



Helston Town Council

ANNUAL REPORT 2004/05

June 2005

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for taking the time to read Helston Town Council's Annual Report.

This busy municipal year has seen the arrival of a new Helston Town Councillor. Terrey Clare was co-opted onto the Council in May 2004 following the resignation of Councillor Adrian Lewis a few weeks earlier. Another new face is that of Chris Dawson who was appointed Town Clerk with effect from 1st June 2004, taking over from the Acting Town Clerk Brian Gooding.

In December the Council formally adopted two new bus shelters at the Community Hospital. The shelters were funded by a grant obtained by Cornwall County Council. February saw two other grants secured. Firstly, £6,000 was awarded from the Rural Key Fund to establish a business forum within the town boundary and, secondly £1,150 was obtained from the Liveability Fund to finance a Town Council notice board and public seat in the Trengrouse Amenity Garden. Both items are currently on order and should be installed by the summer. Kerrier District Council continues to develop exciting plans for the regeneration of Coronation Park, the former cattle market and Penrose Amenity Area with further consultations due in the near future.

In November last, I felt most fortunate to be Mayor for the conferment of four new Freemen of Helston – the first such ceremony in ten years. The four worthy recipients were Leslie Collins, Councillor Donald Eddy, Mrs Brenda Edwards and Martin Matthews.

Earlier in the year, in order to make the Guildhall more accessible for those less mobile, a stair lift was installed. However, at the request of a member of the community, the Town Council would willingly hold a meeting on the ground floor in the Corn Exchange.

Throughout the year my fellow Councillors and I have continued our links with many local organisations working together for the well-being of our town and community.

This brief report of 2004/05 would not be complete without a special mention for one of my Sergeants-at-Mace Paul Cooke who received a plaque from the Chairman of Kerrier District Council for his act of bravery in fighting a fire at his neighbour's house. Well done.

Councillor Paul Phillips

Town Mayor

THE COUNCIL

Meetings of the Full Council are held on the third Thursday of every month (except August) and are open to the public. Time is set aside at these meetings for the public to ask questions or to make their personal views known. A representative of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary is usually present to report on crime statistics and to discuss issues as they arise.

Attendance

14 Full Council meetings were held during the municipal year
(Including August, January Precept setting and additional March meetings)

Councillor	Present	%	Absent	Absent without an apology*
P Phillips (Town Mayor)	14	100	-	-
D.J. Eddy	13	93	1	-
R. Williams	14	100	-	-
J.H.M. Keay	5	36	9	2
Mrs S.M.E. Swift	14	100	-	-
N.C. Martin	12	86	2	-
R.J.L. Boase	14	100	-	-
G.F. Dyer	5	36	9	5
N.J.C. Devenish	13	93	1	-
K Reynolds	12	86	2	-
Mrs V.J. Matthew	13	93	1	-
T.J. Clare	5	36	9	2

* The number of meetings that a Councillor was absent without tendering an apology prior to the meeting.

During the year the Town Council gave financial support to the following organisations:-

Kerrier SPLASH	Kerrier and District Citizens Advice Bureau
Cornwall Deaf Association	Ramblers
Truro Hospital Radio	Helston Christmas Lights Committee
Helston and Kerrier Music Society	1 st Helston Scout Group
Cornwall Fire Brigade Phoenix Project	Helston Town Marshals
Cruse Bereavement Care	Helston Mini and Junior Rugby
Shelter	Swallows of Helston
Victim Support Cornwall	WRVS

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Planning Committee, consisting of six Members, meets on the first and third Thursday of every month (except the third Thursday in August) and has delegated authority to consider all planning applications and to make recommendations to the District Planning Authority.

In December a new approach was adopted to consider planning applications. Applications are now categorised into those that are non-contentious (Category I) and those that require more in-depth consideration (Category II). Each Category II application is allocated to a committee member who visits the site and talks to neighbours to establish a balanced view and to make a presentation and recommendation at the Planning Committee meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and again have the opportunity to express their opinions to the Members.

From December 2004 to April 2005, 14 Category I planning applications were considered and 56 Category II. Prior to this from May 2004, 98 applications were considered by the Full Council.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES 2004/05

May	Mayor Choosing Ceremony Beating of the Bounds Flora Day
June	Civic Sunday RNAS Culdrose Freedom Parade
July	Helston in Bloom Competition
September	RAFA Battle of Britain Service
November	Conferment of four new Freemen of Helston Ceremony Remembrance Sunday
December	Christmas Light Switch-on

Throughout the year the Mayor and Mayoress have attended various events as invited.

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COUNCIL OFFICERS

Town Clerk	Mr Chris Dawson
Administrative Assistants	Mrs Jenni Mole Miss Pamela Lavelle
Senior Caretaker	Mrs Jean Johns
Assistant Caretaker	Mrs Sam Goss
Street Stall Superintendent	Mr Steve C.C. Mole
Town Beadle	Mr Jim Moran
Sergeants-at-Mace	Mr Fred G. Angove Mr Paul J. Cooke
Flag Flyer	Mr Paul Upperton

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