



# Annual Report

2006/07



June 2007

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Helston Town Council's third Annual Report.

The municipal year began with my fellow Councillors electing me as Town Mayor, a position that I was privileged to hold previously from 1989 to 1991. I was absolutely delighted to accept the honour for a second time. The Mayoress, my wife Debbie, and I have been made welcome at a large number of civic ceremonies and functions across the Duchy.

Back in town, the Council decided that it needed someone out on the streets to ensure a safe and clean environment for both residents and visitors. After careful consideration the post of Town Warden was created with Glenn Manning commencing his duties last November. Glenn can easily be identified in his navy blue uniform sporting the Town Crest. Glenn works along side Kerrier District Council's Street Clean Team and the local police to encourage responsible behaviour and to keep the Town as clean, green and safe as possible. Anyone wishing to contact Glenn can do so through the Town Clerk's office in the Guildhall.

A new voluntary post created last year was that of Tree Warden. Martin Maylam kindly offered his expertise on any matters relating to trees including advice on some planning applications and tree planting schemes. In October Martin organised a successful seed gathering walk, donating the seeds to a local nursery to nurture into young trees. I am sure a similar event will be arranged this Autumn.

December saw the official opening of the Coronation Park extension. This was the culmination of a major investment to create a new play area, skate park and café on the former cattle market site. The old cattle market building is still standing and will be developed as part of Phase II along with improvements around the lake.

Kerrier District Council has itself moved into new premises having sold The Willows during 2006. The modern building is also the new home for the County Council's Registry Office. Over the last year there has been much talk of a Unitary Authority for Cornwall. Whatever decision is made, the Town Council will be looking to pull back some of the functions and duties it had in the Borough days. We believe we are in the best position to serve the Community of Helston. The May elections saw Freeman Donald Eddy stand down from the Town Council having served continuously since its inception in 1973. Two new Councillors were elected, Nicola Boase and David Swift. I am sure they will do all in their power to benefit our Town.

**Councillor Ronnie Williams**

**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.

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Planning Committee, consisting of six Members Chaired by Cllr Paul Phillips, 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. All Applications are 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 contacts neighbours to establish a balanced view and to make a presentation and recommendation at the Planning Committee meeting. If a near neighbour of the application site can not be contacted a letter is left giving the application details and how to contact the Committee member. The public are welcome to attend the meeting and again have the opportunity to express their opinions to the Members.

From June 2006 to May 2007, 47 Category I planning applications were considered and 80 Category II.

## **POLICY, FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

The Policy, Finances and Resources Committee, consisting of six Members Chaired by The Mayor, met on six occasions during the year to consider new policies, monitor the current budget and consider the draft budget 2007/08. This committee does not have delegated powers and thus makes recommendations to Full Council.

## **HARVEST FAIR COMMITTEE**

At the beginning of 2007, by mutual agreement with the existing Harvest Fair Committee, the Town Council assumed responsibility for organising the annual Harvest Fair activities. A new Town Council committee was formed consisting of six Town Councillors and six members of the community. The Committee, in turn, has created a number of sub-committees to organise specific events and involve more members of the public. The main Committee is Chaired by Cllr John Boase.

## **FINANCE**

Set out below is a summary of the Council's income and expenditure for the financial year 2006/07.

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Precept	121,460	General Administration	101,993
Agency Services	2,212	Agency Services	2,486
Interest on Investments	9,086	Grants	7,827
Harvest Fair	2,855	Capital Expenditure	4,877
Fees & Charges	22,753	Community Support	13,125
Reimbursements	1,663	Tourism	3,097
Other	199	Harvest Fair	1,234
		Town Heritage Initiative	10,000
		Property Running Costs	26,591
		Other	2,184
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	160,228		173,414

## Attendance May 2006 – May 2007

	Full Council		Policy, Finance And Resources Committee	Planning Committee	Harvest Fair Committee
		Absent and no apology received			
<b>Number of Meetings</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>
Cllr R Williams (Town Mayor)	12		6		2
Cllr D.J. Eddy	8		4	16	2
Cllr J.H.M. Keay	6				
Cllr Mrs S.M.E. Swift	12		5		
Cllr N.C. Martin	8		5		2
Cllr P Phillips	11			21	
Cllr R.J.L. Boase	12			20	3
Cllr G.F. Dyer	7				
Cllr N.J.C. Devenish	11		6	21	3
Cllr K. Reynolds	12		5	20	
Cllr Mrs V.J. Matthew	11			20	3
Cllr T.J. Clare *	2	5			

\* Cllr Clare was disqualified from being a Member of the Town Council from February 2007 for continuous non-attendance.

