

REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL



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Annual Report for the Council Year 2009/2010

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2009/2010.

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.

We hold regular monthly surgeries, the schedule of these are available on the Town notice boards and the website. They are held on the second Saturday or Wednesday of each month. Wednesday surgeries are held at the Town Council offices between 7 pm and 9 pm and on Saturdays at the One Stop Shop in Station Road between 10 am and mid-day. Members of the public are welcome to drop in, no appointment is necessary.

After a lot of planning and hard work by CPR Regeneration and the Town Council the Redruth Action Plan Project (RAPP) was launched in November 2009. A lot of time has been spent on consultation with Redruth residents, both through workshops and the Information Exchange which was opened in Fore Street in February 2010. The Town Council is very clear that this plan must be supported and informed by the wishes of local residents. In June 2010 the first two Task and Finish groups made up of those who indicated a willingness to be involved will start work on plans for tidying up the derelict sites and on planning a promotions campaign. There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved, if you are interested in doing so please contact the Town Council.

In January 2010 the Council agreed to appoint a graduate under the Unlocking Cornish Potential scheme for a period of one year to act as a Town Development Manager. This post is to work in the whole of Redruth, not just with businesses, and will fulfil the following objectives:

- Develop and promote an annual events programme to increase footfall in the town
- Facilitate short-term improvements as highlighted in the Redruth Action Plan Project (RAPP) project.
- Contribute to the generation of a safe, clean and dynamic environment through implementing various policies and schemes
- To establish and maintain a website to actively promote the town and to act as the main source of local information for users through emarketing and search engine optimisation
- Gather current trends and statistics in the town such as shopper business numbers so as to be familiar with developments that may impact and shape future town strategy.

An excellent rapport has developed between Redruth Town Council and our four new Cornwall Councillors, and we are all working together for the benefit of the town. Unfortunately there has not been so much success this year in engaging with Cornwall Council; however it remains the ambition of the Town Council to work with Cornwall Council in order to deliver good quality locally delivered services that meet local needs.

The work of the Council has been achieved through dedicated hard work from the Council staff and members, and I thank them all for their contribution. I would like to thank John Hayward and Lloyd Jenkin who have unfortunately resigned from the Council for their hard work, and welcome June Enefer, Mike Hall and Henry Biscoe who joined as members this year.

I hope that you find this Annual Report useful and informative, any suggestions as to how it can be improved for the future are most 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 re-elected as the Town Mayor. Councillor Jenkin did not wish to continue as the Deputy Town Mayor and Councillor John Hayward was elected to replace him. Unfortunately Councillor Hayward felt he was unable to commit to the role as Deputy Town Mayor and stood down at the Council meeting in October 2009 to be replaced by Councillor Ian Thomas.

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 new Cornwall Council as they settle into the new structure. We have had significant engagement with their local members and they have supported us with a very good attendance at our Council and Committee meetings.

We have been actively involved in the Designated Public Places Order (essentially alcohol free zones) and recommended that two further areas within the parish namely the play areas at Trefusis Road and Plain-an-Gwarry be included in with the previously authorised areas; been consulted on the Cornwall Council Green Infrastructure Strategy; and continue to have input to the Camborne-Pool-Redruth-Illogan Area Action Plan. We were delighted when the Boundary Commission accepted our recommendations for the newly formed wards within the parish of Redruth. We continue to give our wholehearted support to the local police neighbourhood teams and 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.

The Redruth Action Plan Project was launched in November 2009 and aims to create a community supported vision for the economic development of Redruth over the next 20 years. The Town Council are very supportive of this initiative and encourages all living in Redruth to become involved in this concept.

Members have introduced a new Democracy and Citizenship Strategy which will hopefully go some way to engage further with the community and their involvement in local government. 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 Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek
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. The committee continued supporting the Euny Close & West Trevingey Residents Association in providing a play area, culminating in a grant of £2270 to go with the funding raised by them to provide necessary play equipment for the children of the area. We provided a replacement bus shelter at Montague Avenue and hope to place further shelters around the parish in coming years. 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 had discussions concerning the Cornwall Council Community Buildings Strategy. We have relocated the "crowns" that once adorned the flower planters in Fore Street, with three going to the entrances to the town and two to be located in Bond Street. We were delighted when the old Gweal-an-Top school site was chosen for the first adventure playground in the county, and look forward to it's opening in 2011.

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 John Hayward
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 John Hayward
Councillor Lloyd Jenkin (until July 2009)
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. We have been involved in various consultation documents with the new unitary authority, which will hopefully pave the way for a greater liaison between to two tiers of local government. We continue to provide the impetus and funding of the Tourist Information Point in the Cornwall Centre during the summer months which has proved an invaluable resource for visitors. 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 2011. We are also seeking to meet the criteria that will give us "The Power of Well-Being" which will enable us to seek a wider remit to those grants and services we provide for the electorate. 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 Christmas Events group, Redruth Fun Day and Christmas Goodwill projects.

