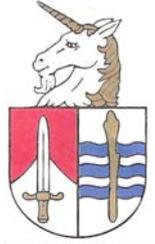




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Camborne Town Council Newsletter
APRIL TO JUNE 2013

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Camborne Town Council and office staff May 2013

First Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Assembly for New Council

Councillors elected at the local government elections in May met for the first time at the Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Assembly on 16th May 2013 at the One Stop Shop, Dolcoath Avenue. There are nine new Members in total as many Councillors on the previous Council decided not to stand. Councillor Mike Champion was elected Mayor for the municipal year 2013/2014 and Councillor Graham Taylor elected Deputy Mayor.

Mike was pleased to invite the former Mayor, Jean Charman, to present the town plaque awards to residents of the parish for their outstanding contributions to the community. These were: Donovan Gardner for his work with Foodbank, Gaynor Hingston for preserving Camborne's heritage, Eunice Woolcock for her promotion of Cornwall's cultural heritage and David Oates for all his community work. Awards were also presented to retiring Councillors Mr R J Beare, Mr S Cullimore, Mrs H Cullimore and Mrs C Trengove, in recognition of their many years service as Members of the Town Council. The new Mayor presented two awards to Mrs Charman in recognition of her many years service and for serving as Mayor for the previous municipal year. Mrs Barbara Godolphin presented the Sid Godolphin Youth Achievement Award to William Kevern. William, who is a Year 10 student at Camborne Science and International Academy, was given the award for his hard work, diligence and achievements in the performing arts through dance.

The meetings were very well attended by the public who heard an interesting presentation by Mrs Paula Tippett on the 9th International Student Science Fair to be hosted by Camborne Science and International Academy in July 2013.

Helping to make our town safer

Camborne Town Council has funded CCTV monitoring since April 2011 by working in partnership with Hayle, St Ives, Redruth, Helston and Penzance. The initial agreement was made because Cornwall Council stopped its monitoring service although continued to provide the CCTV cameras. There are seven CCTV cameras in Camborne town centre and the monthly monitoring reports have convinced the Council that the service is invaluable. Monitoring not only helps the police to identify perpetrators of crime it also helps protect vulnerable people.

The long term future of public space CCTV has not yet been decided by Cornwall Council. In the next twelve to eighteen months, the CCTV infrastructure in the West will be disrupted when the current control room is displaced following the planned relocation of Police offices. There will be a need to establish another control room so that monitoring of the cameras in the six towns can continue. The favoured option to achieve this is still the proposed CFRS Camborne/Pool Resource Hub at Tolvaddon which will host a CCTV control room that will serve all the Cornwall Council owned public space CCTV cameras. Plans for the Hub are well advanced. In addition the camera hardware in the West will need to be upgraded and alternatives to the current transmission infrastructure identified and installed.

Funding will be a crucial issue for Cornwall Council when deciding the future of CCTV services. In May, the Town Council was approached and asked if it would continue to contribute funding for CCTV monitoring if Cornwall Council were to agree to fund the development of a central CCTV Control room at Tolvaddon. In response, Camborne Town Council committed to continue to fund CCTV monitoring at the current level for the next four years. The other towns in the West Cornwall partnership also committed to continue funding the service. It is hoped that this widespread demonstration of support for public space CCTV by the towns in West Cornwall will persuade Cornwall Council of the need to continue this service for the long term.



Public conveniences

In April the Council rescinded its previous decision to take responsibility for managing and maintaining the public conveniences in Rosewarne Car Park and at the Recreation Ground. New information had been received from Cornwall Council which confirmed that these facilities would remain open even if the Town Council did not take them on. In light of this, Camborne Town Council resolved to take responsibility for providing the service at Gurneys Lane which Cornwall Council closed at the beginning of April. Initially this will be through a leasehold agreement although the transfer of the freehold will be investigated in the future.

The Council has commissioned a full survey to be done on the toilets in Gurneys Lane and Cornwall Council has pledged to carry out much needed improvements to the premises. We are currently negotiating the lease arrangement and hope to complete all the legalities as quickly as possible. The Council is keen to re-open the toilets at the earliest date but is committed to making sure that it gets the best deal for the tax payers of Camborne in the process.



Improving our town throughout the year

The annual floral decorations were put up in the town in June but there was one planter that was different from the rest. This one has a new planting scheme of sustainable plants designed to provide an attractive display throughout the year. The planting was designed and provided by Duchy College and includes bulbs to flower in the spring as well as flowers to bloom through the summer.

