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PORTREEVE'S REPORT

As I approach the end of my term in office as your Portreeve, I am required to write a short report so here goes!

It has been a busy year for the Town Council and, having been a member for over a quarter of a century, I can say one of the busiest on record.

As a Full Council we meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday, the Planning Committee meet on the first and third Tuesdays, the Town Hall Committee on the second Tuesday, the Outside Services Committee meet on the first Tuesday and the Finance and General Purposes Committee on the third Tuesday, so, for most members, Tuesday evenings are generally spoken for. This year, however, we have also had a range of public consultation evenings to finalise the Town Plan, a document which enables us as your representatives to have a more detailed and long term plan than ever before and I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the many people whose input and hard work has made, what was an idea, into a reality.

Recently in conjunction with the Town Forum, a skateboard park has been added to the facilities in the Saltash Road park and a purpose built youth shelter is on order and will be installed shortly adjacent to the ramps. I do feel that it is vital that we all recognise that it is only a very small minority of our young people who are responsible for the anti-social behaviour that has received so much publicity in recent times and that it is vital that we have facilities for the youth of both Callington and Kelly Bray. I

believe we should be looking much more positively at the fantastic achievements that many attain and that in doing so our young people will feel an integral part of our community and not on the fringe and excluded, for it is this feeling of exclusion that leads to a loss of community pride and respect.

As part of our drive towards improving Callington we have undertaken a number of projects, for example, having taken on an additional employee we are currently embarking upon a greatly expanded planting programme and I am sure that the new flower beds and plant troughs will brighten up the area. The Town Hall has recently been redecorated and various areas upgraded.

The Police Community Support Officer has now been in post for some months and we have received very positive feedback.

I am very proud to have served as Portreeve and would like to thank everyone who has helped. My daughter Tamara who has been my Consort, my family who have supported me throughout and my fellow Councillors, whilst we often disagree on matters of policy we have all remained united in our aims. Callington is a totally independent Council, free of any party politics and I sincerely hope that this continues.

Jeremy R Gist
Portreeve & Mayor 2004–2005

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Outside Services Committee

Most of you would have read the beginning of this report last year, but for those new to Callington and Kelly Bray hopefully the following will give you an insight into what the Outside Service Committee is about.

Callington looks after 4 parks, these are Saltash Road, Launceston Road, Moss-side and Lamorna Park. We are also responsible for the Saltash Road Car Park, Cemetery, Hays Road Allotments, together with the maintenance of St Mary's Church burial ground and the Plymouth Brethren Cemetery.

The year started off with a difference, as most of you know Brian went 'in-doors' as the Town Hall Manager, leaving faithful Roger on his own, but not for long he was soon joined by Steve and David whom you would have seen around the town.

We believe the parks are of a great benefit to the town, therefore when the opportunity came up, and the Town Forum were able to secure grants for a new skateboard park the Council did not have any hesitation in offering a site in the Saltash Road Park as requested. It took a while and it was not without its up-and-downs but it has now finally been completed, however the official opening has been delayed until the new youth shelter is fitted. On this note may we thank the outside workforce and the skateboarders. Watch the *Callington News* for details of an open-day.

The new health and safety recommendation for the gravestones came into effect, but our trusted 'Clerk' was soon onto it. Notices were placed around town and in the newspaper, trying to track down responsible parties which as you can imagine was not easy with some of the older graves. The Cemetery was assessed early last summer and many stones had to have the warning ribbon placed around them and a handful were laid down. There were some beautiful monuments which were over 100 years old and thus reverted to the ownership of the Council, some of these were in desperate need of attention, lucky for us a sponsor came

"The trees along Launceston Road are memorial trees planted in remembrance of those who died in World War I & II."

along and helped the Council make safe those stones. Many thanks to Trembath Natural Stone for their help in preserving these and also to our workforce.

