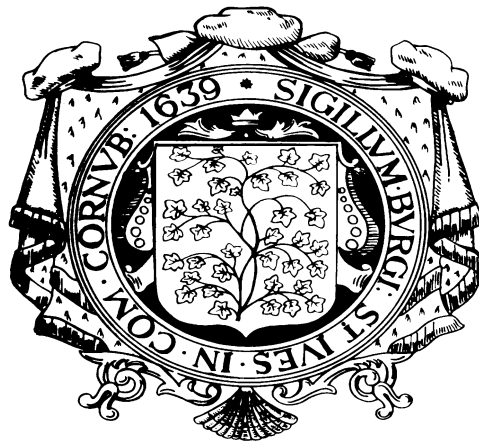


St Ives Town Council

Annual Report 2009/2010



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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 2009/2010.

It has been an eventful year for me as Mayor, ably assisted throughout by my Consort and husband, Terry. The usual civic and community events are always a joy to take part in and I've been proud to represent the town as Mayor, from the Mayor Choosing and Loving Cup Ceremony, through to the Feast celebrations in February. Only a few days into my term of office I had the honour of hosting a lunch for the Duke of Kent during his tour of RNLI stations in Cornwall. Throughout the year I have attended the customary opening events, award presentations, Golden Anniversary visits and was thrilled at the efforts in the town to make Christmas in St Ives so special in 2009.

There have been sombre occasions too. The Town Council lost a respected and well liked Councillor in February with the death of Councillor Mike Peters and the family of Sgt Paul Fox suffered the loss of his life in the conflict in Afghanistan. To represent the town, I attended the repatriation of Sgt Fox at Wotton Bassett, accompanied by my Consort. The funeral of Sgt Fox held on 31 March was a fitting tribute to a serviceman described as 'the best' by his commanding officer.

My most recent formal engagement has been representing the town at the Coast Magazine Awards in London where St Ives was named the best family holiday destination and was praised for its beaches and attractions. Porthminster Beach Cafe was crowned best coastal eatery and the Tate St Ives was named as runner-up in the best-loved coastal building category. Whilst on the subject of awards, it should also be noted that the Leach Pottery has been long-listed in the national Art Fund Prize – alongside contenders including the Ashmolean Museum, the Royal Institution and the Natural History Museum.

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 2009/2010 was Councillor Yvonne Watson and the Deputy Town Mayor was Councillor Joan Tanner.

This year saw the introduction of a new committee system for the Council – as set out below. 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 noticeboard 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, 260 planning applications have been considered this year, the majority of which are decided upon in agreement with the comments of this council.

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.

2009 saw the launch of the St Ives Town Council website www.stivestowncouncil.co.uk. With a range of information covering councillors, meetings, services, news, events, contact details and local links the site is already well-visited and useful and will continue to be developed.

With the introduction of the Resources Committee, the council has improved its financial reporting processes and has reviewed aspects of its operations. The committee has focussed on a review of the Council's banking and the management of assets and property, including the Market House and St Nicholas and St Leonards Chapels.

During the year staffing has increased, with the appointment of a Clerical Assistant, Mace Bearer and Community Pride Officer.

Environment Committee

Chairman – Councillor Ron Tulley

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

The Committee has worked with Highways to bring about signage improvements and reviews of the work of the parking enforcement officers with the aim of informing motorists and improving the flow of traffic around the town. There have also been talks with Cornwall Council officers regarding the proposed Park and Ride at St Erth, the forthcoming parking strategy for St Ives and problems that bus-users have encountered when using the route between Trenwith and the town centre. These talks are set to continue as parking is a key factor in ensuring the smooth running of the town and the visitor experience.

The St Ives Jute Bag scheme was launched in 2009, encouraging the use of re-usable bags, promoting the town and supporting local businesses.

The committee met with Cornwall Council's Emergency Planning Officer to discuss provision for large scale emergencies, including flooding.

There has been close liaison with Cornwall Council regarding issues around the Trenwith area of the town, including the need to tackle the unlawful parking issues at The Burrows, and land stability questions.

The Town Council is supporting local residents calls for a review of the bans of dogs on beaches, and also continues to work to tackle the seagull nuisance by egg-pricking and signs around the town.

A scheme is currently underway to help tradesmen have allocated parking spaces in Porthkidney car park, to enable them to access homes and businesses in the summer season.

