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PORTREEVE'S REPORT

Well, it does not seem more than a couple of months ago that I was beginning my twelve months as Portreeve and Town Mayor. The last year has gone so quickly and we are now entering a new year, with a new Portreeve and Deputy.

It has been a great honour and privilege to serve as Portreeve for this amazing town. The last 12 months have seen many changes and challenges which have tested the best of us, but the Town has come through them all and we can now look forward to new experience in the future.

I would like to thank our Clerk, Lynda, her assistant Jo, and all the staff who have worked so hard during the year for you, the people of Callington.

It is also a sad time as we say goodbye to three councillors who have left after the elections. Jamie Dowdall and John McCara may have been with us for a short time, but their efforts both on the committees and at full meetings have been greatly appreciated. The third councillor who has retired is Kath Pascoe. Kath has been with the Town Council for many years and has become an integral part of the council's life and she will be truly missed. We wish all three good health and success with whatever they may undertake.

Following the elections earlier this

month, we welcome three new members who join the council for the first time. Maria and Alf Coakley, and Heather Jones were all elected to the council, along with nine outgoing members and we wish them well in the future.

As Portreeve, I have had many challenges during the year. The problems with planning at The Village Collection, Station Road and Redmoor Road, the Cemetery Chapel fire, and many more have tested all of us. It is also clear that some of these, and other issues, still remain to be resolved and I hope that the council can agree on a way forward and have all of us working towards the collective goal.

So, in conclusion, thank you One And All for your support over the last year, and I look forward to working with the new Portreeve and Deputy in the months to come.

*Andrew Long
Portreeve & Mayor 2006-2007*

Portreeve & Mayor for 2007-2008

Your new Portreeve for the forthcoming year is Councillor Denise Winfindale. The Deputy Portreeve is Councillor Rick Lumley.

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Outside Services Committee

This year has been an extremely busy year for the Outside Services Committee and one not without its difficulties.

First I would like to thank all the wonderful people around the town who have sponsored our flower displays, we know how important these are to everyone and they help 'lift' peoples perception of the town. I know some of you shudder when you see me approaching but it is so important to the town that I do not apologise for pestering you, but I do sincerely thank all those who respond.

Then, just as we were getting into summer, our senior groundsman, Roger Denley went into hospital for an operation and did not come back until January. Steve and David worked well without him and continued all the routine maintenance.

The project for the restoration of the cemetery chapel and the Museum [now called the Heritage Centre] culminated in the reopening in July. A lot of work was done to the exterior of the building and the interior was also completely redesigned. This £55,000 project had been almost completely funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Following lots of consultation the small play area in Lamorna Estate was refurbished. Residents helped to choose the play equipment and then we waited for the results of grant applications. The total costs came to over £15,000 most of which was grant money plus a lot of time and labour from our workforce to remove the old equipment and prepare all the surfaces for the new. The area, with its new equipment was opened in February and has proved popular with the children in the area.

On March 4th we had a serious setback when the chapel roof went up in flames. Council staff and the fire brigade were wonderful and got everything out of the building, but it was quite a shock to everyone involved. Fortunately most of the work done with the Heritage Lottery Grant was not affected but it added enormously to the work load. Both the Town Band and the Museum had contents insurance and the Town Council had the building insured. Work to reinstate the building is currently underway and project management of this is now part of the daily schedule. It now looks as if it will not be until late summer before we are back in the building.

At the same time as this happened we were progressing with the plans to refurbishment Launceston Road Recreation Park. The survey we conducted in last years Annual Report confirmed our belief that this field was considerably underused as it had little to attract families. Again, after various consultations plans were drawn up, mainly by the young people themselves, fund raising began. The entire project, which we are doing in phases cost about £150,000 and the Clerk has been busy sending in grant applications. The first two phases, the toddler/junior equipment and the teens equipment are now being installed after the workmen have spent several months levelling and preparing the sites, making a disabled access and constructing metres and metres of paths. Once these phases are open work will continue to get funding for a hard surfaced ball games area, an assault/fitness course and then more benches and a picnic area.

