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## PORTREEVE'S REPORT

Over the last year the Town Council has taken into account the feed back from you that went into the Callington Town Plan. We have prioritised the actions into short, medium and long term actions. Obviously finance and time scale always play a large part in what can be provided and achieved for the town.

The Council continues our support of the PCSO [Police Community Support Officer] and it was good to receive the information that we are to have another officer in the area later this year, [sharing him/her with Gunnislake]. From 2007 PCSOs will be government funded and this will mean funds currently being used for this purpose can be redirected to meet another need. With regards to police presence in the area, we are continually writing to Middlemore for answers to our lack of policing in the area. However, we must not forget there are towns with far greater problems.

Due to the hard work of the Town Forum and Clerk, who obtained grants for the purchase of sound & visual equipment, the free afternoon children's film show is proving popular. The Forum also acquired grants for the skateboard park at Saltash Road and with the help of our work force we managed to keep within the budget. Pedestrianisation, more shops and a one-way system were just a few

topics to be discussed from the plan. County Council are at

present carrying out a 'traffic management' survey for us as the initial essential stage in this process. Unfortunately we are unable to create new shops but endeavour to keep the ones we have.

We are aware of the needs of our younger generation wanting to settle in the town and know that we need dwellings that are truly affordable. However we will fight all the way to try to prevent housing developments that are not in keeping with the area or are on green land.

The Town Clerk on behalf of the council was successful in securing a 'Heritage Grant' for the Cemetery Chapel which is home to our Museum, run by a band of very loyal volunteers. An archivist has also been employed to update the records and new display equipment is on order. I am sure you will hear of this in the *Callington News*.

We still have mindless vandalism around the town, especially during the school holidays, therefore as we see the flowers appear around the town, and new equipment in the parks, can I ask everyone to be vigilant. We are lucky to have such a good work force that can repair/replace these items which are damaged.

Denise Winfindale  
Portreeve & Mayor 2005-2006

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## Outside Services Committee

It has become apparent on a recent inspection of the parks that we will have to renew some of the equipment in these parks as they are now coming to the end of their life span, unfortunately this has happened to nearly all the equipment at the same time. This causes considerable problems with finances as to completely renew a play area such as Saltash Road or Launceston Park can cost at least £150,000. Obviously we have to prioritise the areas and develop a policy that will appeal to funding providers. We feel that the Launceston Road park is under-used at present, especially bearing in mind the increase in population in this area and to the north in Kelly Bray. We are looking at the regeneration of this area but without losing its natural beauty. A long-term phased plan will be required which will mean consultation with everyone. The park would make an ideal community ground for young and old alike, so please respond to the questionnaire at the back of this report, the more

input we have from the community the greater chance we have of obtaining grants.

We have also sent round a questionnaire regarding the smaller Lamorna play area and we hope that residents will let us have their ideas on the facility needed.

With the help of a local firm, the town clerk and workmen were able to comply with the Health & Safety requirements for making headstones in the cemetery safe [without causing damage]. This has been a mammoth task and of course will be continually monitored. Another inspection is due this summer and we hope we won't have to put up too many yellow warning signs this time. Again I am going to praise the clerk for obtaining the £49k grant for the refurbishment of the chapel and as the external work is now completed we are just waiting for the doors and the internal upgrade of the museum.

The 'good life' has finally come to Callington/Kelly Bray as the allotments have become more

popular. We have to ensure that all plots are being cultivated as we have a waiting list for the them.

With the laws changing continually with regard to Health and Safety we are regularly monitoring the effects of these changes. Some regulations appear inappropriate as they now affect how a child plays. This can limit the child's need to learn about balancing, climbing and satisfying the quest for adventure.

By the time you read this you should see the town 'in bloom' with the generosity of local business and organisations. A note to those who think it's great to turn them over - beware we are watching! The grass cutting is keeping our work force rather busy over the next few months and we do try to keep areas in good condition, but we do have a list of work as long as your arm [as the saying goes], so please bear with us.

