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Message from the Mayor

This is the first Messenger of the New Year.

Traditionally this is a time of the year for looking forward.

Saltash Town Council has started the year by setting the budget for next year using the results of the consultation process we entered into last year to establish what the town considered our priorities should be.

Unsurprisingly some of our recent and future expenditure is as the result of funding services, such as grit bins and public toilets, which used to be provided by Cornwall Council. It is likely that in the future difficult decisions will have to be made on whether to take on other services no longer provided by Cornwall Council. Further reductions in Cornwall Council service seem inevitable; we have already just been advised that highway weed-killing outside Fore Street will no longer be funded by Cornwall Council. The Town Council will consider what can best be done to respond to this change.

To return to a recurrent theme. Although my comments in the last Messenger (that adoption of the Waterside Public Toilets was imminent) were over optimistic, we have finally got there! Saltash Town Council is now operating and maintaining them. The disabled toilet at Belle Vue west car park is open to all and the toilets in Longstone Park remain open (although in the winter the Longstone toilets are restricted to weekend opening only). As you will see mentioned elsewhere the Town Council has made arrangements to expand the Community Toilet Scheme to provide additional facilities.

As many of you have noticed there have been a number of changes to Bus Services in Saltash it seems that some parts of Saltash have more buses than they need while others have few or none. These changes have been driven by the companies' perception of the demand for, and profitability of, each route.

At its simplest the bus companies' position is that if not many people use a bus and the company concerned makes a loss or considers that it is not making an adequate profit either someone subsidises the route or it will be withdrawn. Saltash Town Council has nowhere like the amount of money needed to subsidise routes ourselves. We will, however, be entering into discussions on the alternatives available to improve the overall service to Saltash

The Neighbourhood Plan: Planning for the Future.

The new housing target for Cornwall up to 2030 is for an extra 47,500 homes to be built. Under this Plan, about 900-1000 houses are required to be built in Saltash by 2030. (This will include any houses built since 2010). Broadmoor Farm and Latchbrook have been selected as potential Strategic Sites to meet the requirements of the Cornwall Local Plan.



Message from the Mayor continued

Great efforts have been made to bring people into Saltash. Events such as the Christmas Event, May Fair and Regatta raise the profile of Saltash and attract people to the town. In addition the Cornish Cross, free parking on Saturdays and hanging baskets have all been commented on favourably by both residents and visitors. The Talking Bench seems popular with people of all ages and has certainly brought a sense of fun to Fore Street, although the first time I drove down Wesley Road late at night, and saw it, I did have a bit of a shock!

However the effect of all of these initiatives, as well as a prize winning floral display, can be undermined by something as simple as town centre litter.

We get a very good service from the street cleaners but it is not unusual to find litter all over the streets shortly after they have moved on.

If we all put our litter into the bins provided and “pick up and bin” any litter we find the overall improvement in the appearance of the Saltash will be considerable.

May I finish by wishing everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

David Yates
Mayor of Saltash

A Cinema for Saltash?

Recently the Town Council has set up a list of priorities for the year. One of the priorities high on the list was encouraging more entertainment facilities to Saltash, particularly a cinema. After contacting many cinema companies only one response was received , this was from a representative of Picture House cinemas. However, their representative stated that we do not have the resources to be competitive, we have a small population in comparison to their other locations and the population does not fit into their main demographic which was 'urbanite'. Even though Saltash did not fit into the groups that they see as desirable we were 'not out of the question' as a location.

Picture House Cinemas usually are more of an art house type of venue but they have in the past catered to a more mainstream audience where it was seen as profitable. Saltash to them is a liability and would need considerable funding from the Town Council for them to even consider Saltash as a location. It was suggested that they would need free/cheap land (as close to the town centre as possible) with a large contribution to the cost of construction. We would also have to be able to accommodate a certain number of parking spaces and other size and space requirements. Saltash would be seen as a risky investment and only monetary contribution would make Saltash a viable option for them. Unfortunately the amount of money required for this to be an option would be far more than the town council has at its disposal. It's therefore unlikely that a mainstream cinema would want to locate to Saltash.

Although getting a large company to start a cinema in Saltash does not seem like a very likely possibility at this time, the Town Council will be looking into other options such as a community run cinema or screenings. Hopefully some of these other ideas might be viable and we can encourage more entertainment facilities into the town.

Funding opportunity for businesses – sustainable transport

If you run a business in Saltash, or anywhere else in Cornwall, please see the below message from Cornwall Council about a funding opportunity for businesses who want to encourage their employees to travel to work sustainably.

