



FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011

Welcome again to the Annual Report, which has been produced by your Town Council to try to keep you informed about the work of the Council and any significant issues affecting Fowey. This Report has been distributed to all households in the parish and is also available on the Fowey Town Council website www.foweytowncouncil.gov.uk or via email by request to me, the Town Clerk, at sallyvincent957@btinternet.com. Any appropriate feedback is welcomed, particularly suggestions for additional items for inclusion in the next Report.

Sally Vincent, Town Clerk

YOUR COUNCILLORS 2010/2011

Cllr Mrs Katherine Alexander

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Katherine has been a Councillor since April 2010 and now serves as a member of the Environment Committee and the Planning Committee

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Cllr John Berryman

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John is the Mayor of Fowey and has just completed his first term of office. He is the Chairman of the Fowey Assets Committee and, as Mayor, he is also an *ex officio* member of all the Town Council committees.

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Cllr Mrs Anne Boosey

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Anne is the Deputy Mayor of Fowey and during the last twelve months she has served as the Chairman of the planning committee and a member of the Finance Committee.

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Cllr Arthur Baker

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Cllr Mrs Sherlee Gudmunsen

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Cllr Norman Mason

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Norman is the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

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Cllr Jason Penprase (*resigned from the council in April 2011*)

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Jason served as the Chairman of the Planning Committee during the early part of the year and was also a member of the Town Hall Committee and the Finance Committee

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Cllr Mrs Jane Vincent

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Cllr Tony Vincent

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Tony is a member of the Fowey Assets Committee and the Town Hall Committee.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL 2010/2011

I would like to open this report by stating that it has been a real pleasure and privilege to lead this Council for the last 12 months - and as it appears for the next 12 as well.

My thanks go to all the Councillors and Committee Chairs for their hard work during the year and, of course, to my Deputy Mayor for her invaluable support.

Special thanks to my - *our* – Clerk, Sally, for the many hours she devotes to the work of the Council and to the betterment of Fowey.

I feel it is necessary at this stage to mention 2 specific happenings and thank the people involved,

1. Cllr Arthur Baker, for his time, persistence and devotion to the cause, which is the re-illumination of St. Catherines Castle. He is almost there.

2. Cllr Jason Penprase and his playground committee; the new play area will be a worthy asset for the young people of Fowey.

Well, the transfer of Town Hall/Town Quay is a little nearer than this time last year, hopefully I can report its transfer by this time next year.

Your Council, as many of you are aware, is in the process of applying for the transfer of the Allotments and the 1- acre Meadow back into its fold, hopefully by the autumn. It is this council's intention to apply to Cornwall Council for the return of all the other assets lost in the various transfers of administration.

There would appear that within the town and the various organisations there is a willingness for Fowey to manage more of its own resources. Your Council will help in any way it can and will certainly move this along.

Du Maurier. As you are all aware Cornwall Council decided not to run with the festival again and handed it over to this Council along with a grant and a seconded officer Jonathan Aberdeen. We had a meeting with Fowey Chamber of Commerce and jointly decided to pick up the challenge and run with it. The programme of events is by now known by all and we need the support of the townspeople, relatives, friends and everyone else to ensure the Festival's continued existence. You are probably all aware by now of the Royal visit; The Countess of Wessex will visit the Festival on the 17th May.

John Berryman, Mayor of Fowey

REPORT OF THE FOWEY ASSETS COMMITTEE 2010/2011

Having passed the recovery of the Town Hall and the Town Quay over to full council, the Assets Committee has not met during the year. As soon as the transfer of this property to FTC has been completed other assets will be applied for in the councils approved priority order.

John Berryman, Chairman Fowey Assets Committee.

REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE 2010/2011

Town Hall meetings are normally held every three to four months. We hold meetings on the first Friday in the month and members of the public are very welcome to attend and address the committee on any matters associated with the Town Hall during the first 15 minutes of the session.

We are still awaiting completion on the transfer of the Town Hall and the Town Quay from Cornwall Council, but in the meantime the usage of the Hall continues to improve. The Terms and Conditions of Hire are given to any clients wishing to hire the Hall and are also displayed on site. The Town Hall Committee has an annual budget, approved by full council, which covers such things as staff costs, cleaning materials, safety checks, heating, kitchen appliances, window cleaning, redecoration etc. The facility is a wonderful asset and belongs to the people of Fowey and we do not aim to run it at a profit. To keep costs down we ask

hirers to leave the premises clean and tidy and to treat the property with respect. We hope that you will all show an interest in the Hall's future, so please attend our meetings and share your ideas with us. For instance, there have been several discussions at Committee about having a licensed bar in the Hall and this suggestion will be considered further in due course.

We have recently employed a new Caretaker, Michael Keep, who is doing a great job and our Cleaner, Tracy Butler, is a huge asset and gives the Hall a thorough cleaning once a week.

Sherlee Gudmunsen, Chairman Town Hall Committee

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 2010/2011

I have checked and signed off the 2010/2011 financial statements, which were prepared by the Town Clerk and I congratulate the Mayor on completing the year with unspent money in his budget. I am concerned that some of the grant money available for weed killing has not been utilized this year and I note that there has been a considerable overspend on grass cutting. A considerable amount of money has already been invested in legal fees associated in the transfer of the Town Quay/Town Hall from Cornwall Council to Fowey Town Council and I am disappointed that the transaction has yet to be completed, due to pressure of work at Cornwall Council's legal department and through no fault of FTC.