*Denise Winfindale*

*Chair of Outside Services*

### 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

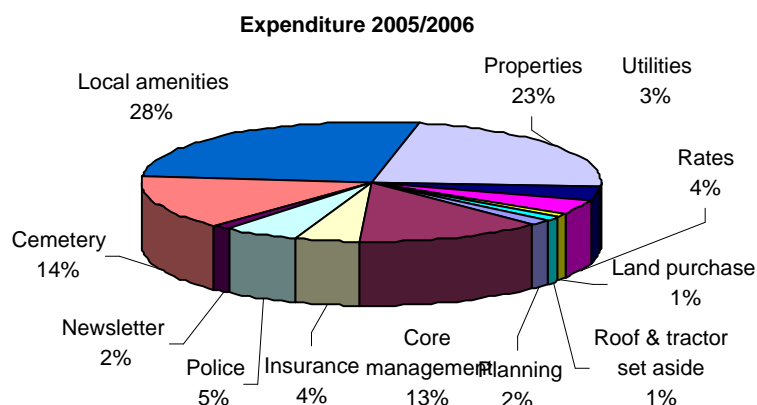
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**Highways & transportation, roadside signage, schools & adult education, youth service, fire service, emergency planning, libraries, joblink, social services, economic development & tourism, animal health, registration service, trading standards,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

## Where the Money Goes

This year, due to a change in the organisation of our finances, you may find them a little confusing, if you compare the end of year accounts with the sheet you received with your rate demand. Earlier this year the Council decided to change the allocation of salaries to better reflect the use of staff time. Up until now all the office salaries have been lumped under Administration, whereas in reality the office spend a great deal of their time administering all the outside services as well as the Town Hall complex and to a lesser extent the planning applications. Office salaries will now be split between all the Committees. This change was shown in the sheet accompanying your rates demand so that a comparison of the two years can be made. However, the end of year accounts are still in the old format and show a higher administration cost.

The Council has a reserve of just under £200,000 and you may ask why is this not being used to keep the rates down. Some money did come from the reserves last year and more will come from them this year to keep the increase in rates down and the following year, but after this the reserves are earmarked for specific items and cannot be used for everyday running costs. We have been informed that the Pannier Market roof has a life expectancy of just under 20 years and at present day prices would cost around £100,000 to



replace, so an amount has been ring-fenced for this with additional amounts being set aside each year. Another item we have to have set-aside for is a new tractor.

Our accounts this year have been further confused by grants. We paid out for some of the skate park in the last financial year but most of the grants were received this year. We have received half the Heritage Lottery Grant this year, but most of the expenses will be in next year.

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 but please bear in mind the above comments.

*Lynda Small*

## Schedule of Council Meetings

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

1st & 3rd Tuesday in the month at 6.30.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

## Council Staff

TOWN CLERK Lynda Small, Works 34 hrs a week, 20 hours in office.

ASSISTANT TO TOWN CLERK Jo Taylor, work 20 hours a week in office.

TOWN HALL CARETAKER Brian Gilbert. Full time, very variable hours!

SENIOR GROUNDSMAN Roger Denley.

GROUNDSMAN. Steve Skinner & David Patrick

Ground staff work flexible hours but usually 7.30 - 15.30 hrs, with weekend shifts for cleaning.

**Most 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.**

## The Planning Committee

2005/6 has been a tough year for planning in and around Callington.

Since we have been told that we are no longer going to get the 1000 new homes in the valley around the Health Centre due to the change in the County structure plan, we have been inundated with plans for new small estates in every area EXCEPT the one originally allocated.

This has caused much consternation amongst the local residents and we as a council have to watch carefully where development is allowed.

It will be important for this council to continue to fight for low cost, affordable housing for local people. People who live and work in the town are

currently missing out on the new tranche of what the government describe as "affordable" or "social need" housing because they slip through the net of the scoring policy. That is an issue that we all must address in the future.

It has been encouraging to see new commercial constructions at the Granite Way estate and, with the new jobs that this will bring, it is further testimony to the employment potential within our town.

The Planning Committee and the Town Council look forward to continuing to work for the best interests of the people of our great town.

*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

are Kath Pascoe, Chris Thomas & Tony Nettle. [See *contact details above or below*].