If you are interested contact Tasha Dennis, Sustainable Transport Officer,

Tel: 01872 224603, email: traveltowork@cornwall.gov.uk

Although the deadline is tight for this round of funding another grant window will be open from 1 June – 31 August 2014 and will have a greater amount of funding available.

“I would like to tell you about the **Travel to Work Grants programme**, an initiative run by Cornwall Council’s Sustainable Transport Group, which businesses in your town could benefit from.

We are inviting local businesses to apply for grants to provide equipment or facilities that encourage staff to opt for other ways of travel. The funding will be released in three phases, the second of which runs from **1 December 2013 – 28 February 2014** and has **up to £40,000** available.

The aim of the grants is to help break down some of the barriers which are preventing people from travelling to, from and for work sustainably. Under the scheme grants will be awarded to individual businesses or collectives to help reduce the number of cars travelling to and from site. Match funding of up to 75% is available for businesses to use to buy facilities or equipment that support sustainable travel for employees.

This might include a set of pool bikes, a cycle shelter, an electric vehicle charging point or remodelling of an on-site car park to include car share spaces and clear routes for pedestrians.

The benefits of taking part can include creating better access to work for employees, supporting sustainable working practices and creating a more welcoming site. I would be grateful for any assistance you are able to give in disseminating this information to Cornish businesses in your town.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about the programme please feel free to call me on the number below. Alternatively the application form and guidance can be found on our website at www.cornwall.gov.uk/traveltowork”.

Bus Services for Pillmere and the Waterside

Pillmere residents are disappointed that scheduled bus services no longer operate, picking up on the estate. Unfortunately the route has not proved commercially viable for the operators, and is not eligible for subsidy by the local authorities. However, many people remain unaware of an enterprising local service offered by Maxi Cabs, who operate a regular scheduled service around Saltash, including Pillmere and the Waterside, using a distinctive orange and white small coach. Other stops on the regular route include Fore Street, Warfelton and Frobisher Drive.

Bus passes are NOT accepted on this service, but there is a flat fee within Saltash of £1.50 (pensioners and children £1.00). Soon, we hope that the stops and routes will be more clearly displayed by better signage provided through Pillmere Community Association.

Your STIG needs YOU!

The Saltash Town-centre Improvement Group (The STIG) is continuing to look at ways of helping and developing our town centre. After a successful 2013 that saw Saltash win Cornwall in Bloom, due partly to the hanging baskets in Fore Street, as well as a very successful 'Saltash Shopping Week' in December, we are looking forward to an equally productive 2014.

At the moment three particular priorities are emerging for our work this year. Firstly the need to improve publicity and marketing, making it 'joined up' with other town attractions like the Celtic Cross, Heritage Museum and Elliott's Store, and Churchtown Farm. Secondly the need to ensure Saltash Town Centre keeps up with the digital age – the 'town app' for smartphones is coming soon but we're also looking at wi-fi provision in Fore Street. Finally the need to look more actively at attracting retailers into Fore Street – a lot of people have strong ideas about what and who they would like to see and although we cannot make anyone come we are looking at what such retailers might require and whether we can help provide it.

However to achieve this requires people to help do the work – at the moment STIG has many members from the Town Council and Community Interest Company, plus a small number of traders. We STIG could really benefit from some more trader members and some enthusiastic members of the public to join, share their ideas, and help take on responsibility for putting them into practice.

If you are interested in coming along to a STIG meeting please contact the Chairman, Adam Killeya, on adam_killeya@yahoo.co.uk

Poppy Painting Competition

This year there will be a very exciting opportunity to show Saltash's artistic talents! Cornwall in Bloom is promoting a competition with the theme of **Poppies**. There are 2 competitions, one for adults and one for children. The schools can compete in 3 age groups: Up to 6, 7-11 and 12 to 16. The paintings should be no bigger than A3 in size.

The adult competition is slightly different in that the paintings can be in any medium, although the size requirements are still the same.

Last year the Saltash Town Council won 2 Cornwall in Bloom awards. Let's see if we can show that our artistic talents are just as strong.

For more information please contact the Guildhall.

Town Council Christmas Tree in Victoria Gardens

Sadly the town Christmas tree in Victoria Gardens had no lights for most of the Christmas period. It was put up in time for the Christmas Event with its usual small blue lights, but soon after someone broke/cut through one of the wires and that blew all the fuses. An electrician was contacted but the inclement weather precluded him from attempting to mend it...apparently rain and wind do not mix well with electricity. So, very sorry, no festive tree lights this year.