INCOME	2010/2011	2009/2010
	£	£
Precept	32570.00	28495.00
Bank Interest	17.39	17.89
Town Hall letting fees	7204.41	5099.47
Old Grammar School Gardens donations	1327.74	1625.38
Grants	2265.86	4841.05
Other income	8105.97	2476.68
SUB TOTAL	51491.37	42555.47
Beale "Special Fund"	2.80	2.89
 TOTAL INCOME	 51494.17	 42558.36
 EXPENDITURE		
General Administration: Audit Fee, Room Hire.	365.00	345.00
Salaries	16647.48	14976.14
Insurance	2755.62	2356.35
General	2454.88	2662.34
SUB-TOTAL	22222.98	20339.83
S.137 Payments	1300.00	1580.00
Capital	17000.00	1412.88
Town Hall:		
Non-recurring	2014.46	3758.35
Running costs	4912.36	2453.09

Old G.S. Gardens:	Non-recurring	0.00	729.85
	Running costs	1940.22	358.97
Other Environment / Maintenance		4434.23	4732.44
Miscellaneous		7866.46	2750.64
SUB TOTAL		61690.71	38116.05
Beale "Special Fund"		5000.00	0.00
 TOTAL EXPENDITURE		 66690.71	 38116.05
 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		 -15196.54	 4442.31

Norman Mason, Chairman Finance Committee

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE 2010/2011

This year, as usual, has been a busy one for the Planning Committee, the rate of applications saw no decrease at all, and whilst most were straightforward the ones that were not made for some interesting discussions, not only amongst ourselves but with the Planning Authority at Cornwall Council. I would say that I had great hopes that when the Localism Act was suggested, or even now when it is in final negotiation, more attention would be given to the Town or Parish councils comments, provided of course that they backed their comments on sound planning reasons. Suffice to say I am not unduly surprised that this hasn't happened and life goes on its merry way.

Cllr. Penprase stepped down as Chairman towards the end of last year, and I was elected to take his place. I was very pleased to do this, as I seemed to have been on both Fowey and Restormels planning committee for many years, and still have a lot to learn, especially as various aspects keep changing. It was a great sorrow to me that Cornwall Council instructed their committee members to pass some very doubtful decisions, on the grounds that they couldn't afford the appeal process. If I hadn't heard this with my own ears I would not believe it, but there it is.

It was excellent that one of our newer members, Cllr. Alexander, has joined this committee. Her knowledge of local situations has been invaluable, and, together with Cllr. Jane Vincent, we have been to three or four planning seminars that were held at the old Restormel building. These have been most useful, especially the one on enforcement!!!

I hope that the next year will see a little more co-operation between officers and local planning committees, it will make both of our lives easier. I also fully expect to see as many applications as before, which will keep us all engaged in site visits, discussions and I hope sensible decisions that will be upheld higher up the line

Anne Boosey, Chairman Planning Committee

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 2010/2011

The Committee: Councillors Jane Vincent, Ruth Findlay, Katherine Alexander, Tony Vincent.

Contractors: Tim Rhodes: Grass cutting, weeding and path clearance in designated areas under local agreements.

Gardener: Nigel Retallack, who deals with Piggy Lane Triangle, Hydrangea Row and the Old Grammar School Gardens

Our Lease on the Old Grammar School Gardens expires in July, and we await the decision as to whether the lease is renewed again. At the moment the Spring Garden of the Old Grammar school is full of primroses and other spring plants, and we await the summer planting. The ivy has been stripped back, and will be kept under control. Overhanging bushes have been cleared and there is more light in the gardens. Improvements are planned for this year.

The Parade: We are not happy with the state of the boundaries. Fallen trees are a complication. In some places the tarmac is raised. We are only responsible for 1.5 metres of the footpath. We hope that Cornwall Council will assist us in this matter.

Whitehouse shelter needs cleaning and the ivy needs to be removed. There is a plaque erected by members of the U.S. Forces before D-Day. This needs cleaning. We hope to hear from Cornwall Council.

The steps to Coombe and Polridmouth beaches need to be fixed urgently as the drop is now quite dangerous. We are in negotiation about this.

We note that the roofs of shelters above the old Ferry Slip and on the ferry slip are leaking. The Committee decided that should there be a request for another memorial seat, it should be sited on the parade.

During the last year, the new committee have been on a learning curve, but we believe that we have made decisions and initiated actions and we will see an improvement in our work.

I would like to pay tribute to Arthur Baker and Tony Dando who are a hard act to follow, but I am confident that they have laid the foundations for our continuing work, and I especially thank Arthur for his advice and explanations.

Jane Vincent, Chairman Environment Committee

AND FINALLY

Remember that meetings of the town council are held in the Town Hall and are advertised on our notice board and on our website www.foweytowncouncil.gov.uk. Minutes are also published on the website and on the Town Hall notice board as soon as is practicable after meetings. At every meeting there is an agenda item for public participation and this is actively encouraged. Please support your councillors by letting them know what you think about any aspect of life in Fowey – your input is crucial if they are to make the right decisions for the town. Alternatively, I can be contacted by telephone on 01208 871159, by post at Colcerrow Farm, Par, PL24 2RZ or by email at sallyvincent957@btinternet.com.

Sally Vincent, Town Clerk