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

Activity Scheme Kerrier (ASK) 2006	Victim Support Cornwall
Helston & District Town Twinning Association	Kerrier District Citizens Advice Bureau
Epworth Hall Management Group	Helston & Kerrier Music Society
Helston Rugby Club	Helston School Jazz Orchestra
Cornwall Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre	Helston Bowling Club
Helston Christmas Lights Committee	Mustard Seed
First Air Ambulance Trust	Spectrum
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## **CURRENT TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES AS AT JUNE 2007**

<b>Executive Committee – C.A.L.C. and C.A.L.L.C.</b> .....	Cllr Mrs S.M.E. Swift
<b>Helston &amp; Kerrier Youth Club Management Committee</b> .....	Cllr N.J.C. Devenish
<b>Helston &amp; District Victim Support</b> .....	Cllrs P. Phillips & K. Reynolds
<b>Kerrier Citizens Advice Bureau</b> .....	Cllr Mrs S.M.E. Swift
<b>South Kerrier Alliance</b> .....	Cllr Mrs V.J. Matthew
<b>Kerrier District Council Cluster Meetings</b> .....	Cllr R Williams (Town Mayor) and Cllrs N.J.C. Devenish & D.C. Swift
<b>West Cornwall Healthwatch Committee</b> .....	Cllr P. Phillips
<b>West Cornwall C.C.T.V. Group</b> .....	Cllr R.J.L. Boase
<b>Keep Helston Tidy Group</b> .....	Cllr R Williams (Town Mayor), Cllrs N.C. Martin D.C. Swift & Mrs F.N.E. Boase
<b>Helston Townscape Heritage Initiative</b> .....	Cllr R Williams (Town Mayor)
<b>Swallows Gymnastics Club</b> .....	Cllr K. Reynolds
<b>Helston Business Forum</b> .....	Cllr P. Phillips
<b>Helston Welfare Trust</b> .....	Cllrs R. Williams, J.H.M. Keay & N.C. Martin
<b>St Johns Regeneration Group</b> .....	Cllr R.J.L. Boase
<b>Nansloe Junior &amp; Infant School Governor</b> .....	Cllr J.H.M. Keay
<b>St. Michael's V C C of E School Governor</b> .....	Cllr R.J.L. Boase

## SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES 2006/07

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

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

### **YOUR COUNCILLORS**

#### **Helston North Ward**

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R.J.L. Boase	01326 573200	rjlboase@helstontc.com
G.F. Dyer	07765 007939 (mobile)	gfdyer@helstontc.com
N.J.C. Devenish ( <i>Deputy Town Mayor</i> )	01326 561418	n.devenish@helstontc.com
Mrs V.J. Matthew	01326 574441	vickimathew@helstontc.com

#### **Helston East Ward**

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J.H.M. Keay	01326 561294	
P. Phillips	01326 573317	phillips@helstontc.com
K. Reynolds	01736 762344	reynolds@helstontc.com

#### **Helston West Ward**

Mrs F.N.E. Boase	01326 573200
D.C. Swift	01326 565120

### **COUNCIL OFFICERS**

<b>Town Clerk</b>	Mr Chris Dawson	<b>Street Stall Superintendent</b>	Mr Steve C.C. Mole
<b>Administrative Assistants</b>	Miss Pamela Lavelle Mr Leonard Phillips	<b>Town Beadle</b>	Mr Jim Moran
<b>Town Warden</b>	Mr Glenn Manning	<b>Sergeants-at-Mace</b>	Mr Fred G. Angove Mr Paul J. Cooke
<b>Senior Caretaker</b>	Mrs Jean Johns	<b>Flag Flyer</b>	Mr Paul Upperton
<b>Assistant Caretaker</b>	Mrs Sam Goss	<b>Tree Warden</b>	Mr Martin Maylam

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