This is a pilot project by the Council's Environment Sub Committee to help promote environmentally friendly projects. We hope that businesses and organisations will want to sponsor a planter and see their name displayed in prominent locations in the town for 365 days a year to show their commitment to making Camborne a better place for all.

New planter filled with a year round display of sustainable plants in College

Please contact us if you are interested in taking part in this project.

The Council has approved the expenditure needed to completely replant the flower bed and mining cart at the 'Welcome to Camborne' sign at Treswithian as well as improve and infill the flower beds in Treswithian Road. Sustainable plants that help encourage pollinators, such as butterflies, bees and birds, will be used in all the flower beds. This presents an investment for the future as sustainable plants do not need to be replaced every year and should provide a better display than bedding plants with time.

The Council has also committed to fund the maintenance of these flower beds so they are kept free from weeds and looking good as the plants are properly cared for. We look forward to enjoying a much improved entrance to the town from the Treswithian roundabout as a result.

Supporting Community Groups and events

Camborne Town Council continued its commitment to support Community groups and events by awarding numerous grants in June 2013 for projects of all sizes. These were as follows:

Camborne Produce Association £500 to be used to provide outside cover for the meeting room, store and toilets at the allotments on Eastern Lane.

Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change £220 to help fund a music festival for people of all ages as part of a Youth Music Programme.

Centenary Drama Group and CD Kids £500 to purchase fabric for costumes and scenery for a production of Peter Pan being performed by local children.

Cornwall Blind Association £400 to help fund a volunteer transport service for visually impaired people living in Camborne to attend medical appointments, service clinics and leisure clubs.

Aiming to communicate better with everyone

In April the Council approved the commission of a new website following extensive work by a Task and Finish Group set up by the Budget and Development Committee. The new website will be aimed at engaging much more with all members of the community. We will use it as a consultation tool and a means of having dialogue with different groups as well as a method of promoting the parish and all the interesting places there are to visit here. It is hoped that it will provide us with a tool to have a two way conversation rather than just a site that tells you things!

The Council has appointed a local company from Falmouth to design and develop the new site and work has started already. We are also delighted to be working with Camborne Science and International Academy which has agreed to help us with the project. The Academy's A level photography students have been set a project over the summer to take pictures of the parish and its people that we will use on the website. We hope that this will provide a fresh, contemporary look to the site as Camborne is seen through the eyes of its young people. The Academy is excited to be taking part in the project and we look forward to working more with other organisations in the community for the benefit of everyone.

Investing for the future



Councillors inspecting the potential new premises for the Council's new Workshop and Store

The Council identified the need for a new workshop and store in July 2012 . The current premises are simply not big enough for the Council's storage needs and do not make a suitable workshop. Councillors have spent a lot of time over the past year considering all the options in relation to the Council's current and future needs, property available, cost and leasehold versus freehold arrangement.

In June the Council resolved to proceed with the freehold purchase of a unit at Carn Brea Business Park using a fixed rate loan available to parish and town councils through the Public Works Loan Board. The annual cost of the loan is almost the same as the annual rent for a similar property, but unlike rent will not increase. The application for the loan has been made and a survey is to be carried out on the unit. We hope to complete the purchase as soon as possible.