A recent success has been the Free For All event held at the Guildhall in March 2010 where local residents welcomed the opportunity to pass on unwanted items and/or pick up items for free. In view of the feedback from the event, another is planned in the autumn.

Community and Amenities Committee

Chairman – Councillor Tim Andrewes

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

In view of the commitment of the Town Council to take into account and represent the views of residents across the parish, the Community and Amenities Committee has been holding its meetings at venues in Lelant, Carbis Bay, Halsetown and St Ives. This has proved successful in increasing the number of members of the public attending meetings, and bringing a number of issues to the fore.

In Lelant there were issues raised in relation to traffic and speeding. In view of the level of concern, additional meetings were held with local residents, the Police and Highways. There are now a number of highways improvements being considered, a community speedwatch group is being developed by the police and there is a greater understanding of the various issues.

In Carbis Bay there were concerns raised about dogs on beaches, littering and traffic signage. The Community Pride Officer has targeted the litter hotspots and there has been discussion between the council, highways and businesses about improving the Carbis Bay signs.

In Halsetown, issues raised about traffic, footpaths and bus shelters have been followed up with the relevant agencies.

With responsibility for allotments, the Committee is pleased to have brought about the creation of an allotment site at Trowan. With works to prepare the site due to be carried out in the near future, the 100+ people on the allotments waiting list will soon have the opportunity to take up a plot. Efforts will continue to find additional sites to meet any remaining demand.

With regard to footpaths, the footpath maintenance work for the parish will continue to be carried out by the Town Council. The Council has also submitted an application for a path off Steeple Lane to become a designated footpath and will be submitting a similar application for the path across Dynamite Quay in Lelant in the near future.

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.

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 2009 really special in St Ives.

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 Town Council has worked in partnership with Cornwall Council to appoint a Community Pride Officer – a dedicated worker to help make sure that the area looks its best. During the months since the launch of this post, problems across the parish have been tackled, including clearing the area around the War Memorial in Lelant, targeting litter hotspots in Carbis Bay, the bus shelter in Halsetown and improving the cleanliness and appearance of roads, paths and street furniture around St Ives and of the Palemon Best play area at Penbeagle.
- The Town Council is a statutory consultee for planning applications, street naming, and street trading licences.
- Supporting the creation of a Youth Council for the area.
- Organised the annual Fun Run from Lelant to St Ives with over 100 runners taking part last year, raising hundreds of pounds for charity
- Support for the continuation of May Day, St Ives in Bloom, and Good Friday boating at Consols, along with support for new initiatives including the St Ives Food Festival, the Porthminster Beach Garden Project, and the new 2010 St Ives Guide
- 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
- Continuing discussions with Cornwall Council following the creation of the unitary authority, developing ways of working to achieve benefits for the community.
- Continuing to liaise closely with the Police regarding their work throughout the parish and encouraging community links whenever possible.
- Working with Cornwall Council and neighbouring town and parish councils to develop the Community Network.
- Norway Square – issued a position statement to express support for the use of Norway Square as a public open space.
- Hayle Harbour – liaison with local residents, harbour owners and managers on issues including dredging, moorings, sand removal at Lelant Quay and the temporary closure of the footpath across Lelant Quay.
- Working with a range of groups and individuals across the parish to improve services and facilities for older people in the area.
- Working with the Police to work up a scheme for the Town Council to employ a Traffic Control Officer to help improve traffic flows in St Ives.

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 and Lelant, contribution to Christmas lights, and Mayors visits to hospitals and residential homes
- Lelant Feast
- St Ives Feast
- The Mayors 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, it is calculated that 9,110 are registered electors. The Town Council's precept (collected via Cornwall Council) was set at £99,320, approximately £19.10 per Band D property.

