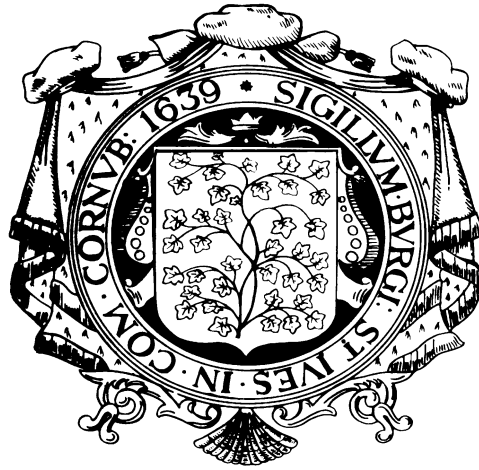


# St Ives Town Council

Annual Report 2010/2011



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## **Mayor's Introduction**

This report aims to give a brief overview of the work of St Ives Town Council during the year 2010/2011.

Since the last report, three vacancies on the town council have been filled following by-elections, and so we have been pleased to welcome Councillors Maxine Armstrong, Norman Laity and Suzanne Tanner to the council, bringing the number of councillors to the full complement of 16.

This has been my second consecutive year as Mayor, ably assisted throughout by my Consort and husband, Terry. My civic role has encompassed numerous events including the Mayor Choosing and Loving Cup Ceremony, through to the Feast celebrations, and has brought me to so many community events and organisations throughout the year that it has been wonderful to see so much happening across the parish.

This has been another year during which the council has been seeking to do more to serve the whole of the community. With the economic difficulties facing all sectors, it is likely that over coming months the town council will be asked to do more to ensure that services and facilities important to the town are maintained.

On a positive note, as we look forward to the summer, I am pleased to report that St Ives was presented with the 2011 award from Coast Magazine for the Best Seaside Holiday Destination for the second year running, and the 2010 British Travel Award for Best UK Seaside Town. In April it was announced that Tripadvisor had voted St Ives the sixth best beach destination in Europe and the number one beach destination in the UK.

Councillor Yvonne Watson  
Town Mayor

## **The Council**

The Council is made up of 16 Councillors representing the three wards of St Ives North, St Ives South and Lelant & Carbis Bay. The parish of St Ives includes the areas of Lelant, Carbis Bay, Halsetown and St Ives. The Town Mayor for the year 2010/2011 was Councillor Yvonne Watson and the Deputy Town Mayor was Councillor Joan Tanner.

Meetings of the Council and Committees are open to the public to attend (with the exception of the consideration of reports of a confidential nature) and there is provision for public speaking at the start of each meeting. Details of meetings, including dates, agendas and minutes are published on the Town Council's noticeboards and website.

## **Planning Committee**

Chairman – Councillor Yvonne Watson

The main responsibility of the Planning Committee is to submit observations on planning consultations to the planning authority, Cornwall Council. As a statutory consultee, Cornwall Council is duty bound to take the views of town and parish councils into account when determining planning applications. To date, 292 planning applications have been considered this year, a slight increase on the previous year and an average of 22 applications per planning committee meeting.

Whilst the majority of planning applications are determined by Cornwall Council under delegated powers, some are considered by the West Sub Area Planning Committee. For the majority of applications from the St Ives parish considered by the committee, a representative of the council attends to speak in support of the Town Council's comments.

## **Resources Committee**

Chairman – Councillor Andrew Mitchell

This Committee covers Finance, Staffing, Property, Communications and Devolution. The Committee recommends to Council the budget and precept level each year and oversees the audit process.

Communications continue to be developed, with the website [www.stivestowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.stivestowncouncil.co.uk) continuing to grow in content and in user visits to the site and the new noticeboard in Royal Square bringing information about the town council and its events to a wider audience. The installation of the new 'You are here' map at the railway station is expected to prove a significant source of information for those arriving at the town by train and was a joint project between the town council and the rail partnership.

The Resources Committee has been heavily involved in negotiations and plans regarding the future of a visitor information centre for the St Ives area, and the future use of the Guildhall and Concert Hall.

During the year staffing of the town council has increased, with the appointment of a seasonal Traffic Control Officer. This was a new post created using powers conferred by the Chief Constable to enable the TCO to direct traffic with the aim of improving the flow of traffic through the town in the busy summer months. Following positive feedback from the public the town council will be continuing with this post for 2011.

## **Environment Committee**

Chairman – Councillor Ron Tulley

This Committee covers Traffic, Parking, Waste / Recycling, St Ives in Bloom, Seagulls and Emergency Planning.