Unfortunately Roger Denley may have to go back into hospital and though everyone wishes him well, the pressure will be placed on the O.S. staff once again. As all of you know these next few months are the busiest with the grass cutting etc, so I ask everyone to be patient and bear with us during this difficult time.

Again I ask the public to be vigilant around the town when the flowers are placed out and in the parks as the minority still cause us problems with their mindless vandalism.

We will obviously keep you informed of developments through the news letter and may I end by thanking all the staff for their efforts and support.

*Denise Winfindale
Chair of Outside Services*



This 6 metre high climbing tower & meeting place was chosen by the young people themselves and will soon be erected at Launceston Road park. The children have chosen all the new equipment.

Where the Money Comes From

Last year I explained to you how the money was spent, so this year I thought I would concentrate on where the money comes from.

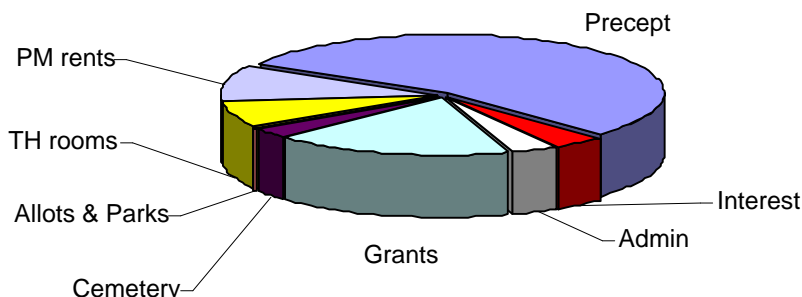
Our income that comes from the rates you pay is known as the 'precept' which is paid to us by Caradon in two installments. As you can see from the summary below, this is less than half of the income.

The interest of nearly £10,000 comes from interest on a mortgage, bank accounts and our investments which are all earmarked for specific purposes.

Administration income is made up of small amounts and a large cheque we are holding for the Callington Youth Action group. Open Spaces income includes allotment rents, all burial and memorial fees, hire of the recreation grounds and over £45,000 in grants and sponsorship. This year there has been a great deal spent on the chapel but this has been balanced by grants. With the chapel fire this will occur again with the insurance balancing the figure.

The Town Hall & Premises income is made up of two main components, the town hall room hire fees and the

Town Council income 2006-2007



rents on the Pannier Market properties. The Town Hall does not cover its expenses, although income has been steadily increasing. It is and always has been subsidised by the Pannier Market.

As you will be aware, in order to provide the facilities we think this town deserves, seeking grant funding has become an integral part of Council work.

In this financial year we have received £45,000 in grant money and we have a further £105,000 promised to us to draw down in 2007-2008. We have one grant application for the town hall for £250,000 to complete and we have just submitted a grant for town centre regeneration that could eventually amount to over one million pounds if we are successful. Therefore the average of £1 a week you pay to the Town Council for your rates, not only provides extra services for the town but actually helps to draw more money into the town for the benefit of everyone.

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

Donations

Each year the Council allocates a small amount of money to assist local groups and charities that are for the benefit of the community. The following groups received donations in the last financial year.

- Callington Rainbows, £100
- Victim Support, £100
- Kit Hill Interpretation Board, £50
- Gala Day, £200
- New Outlook, £150
- Cornwall Playing Fields Assoc., £50
- Scratch Orchestra, £100
- Autumn Show, £250
- Callington Guides, £100
- Macmillan Cancer, £50
- Christmas presents, £469
- British Legion Wreath, £35
- Children Hospice, £385
- Macmillan Cancer, £385
- Cornwall Air Ambulance, £638
- Lions, £135
- CAB donation, £500
- Colts donation, £300
- Total £3,999.06**

Donations are considered at the FGP meeting and a letter of application and a copy of the last years accounts is required. Not all appeals are successful and the budget for the year cannot be exceeded.