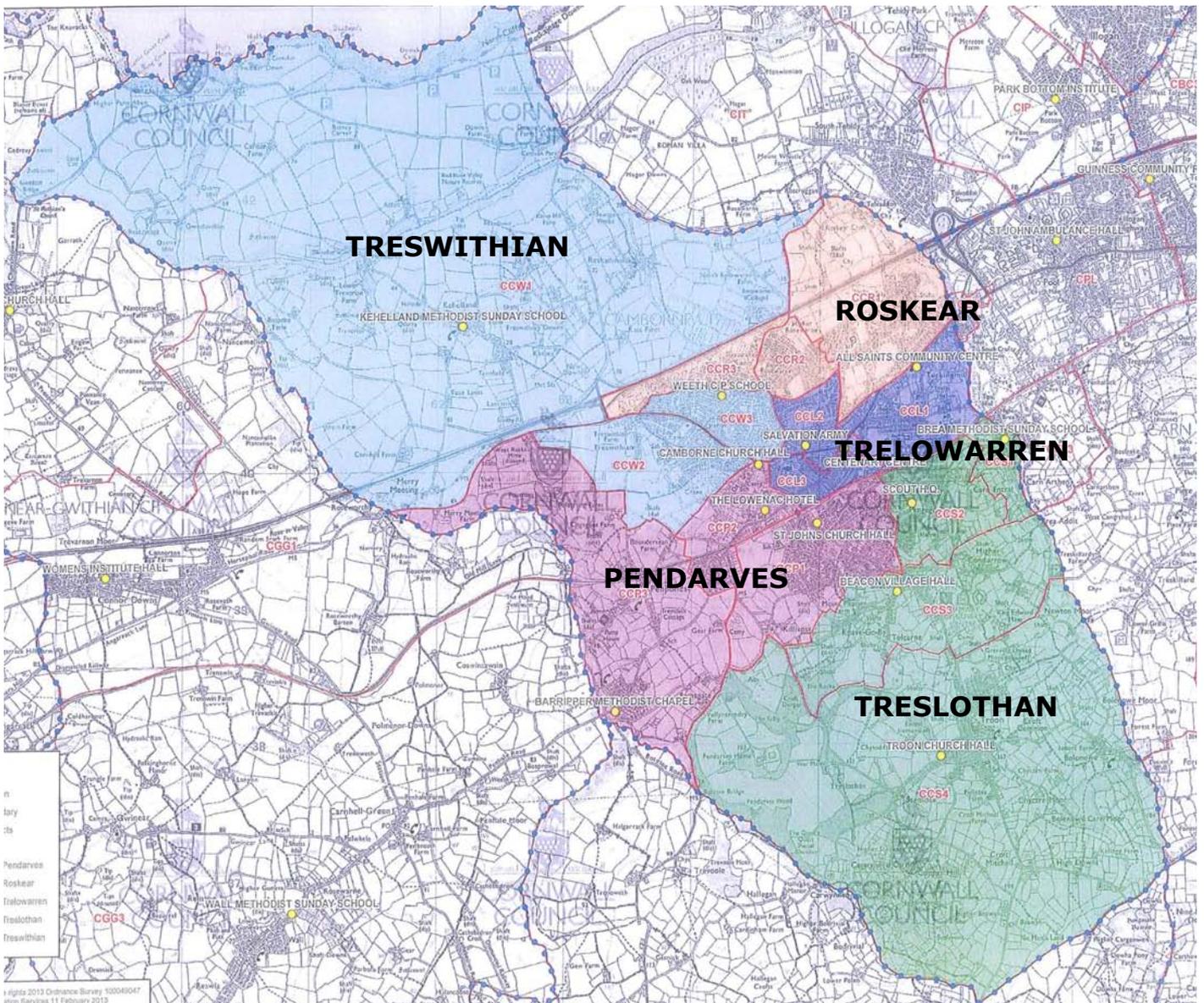
You're always welcome...

All Council meetings, including Committee and Sub Committee meetings, are open to the public and we welcome everyone to attend. Full Council meetings take place at the One Stop Shop, Dolcoath Avenue, Camborne while Committee and Sub Committee meetings are held in the Clerk's Office, The Basset Centre, Basset Road, Camborne. All meetings usually start at 6.30pm and agendas are posted on the Council's notice boards one week in advance. A schedule of the meetings this year is included at the end of this newsletter and available on our website www.camborne-tc.gov.uk.

The Council's offices are open from 8.45am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45am to 4.15pm on Friday. Please feel free to come in and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Your Councillors

The wards that make up the Camborne parish were changed this year and now mirror the Cornwall Council divisions. There are five wards; Pendarves, Roskear, Trelowarren, Treslothan and Treswithian. These are illustrated on the map below to help you find the Councillors that represent your area.



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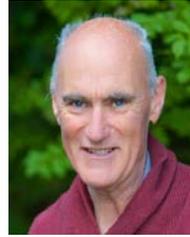
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Schedule of meetings 2013

	Full Council	Budget & Development	Amenities	Planning
January	10	24	17	14 & 28
February	14	28	21	11 & 25
March	14	26	21	11 & 25
April	11	25	18	08 & 22
May	16	23		28
June	13	27	20	10 & 24
July	11	25	18	8 & 22
August		RECESS		14
September	12	26	19	09 & 23
October	10	24	17	14 & 28
November	14	28	21	11 & 25
December	5	19	12	09 & 23

Mayor: Councillor Mike Champion
Deputy Mayor: Councillor Graham Taylor

Chairman Amenities Committee: Councillor Jeff Collins
Vice Chairman Amenities Committee: Councillor Ms Jacqueline Merrick

Chairman Budget & Development Committee: Councillor Robert Webber
Vice Chairman Budget & Development Committee: Councillor Stuart Odgers

Chairman Planning Committee: Councillor Adam Crickett
Vice Chairman Planning Committee: Councillor Graham Taylor