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

Redruth Christmas Lights	£6000
Redruth 2000 (Murdoch House)	£3000
Redruth Story Group	£170
Fun Day	£500
RedYouth	£400
Christmas Goodwill	£900
Cornish Global Migration Project	£500
Truro Hospital Radio	£250

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman – Councillor James Carroll

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Ian Thomas

The Planning Committee consists of the following Councillors:

Councillor Henry Biscoe (from October 2009)

Councillor Clive Bray

Councillor James Carroll

Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson

Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek

Councillor Mrs June Enefer

Councillor Mike Hall

Councillor John Hayward (until November 2009)

Councillor Lloyd Jenkin (until July 2009)

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 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 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 200 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 on-street parking 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 during the last 12 months taken a very 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. We have been involved in discussions surrounding the Conservation Area Appraisals and management Strategy for both the Town Centre and Plain-an-Gwarry areas, and been involved in the signing of the Camborne-Pool-Redruth cycle network. The committee has also taken a firm stance in relation to the Cornwall Council Car Parking Policy and on how this would affect the town. Some Members of the committee have also received training during this past year on various aspects of planning legislation and processes.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The following is a summary of the attendances of Members at Meetings of the Council and its Committees during the Council Year 2009-2010:

	Council	Amenities	F&GP	Planning
No of Meetings	13	6	6	23
Miss P Aston	4		1	
R S Barnes	13	6		
H Biscoe	(7) 5	(4) 3		(14) 13
C Bray	2			3
J Carroll	12	6		22
Mrs J Davidson	11		5	18
M S Eddowes	8		5	
Mrs B Ellenbroek	13	6	5	20
Mrs J Enefer	(12) 9	4		18
M K Hall	(12) 11	6		21
J Hayward	10	(3) 2	6	(11) 9
L A Jenkin	(2) 1		(1) 0	
K Old	12	6	6	
I Thomas	12	(2) 2	(2) 2	20
W H Turner	4	2	2	9

Notes:

- a. Figures in brackets for Cllrs Hayward and Jenkin show the number of meetings they could have attended prior to their resignations from the Council.
- b. The figures in brackets for Cllrs Biscoe, Mrs Enefer and Hall show the number of meetings they could have attended after being elected onto the Council.

COUNCIL FINANCES

Set out below is a summary of the Council's Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2009-2010:

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Precept	213485	General Administration	87665
Agency services	1235	Agency services	10930
Interest	384	Grants & Donations	43595
Floral Displays	3119	Murdoch	8910
Tenancies	19088	Capital Expenditure	20382
Other Income	0	Running Costs	34639
		Other Payments	55227
	237311		261348

The excess of expenditure over income was taken from the Council's reserves. Members of the public can view the Annual Return of the Council's Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010 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, until 2013 when we will align with the new Cornwall

Council Wards of Redruth North, Central, and South; at present each Ward returns seven Councillors:

In the year under review:

Redruth North was represented by:-

Councillor Stephen Barnes
Councillor Clive Bray
Councillor Michael Eddowes
Councillor Mrs June Enefer (co-opted Member from 18th May 2009)
Councillor Mike Hall (co-opted Member from 18th May 2009)
Councillor Keith Old
Councillor Ian Thomas

Redruth South was represented by:-

Councillor Miss Patricia Aston
Councillor Henry Biscoe (co-opted Member from 28th September 2009)
Councillor James Carroll
Councillor Mrs Judy Davidson
Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek
Councillor John Hayward (resigned wef 17th May 2010)
Councillor Lloyd Jenkin (resigned wef 6th July 2009)
Councillor Bill Turner

There are approximately 12500 people residing within the boundary of this Council of which 10160 are registered electors.

The Precept from Cornwall Council for the current fiscal year is set at £220090. 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 £213485.

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
Clive Bray	Police Liaison Committee
Mrs Judy Davidson	Redruth Youth Centre Management Committee
Michael Eddowes	Police Liaison Committee; Redruth North Partnership
Mrs June Enefer	Mineral Tramways Partnership
Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek	Redruth Chamber of Commerce; HOCTA; Redruth Twinning Association; Mineral Point Twinning Association; REAP; Redruth Action Plan Project; Community Network Panel
John Hayward (until his resignation on 17 th May)	CALLC & ALLCC; Redruth Community Centre Association;

2010)	Plain-an-Gwarry Play Area
Lloyd Jenkin (until his resignation on 6 th July 2009)	Redruth Chamber of Commerce; CCVS
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

REDRUTH 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
2009/2010	Mrs B R Ellenbroek

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 2010 – 2011

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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	01209 219202
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REDRUTH (SOUTH) WARD		
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