Early steps regarding traffic and parking included the groundwork for creating the Traffic Control Officer post and working with Cornwall Council to operate a tradesmen parking scheme with allocated spaces in Porthkidney Car Park, to enable them to work at homes and businesses more easily during the summer season. More recently the Committee have been working to inform the town council's responses to Cornwall Council's parking policy consultations.

Throughout 2010 the town council sought to reduce the seagull nuisance problem by carrying out an egg-pricking service for local householders. This policy has been reviewed in light of legal and financial considerations and so it is proposed instead for a more general deterrent in the form of flags along the harbour front. Signs to warn not to feed seagulls were placed at strategic locations around the town.

Having pioneered the Free For All event in 2009, two more have been held in the past year. The event is a win-win scheme where people can clear out unwanted items and others can pick them up for free – a format that is now being followed in other Cornish towns.

After years of calling on Cornwall Council to review the Beach Dog Control Orders for St Ives and Carbis Bay, it has been decided by Cornwall Council that there will be no changes to the Orders unless consulted upon and implemented by the local council. In view of this, the town council is looking into the potential to review the local Beach Dog Control Orders.

Work has commenced on a Community Emergency Plan which will help to establish effective means of local response in an emergency in the time before the emergency services arrive on the scene. The Community Emergency Plan will also be used in severe weather etc.

## **Community and Amenities Committee**

Chairman – Councillor Tim Andrewes

This Committee covers Allotments, Open Spaces, Footpaths, Community Support, and Grants.

The town council's first allotment site opened in August 2010, the result of the concerted efforts of town councillors, council staff and volunteers from the St Ives Allotments Asscoation. Located at Trowan, 46 plots were let in the first instance. The Allotments Association has been successful in getting a grant for equipment to help break in the soil for new plots and with the advent of spring there is plenty of work underway by the allotment plot holders. A borehole has been dug to provide an independent water supply and there is a small waiting list for plots. The St Ives Allotment Association, the town council and the National Trust are endeavouring to work together to make this a site to be proud of.

With regard to footpaths, the footpath maintenance work for the parish continues to be carried out by the town council. This council has submitted definitive footpath map applications for paths off Steeple Lane and at Dynamite Quay and is working with Coastline Housing on a potential path to link Joannies Avenue and Joannies Watch with the play area and further footpath network.

The Committee supported the co-ordination of various events in the lead up to Christmas, to encourage trade in the town and a sense of festive community spirit. Numerous people, businesses, organisations, schools and musicians took part to help make Christmas 2010 really special in St Ives, including the Christmas Lights Swith-on, Yo Ho Ho Parade and Jingle All the Way Parade.

The Committee has considered and made recommendations on the grant applications, with successful applications listed later in this report. The allocation of grants is made by the Council, taking into account the committee recommendation.

### **Other activities**

In addition to the work of the committees listed above, the Town Council as a whole have also been involved in the following.

- The first of the regular Open Forum meetings to be held at venues around the parish has been held in Carbis Bay. The next will be in Lelant on 1 June, to be followed by meetings in Penbeagle and Halsetown.
- Following the closure of the Day Centre, the town council has been supportive of the group of volunteers working to open a replacement facility.
- The Town Council is a statutory consultee for planning applications, street naming, and street trading licences.
- Supported the work of the St Ives Bay Youth Council.
- Organised the annual Fun Run from Lelant to St Ives with over 250 runners taking part last year, raising hundreds of pounds for charity
- Held the first St Piran's Day Parade to be held in St Ives
- Supported the continuation of May Day, St Ives in Bloom, and Good Friday boating at Consols.
- Organised the annual St Ives Gardens Competition to encourage and recognise those that contribute to the overall look of the area through their gardening skills
- Launched the St Ives Citizen of the Year Award
- Continued to liaise closely with the Police regarding their work throughout the parish and encouraging community links whenever possible.
- Agreed to the use of the St Nicholas Chapel on the Island for Wedding Blessings

## Traditions of the Town

The following ceremonies and traditions have continued to be observed by the Town Council:

- Mayor Choosing / Drinking from the Loving Cup
- Town Mayor Civic Sunday Service
- Mayors Buffett Tea
- Remembrance Sunday
- Christmas – provision of Christmas trees for St Ives, Halsetown, Carbis Bay and Lelant, and Mayors visits to hospitals and residential homes
- Lelant Feast
- St Ives Feast
- The Mayor's presentation of a plaque to those celebrating a Golden Wedding Anniversary

## Household Information

There are approximately 11,165 residents living within the geographic area of St Ives Town Council and of these, approximately 9,100 are registered electors. The Town Council's precept (collected via Cornwall Council) was set at £110,780, approximately £21.20 per Band D property.

## Financial Information

Set out below is a summary of the Council's payments and receipts for the financial year 2010/2011. These figures are provisional as the Council's accounts are currently undergoing their annual audit. When complete, the Annual Return of the Council's Accounts will be available to view at the Town Council offices.