Your County Councillor

Is Tony Nettle, 86 Liskeard Rd, Callington PL17 7EZ ☎ 382217 E-Mail [tnettle@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:tnettle@cornwall.gov.uk)

## 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 ☎ 01579 384039  
[24hr answer machine, clear messages will receive a response]

Fax. 01579 389178 E-mail. [clerk@callington.uk.net](mailto:clerk@callington.uk.net)

## Finance & General Purposes Committee

The Finance & General Purposes Committee, which meets at 7pm in The Council Chambers on the third Tuesday of every month, deals with the administration and financial running of the Council.

Any other business which is not directly addressed by the Planning, Town Hall or Outside Services committees would also pass to us for attention.

The Finance Committee monitors the budget of each committee and oversees the setting, in November, of the Town Council's precept to

Caradon for the forthcoming year.

As part of its 'General Purposes' duties the Committee deals with many and varied tasks; the promotion of the Town through its recently updated web site, the printing and publication of several new information leaflets which will be hitting the shelves of Tourist Information offices throughout the area as you read this; the provision of *The Callington News*; the day to day running of the Town Clerk's office from paper clips to photocopiers; the liaison with the Police and Police Community

Support Officer; Emergency planning; Human Resources; Health & Safety both for public and employees and so on.

It is a Committee that I have been proud to Chair, our staff and my colleagues have worked hard and being a non-political Council members express their view freely and openly, I trust that we have served you all in the fair provision of good services at reasonable expense.

*Jeremy Gist*  
*Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee*

## The Callington Web Site

Although paid for by the Town Council and designed and maintained by the Town Clerk the Callington web site is for everyone. It is there to inform, promote the town, promote local groups and organisations and promote local business. If you have not investigated it here is a summary of what is there:-

On the left you find nine links:

Home, News, Town Council, Heritage, Community, Visitors Page, Photo Gallery, Business Directory, Site Map.

Home. This link will always bring you back to the start page. At the bottom of this page you can see when the site was last updated, usually only a few days ago. There is also a link to our twinned towns and the Visitors page is translated into German and French.

News. Always go to this page next as we immediately put up any major news items on this page.

Town Council. On this page are links to a variety of pages. Contact details for the Town Clerk are on and contact details with photographs of all Councillors. All planning applications received are placed on the web site along with meeting dates and minutes [unconfirmed] are up within a few days of meetings. There are details of the Town Hall and hire facilities, copies of publications [including this one, and the *Callington News*]. The Town Plan is also there and details of Film Shows.

The Heritage page, features details of the Museum and its exhibitions, as well as providing information on the Callington Railway and Mining. There are dozens of pictures from the Museum of what the town looked like around 1900 as well as pictures of earlier residents. If you are interested in Family or House History you can find out what resources are at the Museum. Want to know about Callington in Australia? Or what is a Portreeve? - the answer is on these pages.

The Community page is for the groups and organisations in the town – find out how many activities there are you can take part in. Several groups have a free page on the web site so that they can provide more details, just check the links.

The Visitors page [which is also available in French and German] is not just for visitors, residents can also find good ideas for activities and days out. The Photo Gallery gives a graphic sample of the beauty of our town and surrounding area.

Business. Want to find a local plumber, baker, garage, etc. They are all here, you will be surprised at the diversity of local business. Local businesses may also have a free page to promote their business.

For your Free page contact the Town Clerk. If the details on the web pages need updating please let the Office know.

[www.callington.uk.net](http://www.callington.uk.net)

## Town Hall & Premises Committee

### Town Hall

I am pleased to report that we have seen an increase in the number of groups and organisations using the Town Hall facilities. This has highlighted the need for changes to be considered for the benefit of all groups and individuals using and accessing the premises, in particular those with disabilities. Obviously this committee will continue to discuss with outside bodies those considered most beneficial to our achieving the necessary changes with some initial discussions having already taken place.

Most recently the booking system moved from a manual system to a computerised system which we believe will make our hiring and billing systems more efficient. The good news for local organisations and commercial users is that for this coming year there is no intention to increase hire charges and so will remain at very competitive rates during 2006.

Thanks to our links with the Callington Town Forum and their successful grant application for film, television and projection equipment, we have secured the loan and use of that equipment for an ongoing period of time but will be reviewed periodically.