Around the town you may have seen some flower beds appear, mainly at the main entrances to the town, these beds have been sponsored by local businesses. By now they will have been filled with summer bedding plants to brighten up the Town. We have also tried to bring colour to the town with some lamp-post baskets, a new display for the war memorial and some street planters as well as the hanging

baskets on the town hall. The Council is also taking over the planting of St Mary's Close and a few other small flower beds around the town. We are proud of our Town and hope that everyone will benefit from seeing some colour and also 'keep an eye' on these displays for us.

Callington is a friendly market town. However it was a shame that the minority once again spoiled it for the majority. We were all deeply saddened by the mindless vandalism that was inflicted on the Launceston Road memorial trees [these trees were planted in remembrance of those who died in World War I & II, without their sacrifice and valour against adversity, we would not be walking around our town as free people]. The County will re-plant them, probably in the autumn. Please report any signs of vandalism no matter how small.

The future? Well the Council has lots of wonderful ideas, obviously money plays a big part, but we will be looking into funding and grants. We are proud of our small Town and will carry on trying to make it a nice place not only to live in, but to encourage visitors not just to drive through – make them want to stay and explore!

*Denise Winfindale
Chair of Outside Services*

Where the Money Goes

In the financial year 2004/2005 the Council had an expenditure of £200,005. This was considerably up on last year, but is due to the costs of the new skate park which amounted to nearly £30,000. Virtually all of this is being covered by grants raised by the Town Forum, but the payment from most of these has fallen just outside this financial year. Other items are mentioned below.

Expenditure under administration not only covers staff costs, but insurance for all council activities and property, donations, Christmas lighting and publications such as the Callington News, Residents Handbook and leaflets. The cost of our Police Community Support Officer also falls within this section. Unforeseen additional staff costs also had to be covered. Cemetery expenditure appears low but there is no allocation for staff in this figure as this under open spaces. As the cemeteries [3 of them] need continual cutting all summer they do require staffing resources. Other tasks undertaken by the outside Services staff are maintenance of recreation areas and safety inspections, daily clearance of litter from parks, planting and care of flower beds, cleaning of the Public Conveniences, care of the 35 wayside seats throughout the parish and numerous maintenance jobs, all of which help to make the town a more attractive place to be in. Included in this section is a council rate of nearly £3000 we have to pay on the free car park at Saltash Road. Expenditure on the town hall includes staffing, continual maintenance and

small upgrading projects, the usual bills for services and we now have to pay over £9000 in rates despite the fact this is a community facility. Expenditure on the Pannier Market is ongoing as the buildings get older. This year considerable sums had to be spent on repairing the drainage system.

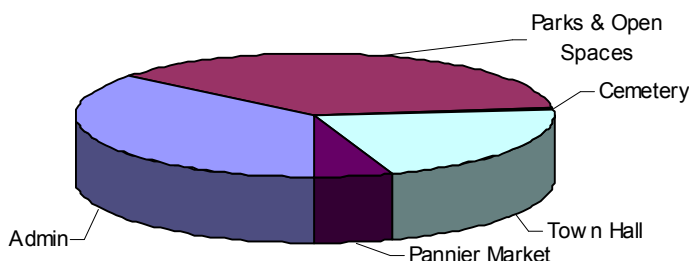
Fortunately income was also up on the previous year a total of £186,895. Income under administration will include grants received, some being for the Town Plan. The rental charged for fairs and the circus shows as Open Spaces income. Fees for burials and memorials are shown under Cemetery income. The income for the town hall includes a grant of over £13,000 given to us by Caradon District Council towards the maintenance of the New Road Public Conveniences. Therefore the actual income from Town Hall Bookings comes to just over £10,000. Income from the Pannier Market is the rent paid on units by the lease holders.

Our investments continue to yield a useful income.