	<i>£</i> <i>Receipts</i>		<i>£</i> <i>Payments</i>
Precept	110,780	General Administration	85,281
Agency Services	981	Agency Services	981
Chapel income (St Leonards and St Nicholas)	3,009	Grants	6,250
Leases	34,273	St Nicholas Chapel Grants	920
Other	904	Civic and Community Events	6,529
		Running Costs	29,375
		Other	4,824
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## Allotment finances

Income: £2,737

Expenditure: £3,675 (first year set up costs)

## Grants Awarded

From a grants budget of £6,715

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
St Ives Festival of Wishes	100
St Ives Trust Archive Study Centre / Gorseth Kernow	£100
Shelter Cornwall	£50
St Ives September Festival	£450
CAB Cornwall	£100
Salvation Army Drop In Centre	£200
Rose Lodge	£240
Friends of St Ives Library	
Bernard Leach Trust	£100
St Ives Harbour Swimming Association	
St John Ambulance	£250
Consols Pond Association	£400
St Ives Sailing Club	£300
Lelant Village Lights Fund	£150
Cornwall Air Ambulance	£150
St John Ambulance	£1,000
Cornwall County Playing Fields Association	£50
Cornwall Blind Association	£200
The Island Centre	£1,000
St Ives Allotment Association	£100
Lions Club of St Ives	£500
St Ives Arts Club	£800
St Ives Speech and Drama Festival	£300
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>£6,540</b>

## Town Councillors

St Ives Town Councillors are listed by Ward below, along with names, addresses, emails and contact telephone numbers (dialing code: 01736)

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**Town Council representatives on other bodies (as at 18 April 2011)**

	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Representative(s) / Trustee(s)</i>
1.	Annie Ball Reid Charity	Member: J H Symons
2.	Chamber of Trade	Member: C C Nicholls
3.	Community Co-opted School Governors:	
4.	~ St Ives Infant School	Governor: <b>vacancy</b>
	Cornwall Association of Parish and Town Councils	Member: G E T Tonkin
5.	Cornwall in Bloom	Representative: B Fry
6.	Community Network Panel	Member: Town Mayor (Councillor Y Watson) Deputy: B Fry
7.	Craze Hunkin Almshouse Trust	Trustee: G E T Tonkin
8.	Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee	Member: B Fry Deputy: C Sanger
9.	Island Youth Centre	Member: T Andrewes Deputy: B Fry
10.	Leach Pottery Advisory Group	Member: B Fry
11.	Lelant Village Hall Committee	Member: C Sanger Deputy: B Fry
12.	PAROW (Penwith Access and Rights of Way)	Member: T M Williams Deputy: C Sanger
13.	Penwith Area Crime Prevention Group	Member: Y Watson
14.	Penwith Rural Transport Forum	Member: R Tulley
15.	Penwith 50+	Representative: R Tulley
16.	Police and Communities Together (PACT)	Members: C C Nicholls, J Tanner
17.	Rough Coast Community Arts CIC	Member: M Armstrong
18.	St Ives & Carbis Bay in Bloom	Member: B Fry

19.	St Ives Area MCTI (Management Group)	Member: Y Watson Deputy: <b>vacancy</b>
20.	St Ives Bay Line Forum	Members: R Tulley and Town Mayor
21.	St Ives Bay Youth Council	Member: Mitchell A P
22.	St Ives Concert Band	President: Town Mayor
23.	St Ives Culture Forum	Member: C Sanger
24.	St Ives Day Centre * *until dissolved	Members: C E Sanger and Mrs Y Watson Cllr Mrs Tanner = Cornwall Council rep.
25.	St Ives Museum Trustees* (3) *until vacancy is created through resigning etc	Trustees: C C Nicholls, J H Symons, J Tanner.
26.	St Ives Sure Start Centre – Advisory Board	Member: G E T Tonkin
27.	Tate Gallery Advisory Council	Member: C C Nicholls Deputy: B Fry
28.	Tate Gallery Community Liaison Group	Member: T M Williams
29.	Traffic Forum	Member: R Tulley
30.	Travel Group – St Ives Infant School	Member: T M Williams
31.	West Cornwall CCTV Interest Group	Representative: Town Mayor Deputy : Deputy Town Mayor
32.	West Cornwall Healthwatch	Member: <b>vacancy</b>

## Council Officers

Town Clerk Responsible Finance Officer – Louise Dowe  
 Administrative Assistant – Jeremy Ward  
 Clerical Assistant – Linda Holmes  
 Community Pride Officer (partnership with Cornwall Council) – Andrew Lawry  
 Traffic Control Officer – Alan Cooper  
 Mace Bearers: Alan Major and Simon Major

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