Financial Information

Set out below is a summary of the Council's payments and receipts for the financial year 2009/2010. 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	99,320	General Administration	69,431
Agency Services	1,512	Agency Services	1,581
Interest	77	Grants	5,435
Leases	30,927	St Nicholas Chapel Grants	800
Other	7,360	St Leonards Chapel Grants	200
		Civic and Community Events	7,982
		Running Costs	28,647
		Other	6,225
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Grants Awarded

From a grants budget of £5,600

Organisation	Amount
St Ives May Day Association	£150
Community Delivery Group of St Ives Area MCTI	£250
Shelter Cornwall	£50
Penamayne Court, Penamayne Pals	£125
St Ives Table Tennis Club	£200
St Ives Harbour Swimming Association	£100
Cornwall County Playing Fields Association	£50
Home Start Kernow	£100
St Ives Day Centre	£400
St Ives September (Fringe) Festival	£250
St Ives Amateur Boxing Club	£250
St Ives Christmas Lights Appeal Fund	£400
Twinkle Twinkle Project	£100
Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust	£100
St Ives Guisers	£50
Carbis Bay Wesley Methodist Chapel	£300
St Ives Bowling Club	£200
St Ives Surf Lifesaving Club	£260
Consols Pond Association	£400
Lelant Village Hall Committee	£100
Kidz R Us Community Project	£250
Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre	£100
The Tanya's Courage Trust	£50
Ayr Field Community Group	£100
St Ives Cricket Club	£350
Lions Club of St Ives (May Day)	£300
Porthminster Beach Garden Project	£200
St Ives Festival of Wishes (subject to other funding)	£100
Total allocated to date:	£ 5,435

Town Councillors

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

NORTH WARD			
<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Email (public)</i>	<i>Tel No</i>
Andrew P Mitchell	36 Parc An Creet, St Ives. TR26 2ES	andrewmitchell.stives@googlemail.com	797538
Colin C Nicholls	Bahia, Tregos Road, Carbis Bay, St Ives. TR26 2QU		794126
G E Terry Tonkin	Dewetha-Ger, Westward Road, St Ives. TR26 1JX		797637
2 Vacancies			
SOUTH WARD			
Tim Andrewes	15 Street An Garrow, St Ives. TR26 1SG	tim@andrewes.ndo.co.uk	795387
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Joan Tanner	Try Golowys, 4 Parc Bean, St Ives. TR26 1EA	joan_tanner@sky.com	795371
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Tamsyn M Williams	11 Bellair Terrace, St Ives. TR26 1JR	tamwill@hotmail.co.uk	795695
LELANT/CARBIS BAY WARD			
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Colin E Sanger	12 Ayr Court, St Ives. TR26 1EQ	colin@imagewest.co.uk	797699
Katrina Slack	Stonecrop Cottage, St Ives Road, Carbis Bay, St Ives. TR26 2RT		791976
Joan H Symons	Lannanta Cot, Trenoweth, Lelant, St Ives. TR26 3ET	jhsymons@cornwall.gov.uk	798869
Yvonne Watson	53 Heather Lane, Canonstown, Hayle, TR27 6NG		741375

Town Council representatives on other bodies (as at 15 April 2010)

	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Representative(s) / Trustee(s)</i>
1.	Annie Ball Reid Charity	Member: J H Symons
2.	Britain in Bloom	Member: B Fry
3.	Chamber of Trade	Member: C C Nicholls
4.	Community Co-opted School Governors:	
	~ St Ives Infant School	Governor: J Tanner
5.	Cornwall Association of Parish and Town Councils	Member: G E T Tonkin
6.	Community Network Panel	Member: Town Mayor (Councillor Y Watson) Substitute: G E T Tonkin
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.	Police and Communities Together (PACT)	Members: C C Nicholls, J Tanner
16.	St Ives Area MCTI (Management Group)	Member: T Andrewes Deputy: Y Watson
17.	St Ives Bay Line Forum	Members: R Tulley and Town Mayor
18.	St Ives Concert Band	President: Town Mayor
19.	St Ives Culture Forum	Member: C Sanger

20.	St Ives Day Centre	Members: C E Sanger and Mrs Y Watson <i>Cllr Mrs Tanner = Cornwall Council rep.</i>
21.	St Ives Museum Trustees (3)	Trustees: J H Symons, J Tanner, vacancy.
22.	St Ives Sure Start Centre – Advisory Board	Member: G E T Tonkin
23.	Tate Gallery Advisory Council	Member: C C Nicholls Deputy: B Fry
24.	Tate Gallery Community Liaison Group	Member: T M Williams
25.	Traffic Forum	Member: R Tulley
26.	West Cornwall CCTV Interest Group	Representative: Town Mayor Deputy : Deputy Town Mayor
27.	West Cornwall Healthwatch	Member: P Richards

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
Mace Bearers: Alan Major and Simon Major

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