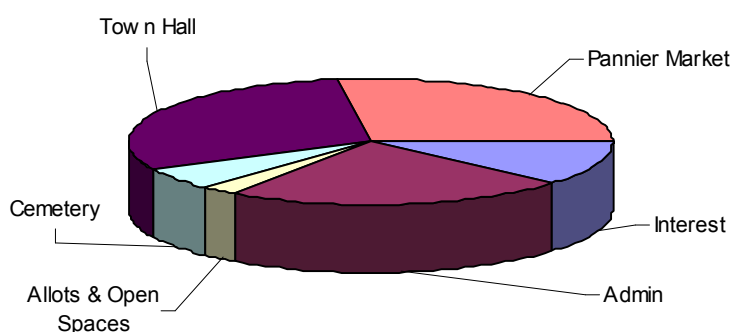
Copies of the annual accounts which have been audited according to the strict requirement of the Accounts & Audit Regulations are available at the Town Clerk's Office

Lynda Small

Expenditure 2004/2005



Income [excluding precept] 2004/2005



The Planning Committee

At our meetings on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month we have seen the usual mixture of planning applications. For your information we now maintain a list of planning applications that are with the Council on the town web site at www.callington.uk.net. Anyone wishing to see these applications can call into the Town Hall during office hours.

As you may know the Town Council makes recommendations on planning applications to the District Council, who may, or may not agree with us! It has been good to see more public attend our meetings, if you notify the Clerk that you wish to speak on an application we will usually convene the meeting for you to do this. Such opinions are always useful in assisting the Committee with making our comments. However we feel we have to make comments that reflect the policies within

the Local Plan and also the needs of the town as a whole. Concern has been expressed on several applications in relation to the access/effect on the highway, we have felt that this has often not been given sufficient thought by other authorities.

Apart from the usual extensions we have seen an applications for a larger housing development at Kelly Bray. Ginsters continues to expand as does the Community College. The Caradon Local Plan 1st **alteration re-deposit** has just been published and shows a provision for about 50 houses in the Newport area and some industrial land to the north of Moss Side. The 800 houses originally planned has been removed.

*Andrew Long
Chair of Planning Committee*

Your Town Councillors



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In the first instance communication with the Town Council should be through the Town Clerk's Office [see back page]. Please only telephone Councillors during social hours, [i.e. not after 8.00.p.m]

Your District Councillors
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[See contact details above or below].

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The Town Plan

The Town Plan has generated a long 'wish list' for Callington. A few of the suggestions made are not practical or not fundable, but many are possible. Obviously not all can be achieved immediately but looking at what has happened since the survey went out it can be seen that much has been achieved already. Larger projects will take more time, but this Town Council is dedicated to achieving the objectives set out in the plan. The following list is not complete but it gives you an idea of what is happening.

You Suggested	Actions so Far
Pedestrianisation & One Way System	A meeting is being held to see what chance there is of Objective 1 money for this.
Safer Routes into town	New safer routes past the Coachmakers under construction and other routes will be considered.
Solution to parking problems	A short term solution may be tried out with on-street parking.
Better bus service	A difficult one this as you cannot tell private enterprise what to do.
Integrated travel	As above but we will make representation to the relevant companies.
Less litter	The Town Council may consider taking on the street cleaning contract.
More flowers	The start of a programme to brighten up the town is already underway and with increased sponsorship could expand each year.
Bigger & better <i>Callington News</i>	The <i>News</i> has already gone from four pages to eight with two pages of advertising.
Make the most of Kit Hill	A new route to the hill is now open and some walks leaflets are planned.
More information on local heritage	A grant is being applied for to assist with a new local heritage trail.
More Notice boards	A new one has been provided on the end of the Town Hall and one is planned for Kelly Bray.
More information on who the Councillors Are	Photographs of Councillors are on the web site and in the Town Hall porch, a biography is appearing on a monthly basis in the <i>News</i> .
More information for residents	A new Residents Handbook has been produced which also promotes local businesses.
Promotion of sustainable tourism	Using grant funding further walks leaflets are planned as well as an accommodation one.
Youth Café	CLRs have visited other Youth Cafes to see how they work and sites and long term sustainability are being considered.
Better outdoor facilities for older youth	A new skate park is now in use for the more active youngsters and a youth shelter is scheduled for the 'less active' ones.
More football areas	Both recreation fields are available for formal and informal ball games. Further sites for recreation have been identified.
Enlarged health centre	The Centre is making applications to extend and it is hoped that the adjoining land owner will sell some of his land for this purpose.
Better appointment system	The Centre is introducing some changes.
More police on the streets	Since the survey was done the town has employed a Police Community Support Officer.
Better police cover for Callington	The Town Council has been writing letters to all those people who may assist with achieving this object.
CCTV	This is being investigated but there are difficulties with funding.
Additional sources of employment needed	Meetings are being held on this subject.
More medium sized industrial units	As above.
Job Centre facility	With video conferencing arriving at the Town Hall soon an interactive service may be possible.
More footpaths & cycle ways	A new cycleway is now in operation.
Less light pollution	This is being mentioned with planning recommendations we make
Preservation of Cornish Hedges	As above.

