



# ST. IVES TOWN COUNCIL

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## **A message from the Mayor**

Dear Resident,

This letter is sent in response to the public meeting which has been called to discuss the idea of a separate Lelant parish council. Lelant is part of the St Ives Town Council area and so I am sending this letter to you to explain what the town council does for the whole of the parish of St Ives.

The public meeting on Friday is the start of a formal process which could split the existing St Ives Town Council area. However, despite being willing to attend, the town council has been told that town council representatives are not allowed to attend as the meeting is for villagers only. This means that you may have important questions that will not be able to be answered in the meeting.

A petition for a Community Governance Review would start a process that could result in Lelant breaking away with its own parish council. This could be in place as soon as May 2013, and once in place would not be changed again until another electoral or governance review. For this reason, we feel it is important that residents are able to make an informed choice before deciding whether to sign up to the petition.

St Ives Town Council provides its services for the whole parish, including Lelant.

### **What does St Ives Town Council do?**

The work of the town council includes:

- Responds to planning applications
- Maintains footpaths and submits applications for new definitive routes (including Dynamite Quay in Lelant)
- The Community Pride Officer works all round the parish and helps tackle litter problems and other environmental work

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- Grants to community groups (including recent grants to Lelant Village Hall and Lelant Christmas Lights)
- Takes part in Cornwall in Bloom to support planting and floral displays
- Works with County Highways to tackle traffic issues, including those raised by Lelant residents
- Maintain bus shelters, with plans to provide more. (Recently spruced up the bus shelter opposite Woodlands in Lelant.)
- Provision of allotments
- Community events and preserving the traditions of the area (including Remembrance, Mayor's visits, Feast Days, Fun Run)
- Runs the tourist information centre to help support local tourism businesses
- Requests Cornwall Council to take action on matters raised by local residents in areas such as transport, planning, grass cutting, emptying dog bins, dog warden service, rubbish collections and recycling, libraries and schools

Just as the whole of the parish contributes to the cost of the council, the whole of the parish benefits from its services and facilities.

### **A note about Planning**

The town council is a statutory consultee for planning applications (not to be confused with the Lelant Planning Group which is a separate organisation, not connected to the town council and not a formal consultee to the planning authority). As a consultee, Cornwall Council must take into account the views of the town council when deciding planning applications. As a town council, our meetings are advertised, held in public, decisions are made by elected members, and members of the public are able to attend and may speak at the start of the meeting.

Planning applications from Lelant are given just as much care and consideration as those from anywhere in the parish. Meetings are open to the public to attend, so please feel free to come and see for yourself how decisions are made.

When planning applications are considered at committee stage by Cornwall Council, the town council usually sends a representative to speak up for the views of this area.

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## **How does the Town Council involve local residents?**

- Meetings of the Town Council are open to the public
- Members of the public have the right to speak at the start of each meeting
- Open meetings for residents are held in Lelant and other parts of the parish (meetings in Lelant have been held at the Village Hall, The Watermill and The Badger and have included attendance of local police and highways officers)
- Local residents can contact the town council office or their local councillors (contact details overleaf).

We are always open to suggestions as to how we can involve local residents in other ways.

This is a challenging time for local councils. Communities need to find ways to protect services in their local area, with a greater responsibility being placed upon town and parish councils throughout Cornwall. We feel that St Ives Town Council is small enough to care and big enough to achieve on your behalf.

Your town councillors have been elected to represent you. If you think the council should be working differently for you, please let us know – there is a commitment to serve the whole of the parish of St Ives, so let us know if there are issues you wish us to address.

The next town council elections will be held in May 2013 – this would be an opportunity for residents of Lelant to consider standing as a local town councillor. In the last by-election for the Lelant and Carbis Bay ward, no-one from Lelant stood for election.

It is worth noting that ward members for the Lelant area have been proud to have served as Mayor of St Ives, including most recently Yvonne Watson in 2009 and 2010, and before her, Colin Sanger in 2008.

In closing, the unanimous feeling from St Ives town councillors is that they are proud that Lelant is part of the parish of St Ives, and it is hoped that Lelant residents will continue to be proud to be a part of it so that we can work together positively to become a stronger council to benefit the whole of the St Ives parish.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Ron Tulley  
Mayor of St Ives

**Contact details for the town council and your ward members - overleaf**

## Contact your council:

The Town Clerk (Louise Dowe) can be contacted at:

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Website: [www.stivestowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.stivestowncouncil.co.uk)

Visitor & Information Centre website: [www.stivestic.co.uk](http://www.stivestic.co.uk)

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Many of you will know Bill Fry, a town councillor who was elected to the St Ives South Ward and now lives in Lelant. Bill can be contacted on 01736 756407 or email [billfry@stivestowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:billfry@stivestowncouncil.co.uk)

Details of all town councillors are available from the Town Council office, and on the website: [www.stivestowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.stivestowncouncil.co.uk). The website also has information about council meetings, services, events and news.