Income Summary

PRECEPT	£137,506
INTEREST	£9,870

Operating Income

ADMINISTRATION	£9,400
OPEN SPACES	£54,661
TOWN HALL & PANNIER MARKET	£66,541
	277,977

Expenditure Summary

ADMINISTRATION	£54,695
OPEN SPACES	£164,572
TOWN HALL & PANNIER MARKET	£62,639
PLANNING	£3,870
	£285,776

General Fund Analysis

Balance as at 1st April 2007	£79,930
Plus : Income for Year	£277,977
	£357,907
Less : Expenditure for Year	£285,776
Closing Balance	£72,131

The Planning Committee

The last year has been another busy one for the Planning Committee. As well as dealing with day to day planning applications, the committee has had various presentations made to it and have discussed the general future of the town.

The Council's decision to press for a moratorium on the conversion of any more retail units into accommodation has been tested again but we have held firm on this for the long term future of the town.

The Committee have been active in their concerns over new development in Kelly Bray at the Station Road and Redmoor sites for

housing, given the nature of the previous mining and contamination and this has proven to be correct with the reports on both sites.

The coming year is going to be important for the Town with pressure being put for major development in and around our parish. It is going to be vitally important for the committee to take into account the long term future of the town and also the quality of life for the current residents when making decisions and recommendations.

*Andrew Long
Chair of Planning Committee*

Your Town Councillors



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Your District Councillors

are Andrew Long, Kath Pascoe and Chris Thomas. [For Andrew & Chris see details above]. Kath Pascoe, 1 Stoke Road, Kelly Bray PL17 8EL (382709)

Your County Councillor

is Tony Nettle, 86 Liskeard Rd, Callington PL17 7EZ (382217 E-Mail tnette@cornwall.gov.uk)

Finance & General Purposes Committee

The Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Town Council, meets at 7.30pm in The Council Chambers on the third Tuesday of every month and deals with the routine administration and financial running of the Council, in addition the Committee also handles any other matter which is not directly addressed by the other standing committees which current consist of Planning, Town Hall and Outside Services. The Committee therefore deals with a diverse range of subjects, which can range from Tourism Publications to Security and Emergency Planning. The main underlying function of the Finance Committee is to monitor the budget of each committee, to consider the

impact of major schemes and grant applications prior to overseeing the setting, in November, of the Town Council's precept to Caradon for the forthcoming year. As I have already mentioned the 'General Purposes' portion of the Committees remit does mean that we handle many varied tasks; and I have been most grateful for the hard work, long hours and support that I have enjoyed from both my colleagues and all our staff. The past year has been one of the busiest that I can recall and there are far too many items to list in this short report however the positive promotion of our Town through the many mediums such as our web site information leaflets, press releases and the provision of the *Callington News*: the

liaison with the Fire Brigade, Police and Police Community Support Officers; Emergency planning; Human Resources; Health & Safety; and of course Insurance and the Chapel fire are just some examples of such tasks.

It is a Committee that I have been proud to Chair and in addition to the daily and mundane routine there is currently Local Government reorganization, outstanding grant applications, chapel rebuilding, town centre regeneration and feasibility schemes on going, we are therefore looking forward to a busy year ahead and who know what will be next on that monthly agenda.

*Jeremy Gist, Chairman FGP
Committee.*

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 7.00 -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.

Town Hall & Premises Committee

Town Hall Complex

I am pleased to report that changes referred to last year, highlighting the need to make changes to the current building in an effort to accommodate all of the groups and individuals using and accessing the premises. In particular those with disabilities has continued to be a priority. To the extent that we have applied for a £250K grant application to assist us with these alterations. We have been successful in gaining an advance of £18K and which has now been allocated to enable us to carry out the Stage 1 plans and priorities. A planning application for the alteration work has already been submitted to Caradon District

Council for acceptance and we are already a long way to completing the Stage 2 part of the application. A plan we know that can be delivered.