Finance & General Purposes Committee

This committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month, and is responsible for The Councils financial management and any other matters not addressed by the other three committees.

This committee, outside services and town hall and premises each have their own budget and throughout the year this committee carefully monitors the expenditure of each committee comparing it with the budget. Due to the way the District Council work the budget for the financial year April to March has to be set the previous November.

The Finance Committee is responsible for the administration of the council and the office. Promotion of the town and provision of information such as leaflets, web site and the *Callington News*. This year has seen the publication of an

updated version of the Mural leaflet, a new resident's Handbook and a walks leaflets. Other publications are in the pipeline.

The committee also has a small pot of money with which it can make donations. These donations have to be "for the benefit of all or part of the community". This therefore means that the Council has no statutory powers to allow it to make donations or concessions to such events as the Asian tsunami. Any local groups or societies requiring funding assistance should write to the Clerk enclosing a copy of their last audited accounts, this will then be considered at the next finance meeting.

This committee also maintains close contact with the local constabulary and looks at the policing issues. It has

investigated and assisted with the implementation of such initiatives as our Police Community Support Officer and the Dispersal Order. It has recently been asking questions about the lack of cover for Callington and will continue to do this until the situation improves.

As an employer the council has to constantly monitor its health and safety policies, update its risk assessments regularly as well as keeping up to date with other issues relating to staff employment

Finally the committee is responsible for ensuring that the residents of Callington are receiving 'best value' for the money they contributed via the rates.

*Jeremy Gist
Chair of Finance & General Purposes
Committee*

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Please note this is not a complete list, enquiries to the telephone numbers below should direct you to the right department.

TOWN COUNCIL

☎ 01579 384039

Town Hall, Pannier Market, Allotments, Cemeteries, Recreations Grounds, most Play Equipment Areas, Wayside seats, New Road Conveniences, Bus shelters, Saltash Rd Car park, Callington News, Town web site, most flower beds and planting, maintenance of public rights of way.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

☎ 01579 341000

Refuse collections, street cleaning, dog-fouling, pest control, fly-tipping, recycling, abandoned cars, housing, planning & local planning policies, building regulations, tree conservation, tourism, beach safety, food safety & hygiene, noise disturbance, some licencing, most car parks, electoral register, street name plates, lighting of pedestrian areas, some grasscutting of verges etc .

COUNTY COUNCIL

☎ 01872 322000

Highways & transportation, roadside signage, schools & adult education, youth service, fire service, emergency planning, libraries, joblink, social services, economic development & tourism, animal health, registration service, trading standards, public rights of way, street lighting, most roadside grass cutting, etc.

Town Hall & Premises Committee



Last years report made reference to the importance in acting quickly when and where necessary but also on the need to apply a more structured approach at other times to ensure decisions are made in the interests of best value being achieved. A large cost was incurred involving repairs to the drainage system and repairs to some of the properties within the Pannier Market. Due to the nature of the work undertaken it is not easily identifiable. However, various areas of repair, upgrading and refurbishment of bar/lounge area are evident within various area of the Town Hall complex. Most noticeable is the refurbishment of the bar /

lounge area, the committee room, some redecoration of the reception area and main hall where it was

necessary to incur the cost of damp course treatment to the east elevation wall. At the same time this work was undertaken the heating system received some necessary upgrading to improve its efficiency and comply with more recent health and safety regulations. In addition to this work our own work force undertook to paint, decorate and carry out necessary repairs to the floor area. All users of the complex will I am sure notice a brighter and warmer appearance.