Regular users of the complex will also have noticed some other positive changes and additions. Additional appliances have been

purchased to enable dual usage of the kitchen and bar areas, enabling different groups to have independent access when and where necessary for their particular event. The Council Chamber has had the ceiling re-artexed and been redecorated. Most recently a new carpet has been fitted throughout the chamber and foyer. It should be pointed out that much of the expense for this was financed as a result of an insurance claim made due to a radiator exploding, this kept public expenditure to a minimum.

The central heating system has undergone some necessary repair work caused in part due to the age of the system and related general wear and tear. A current estimate for the renewal of the system if needed in the near future was put at approximately £15k - £20K. It has to be stated that this figure may have to be spent in the not too distant future.

There is an ongoing commitment to looking objectively at and improving the facilities offered for the benefit of the community as a whole.

### Pannier Market

During the year a survey was commissioned to inspect all roof structures, enabling this committee to make recommendation to full council for any remedial

work that was considered necessary. The survey revealed that urgent action was necessary to eradicate woodworm infestation in the roof voids, flat roof areas were in need of repair, as was the public conveniences roof and fascia boards. Action has been taken to address the problems.

The pannier market drainage system has once again been the subject of some concern and expenditure. The coming year will require the replacement of guttering, fascia boards and down-pipes for units within the Pannier Market.

As can be identified in this year's report to you there is a lot that does go on behind the scenes discussions take place, meetings take place with outside bodies and individuals, resulting in, we hope, a preservation and improvement in the services provided to the community for the community. We are committed to ongoing reviews of the facilities and services we provide for all sectors. 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. If you feel that you have a positive idea you would like to draw to our attention, then do please feel free to do so.

*Roger Ellard  
Chairman Town Hall & Premises Committee*



## The Callington News

The Town Council edits and pays for all the printing and distribution costs of the *Callington News*. Space is limited for both copy and advertising. All copy should be sent to the Town Council office. The closing date for copy is around the middle of the month with publication at the end of the same month. Distribution is by Hilary Jakeman,

**Large print copies of the News and this Report are available. Please  
phone 384039**

## Launceston Road / South Hill Road Recreation Field

[This is the field just beyond the allotments on the corner, next to the Fire Station]

Please help us to develop a plan for this Recreation Field so that it meets the needs of the community. We are aware that with increasing development near Kelly Bray this field has to serve the needs of many new residents. The Field is a registered Village Green; the Council can therefore enhance the recreational use of the field. However whilst doing this we wish to retain the football pitch and the unique qualities of the field.

1. Do you live north of Tavistock Road/Fore Street/ Liskeard Road or to the South of them?

1    South    1    North

UP TO FOUR PEOPLE IN EACH HOUSEHOLD CAN GIVE ANSWERS, WE WOULD LIKE RESPONSES FROM EVERYONE FROM 5 TO 105 YEARS!

2. What age group are you in? [Please tick box]

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
5-9 years				
10-14 yrs				
15-20yrs				
21-50yrs				
50+ yrs				
Parent with under 5yrs				

3. As an average, how often do you use the Field?

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Never				
2-3 times a year				
Monthly				
Weekly				
Several times a week				

4. If you use the field less than weekly, why is this?

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Didn't know it was there				
Dull, nothing to do there				
Too far to walk				
Too dangerous to cross the road				
No car parking				
Prefer Saltash Rd Rec. Field				

PTO

5. If you prefer to go to Saltash Road, please give two reasons why.

- 1.
- 2.

6. What features do you think would enhance the field?

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
Better toddler play equipment				
Better junior play equipment				
More challenging equipment for teenagers				
Better disabled access				
Play equipment for the disabled				
A youth shelter				
A fitness/assault course				
A family barbeque area				
More picnic benches and seating				
A BMX track				
A covered stage area for occasional summer concerts				
Some car parking				
Better drainage				
A levelled-off football pitch				

7. Is there anything else you would like to see provided?

If you have any further comments please make them here.

Thank you for your assistance. Please bear in mind that not all these suggestions would fit on the field and that everything is dependant upon obtaining grant funding — this takes time.

PLEASE CUT/TEAR OUT THIS PAGE AND DELIVER IT TO THE TOWN HALL, NEW ROAD, OR KIVELLS IN FORE STREET.

IF YOU WANT TO DO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE ON-LINE, GO TO

[www.callington.uk.net/Questionnaire](http://www.callington.uk.net/Questionnaire)