the period of this report:

Councillor Stephen Barnes is an elected member of both 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 Redruth Twinning Association Mineral Point Twinning Association CPR Business Forum
John Hayward	CALLC & ALLCC Redruth Community Centre Association REAP Plain-an-Gwarry Play Area
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
2008/2009	Mrs B R Ellenbroek

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 2009 – 2010

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