We are committed to ongoing reviews of the facilities and services we provide for all sectors of the community. To this end it is important that users and user groups of the

complex provide constructive comments and suggestions which may be considered for adoption where and when practical.

Another task this committee faced was to implement and administer staff changes and operating procedures. Many of you in the community and regular users of the facilities provided will know that David Jones has retired after many years of splendid service looking after user requirements in the Town Hall. We are pleased to have appointed Brian Gilbert as his replacement. Brian will be pleased to welcome and assist with user requirements.

This committee has a schedule of objectives that it would like to develop and fulfil in both the short and longer term. By adopting the principles referred to initially I am confident this committee will be able to serve in the best interest in of the community.

Roger Ellard
Chairman Town Hall & Premises Committee

Schedule of Council Meetings

PLANNING COMMITTEE

1st & 3rd Tuesday in the month at 7.00.pm

OUTSIDE SERVICES COMMITTEE

1st Tuesday in the month 7.30.pm

TOWN HALL & PREMISES COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesday in the month at 7.00.pm

FINANCE & GENERAL PREMISES COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday in the month at 7.30.pm

FULL COUNCIL

4th Tuesday in the month at 7.00.pm

All Council meetings take place in the Council Chambers, Town Hall. [Up the steps by the telephone kiosk, disabled access from the Pannier Market].

Please check the notice board on the corner of Fore Street and New Road for the latest agendas.

Town Council Office

The Town Council Office is situated in the Town Hall Foyer and is currently open from:-

Monday to Friday
9.00.am to 2.00.pm

The Town Clerk is Mrs Lynda Small
Phone Number 01579 384039
[24hr answer machine, clear messages will receive a prompt response]
Fax. 01579 389178
E-mail. townclerkcal@freeuk.com
The Town Clerk's Assistant is Jo Taylor

In the Town Hall Foyer are many information leaflets available to anyone. You can obtain the 'Resident's Handbook'

-this has a town map, contact details of all the groups and societies in Callington, details of local businesses, as well as other useful information.

Town hall events are displayed in the entrance hall porch and details of all Council meetings are displayed on the board at the corner of New Road and Fore Street. There is also a public notice board on the end of the hall for events and notices of interest to residents. This may be used for one-off events for businesses but is not for general advertising.

The Town Web Site

The Town Council provides the town's web site. Previously under the management of Mrs Linda Terett it is now managed by the Town Clerk and is currently undergoing a redesign. Being managed from the office means that it is much quicker for us to update the information and apart from the minutes you will now find details of planning applications on site. As well as being up

www.callington.uk.net

to date the historic aspect is also being changed with interesting photographs of what Callington used to be like being included. If you have a local business, don't forget you can have a FREE entry, whether you are 'connected' or not just submit details of what you would like on the site to the Town Council office. If there is anything else you would like to see on the site, just let us know.

The Town Hall

The Town Hall may be hired at reasonable rates. Apart from the main hall there is the Council Chamber and the Committee Room which is suitable for small groups of people. Either of these rooms are ideal for business meetings, brainstorming sessions or training. Overhead projectors, screens, flipchart, refreshments, etc. are available. There is disabled access and a hearing loop in the Council Chamber & main hall. The kitchen and bar facilities are also available. Video conferencing will soon be offered. For rates and bookings please contact the Town Clerk's Office 01579 384039 Please leave a message on the answer machine if we are not available.

The Callington News

The Town Council pays for all the printing and distribution costs of the *Callington News*. A new enlarged *News* continues to be under the editorship of Mrs Kitty Spencer-Benge. Any items for inclusion can be left at the Town Council office, where they are regularly collected, or may be e-mailed to Kitty at kitty@tamarmusic.com. Advertising is managed by the Town Council, please contact us about prices and artwork.

The closing date for copy is around the 20th of the month with publication at the end of the same month.