Plans for the alterations can be viewed within the Town Hall during normal office hours.

During the last year this committee has continued running a free monthly film show on Saturday afternoons for the younger children. These will be reintroduced later in the year to run throughout the autumn and winter months.

Pannier Market

The pannier market drainage system was the subject of some concern, and after years of wrangling with

South West Water over the problems of drainage within the Pannier Market it has now been clarified, that it is indeed SWW who are responsible for their upkeep and repair. With this in mind, I am pleased to report that as a result of constructive negotiations with SWW we have recently received a sum of £18K in recompense for the repairs unnecessarily carried out by ourselves

With this committee there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes that perhaps does go unnoticed but nevertheless its work is aimed at the benefit of the community as a whole.

If you feel that you have a positive idea you would like to draw to our attention to then please do so.

Cllr. Roger Ellard Chairman TH & P Committee

Town Hall Facilities

There are three main rooms available for hire:

Town Hall, suitable for many functions, there is a stage and a hatch giving access to the kitchen and bar.

Council Chamber, this carpeted room is suitable for functions of up to 40 people and is ideal for training sessions or business meetings. Various seating arrangements are available.

Committee Room, a small room ideal for meetings or training sessions for up to

twelve people.

There is a kitchen and a bar

available. We have broadband available in two rooms and the hall has a large twelve foot screen for the projection of TV, videos, DVD's, computer presentations etc. There is a full audio system including a wireless microphone. We also have flipcharts, overhead projectors and other equipment, most of this is available free of charge with the bookings.



There is disabled access and a hearing loop. So why not consider the Town Hall for: -

- ◆ Adult parties
- ◆ Business meetings
- ◆ Children's parties
- ◆ Committee meetings
- ◆ Film Shows
- ◆ Seminars
- ◆ Talks
- ◆ Training sessions
- ◆ Working lunches

Phone 384039 to make bookings or e-mail clerk@callington.uk.net

The Callington Web Site

Have you explored the town web site? Try clicking on the links to the left of the page.

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 on the web site.

The **Heritage** page, features details of the Heritage Centre and the current situation and now has a publications page where you can buy publications or make donations. There are dozens of pictures from the Museum of what the town looked like around 1900 as well as

pictures of earlier residents. 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

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.

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**

Caradon Kerbside Recycling

Items that CAN be placed in the blue sacks:

- Newspapers and magazines
- Catalogues and brochures
- Junk mail and greeting cards
- Phone directories

Items that CAN NOT be placed in the blues sacks:

- Wrapping paper and wall paper
- Plastic sleeves and wrapping
- Cardboard food packets and sleeves
- Brown envelopes

Items that CAN be placed in the clear sacks:

- Food and drink cans (please wash)
- Aerosol cans (completely empty)
- Plastic bottles
- Brown envelopes

Items that CAN NOT be placed in the clear sacks:

- Paint tins
- Plastic pots, trays and bottle tops
- Plastic packets (crisps)
- Plastic bags, film and wrapping
- Polystyrene chips or blocks

Items that CAN be placed in the red sacks:

- Clothes, shoes and accessories
- Household linen and drapery

Items that CAN NOT be put in the red sacks:

- Torn and dirty clothing and odd shoes
- Rags and damp items

You are also able to recycle the following:

CARDBOARD: Please flatten boxes or bundle them.

- Cardboard boxes
- Cereal packets and egg boxes
- Cardboard food packets and sleeves
- Brown envelopes

NO milk or juice cartons, polythene or plastic wrapping, polystyrene or blocks.

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS: Please put them in plastic carrier bag - not a cardboard box.

- Glass bottles and jars
- NO broken glass, sheet glass, mirrors, pyrex, china, drinking glasses, spectacles or light bulbs.

REMEMBER if you don't SQUASH! Plastic, cans, cardboard, etc. It is YOU the ratepayer who is paying for vans to transport a load of air!

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. clerk@callington.uk.net

The Town Clerk's Assistant is Jo Taylor