Community Toilet Scheme in Saltash

Local residents will be aware of the controversy in Cornwall with Cornwall Council closing public toilets throughout the County, as a result of cuts imposed by Central government. In Saltash, your Town Council has already taken over the management of the refurbished Waterside toilets, but the future of toilets at Belle Vue West car park and Longstone Park remains unclear. It is possible that Cornwall may refurbish and extend the (disabled) toilet at Belle Vue, but the costs of management are still up for discussion.

In the meantime, Saltash residents may be unaware of an alternative that has been available for several years. In 2008, Saltash unashamedly copied the Community Toilet Scheme that was pioneered by the Borough Council of Richmond upon Thames - this enables a number of pubs and other establishments to freely allow the public to use their toilets, which are clean, safe and accessible in return for a relatively small subsidy from the Town Council. **Currently these facilities are available at the Brunel Inn on Fore Street, at the Guildhall on Lower Fore Street, at the Leisure Centre in Plouagastel Drive, For Saltash (No4 Fore Street) and at the Cecil Arms at St Stephens.** Formerly, until its recent closure, the Railway Inn was also part of the scheme. The toilet facilities are only available in normal opening hours, and of course the pubs would be delighted to offer coffee or drinks to users !

Look out for the distinctive signs displayed by participating establishments.

Speedwatch volunteers

Could we apologise to those people who have kindly volunteered to help with the Speedwatch team and who have not had a reply from the police to their enquiries? Apparently the office at police headquarters in Exeter that deals with the Speedwatch registration details has been losing some registrations and has also been extremely slow with some others. If this includes you could you please get in contact with Derek Holley either directly via dholley@cornwall.gov.uk or through the Guildhall.

For information the Speedwatch team with a member of the police identifies sites, monitors speeds and makes reports, to the police directly , to the Area Road Safety Committee and to Cornwall Council.

Saltash Town Youth Council

is looking for new groups or organisations in the town. It meets four times a year at Saltash Wesley starting at 7.00pm.

Forthcoming dates are :

28th April

23rd June

6th October

For more information please contact the Chairperson, Mrs Gloria Challen on 01752 840620

Your Town Council:

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Town Clerk: Mr Ray Lane
t. 01752 844846

* also Cornwall Councillor

Looking for something to do in Saltash?

A selection of activities and information events from the Town Events Diary that are held throughout the week in the town. More activities can be found on the Town Events Diary that is available on the town notice boards and on the Town Council website.

	Time	Where	More details
Monday			
Storytime for under 5's	10.30 – 11.00am	Saltash Library	Saltash Library
Scrabble Club	2.00 – 4.00pm	Saltash Library	Saltash Library
Lions Bingo	7.15pm	Saltash Utd Football Club	Neil Challen, Saltash Lions
Tuesday			
Weekly Walk	10.00am – 12 noon	Meet at Ashtorre Rock	Marcia Henning 07795496623
Citizens Advice Drop in Session	10.00am – 12.15pm	18 Belle Vue Road	Tel. 08444 99 41 88
Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter	1.00 – 3.00pm	Saltash Library	Saltash Library
Wednesday			
Men's Social Support Group	12.15pm	Saltash Live at Home Scheme	Gail Lee 848728
Community & Friendship Social Club	1.00 – 4.00pm	SHADO Centre	Maureen Ashton 463420
Thursday			
Local Police Surgery	10.30am – 12 noon	Saltash Library	Drop in session
Volunteer Cornwall	10.00am – 1.00pm	For Saltash (bottom of Fore Street)	Rose Edwards (Drop in session)
Friday			
Second Forum	9.00am – 12 noon	Saltash Wesley	Drop in for information
Local History Centre	7.00 – 9.00pm	Saltash Heritage	Drop in for information (Also held Wednesday afternoon & Saturday morning)
Saturday			
Cornwall Councillors Surgery	10.00am	Saltash Library	Drop in session



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Saltash Lions Mayfair 2014

It's that time of year again Saltash Lions Mayfair weekend starts on Saturday 3rd May 2014 at Warfelton Field. Details on Saltash Lions website and Facebook page.

If you have some time to spare on either the Saturday or Sunday to volunteer to help with the Mayfair please e-mail mark.fox@binernet.com for more details.

Mark Fox

Chairman Saltash Lions Mayfair 2014.

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