



# Saltash Town Council

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# Town Messenger

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## Message from the outgoing Mayor

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have had a good Spring and enjoyed some sunshine. This last few months have been a mixed bag with thankfully very little snow so the Town Council salt bins were not tested.

### A Great Town in which to Live

The town centre continues to survive and prosper. There are two shops undergoing refurbishment prior to opening. The CIC shop at 4 Fore Street with its farmers' and artisan market is going well with good reports and excellent footfall at this early stage. There are still three empty shops awaiting new businesses.

The social side is still strong with the usual many groups. Sadly, 1<sup>st</sup> Forum and 4<sup>th</sup> forum have disbanded but there are an ever increasing number of members of U3A.

This Spring saw the Music, Speech and Drama Festival at the Wesley Church. The international adjudicators were amazed at the depth and quality of the performances. The yacht club cadets received their RYA qualifications and their annual racing prizes in March; this group is now 75 strong with over 50 attending every week. On the subject of water, the maritime group is now Training Ship Defiance, and we look forward to seeing cadets in full sailors rig soon. This is the result of a group of adults, led by Mr. Richard Fry, who have worked hard to have recognition by the Naval Training Association. Well done.

### Cornwall Council

The Council has granted leases on the ground for which the Town Council has asked. On a continuing improvement, the majority of grass has been cut THREE times this year. However, the thorny problem of toilets continues. The Town was going to adopt the Waterfront toilets under the railway bridge once there had been a satisfactory refurbishment. Well!!!!!! The toilets are painted but the facilities are ideal for ones bathroom but not for public use. The insides are not vandal-proof. The units are porcelain, the drier a domestic wall-hung device and there are domestic light fittings. To make matters worse the drains have not been repaired so there is a leak on to the Ashtorre path. The toilets in Belle Vue are closed. There is a new Council after the elections, let us hope there is more focus on the local level rather than regional airports, harbours for liners and tourism in the Truro area.

### Celebrations

The Cornish Cross is up, lit at night, various shades of green on dull days and sparkling in the sunshine; it can even be seen from boats on the Hamoaze. What wonderful asset for the town, for tourism and for ourselves. The Ferryman Monument is in place and was opened on a wonderful sunny Saturday. It looks fabulous by the side of the old ferry landing. Work continues on the whole project with visits by school children and recording of people who used the old steam ferry. Ashtorre still needs support. I have been reminded to tell everyone that coffee and biscuits are on sale everyday from 1000hrs to 1600hrs.

### FREE Parking

**Saltash Town Council still pays Cornwall for free parking on every Saturday and this will continue until December.**

### Future

There are more developments to come. Tesco are still talking about the planning application, and the A38 crossing is due for completion soon.

**Martin Gee**

**Mayor of Saltash 2012/13**



## Town Council Priorities 2013-2017

Why we are doing this: With a new council just elected it is a good time for us to look at everything we do or could do, and decide what are the most important for the next few years. This will then help us to decide what to spend our time and money on, as we cannot do everything.

Options: below is a list of options. This is not a set of **proposals**: it is a list of **possibilities**: we have included everything that anyone suggested that was not either impossible or illegal for us to do. The categories are for guidance only – clearly some items could fit into more than one category - and the numbering of items is for reference only.

The following are not included in the list (as they are excluded from the process):

Legal requirements – planning consultation, producing accounts, health and safety etc .

Minimal cost – responding to consultations, sending letters, inviting speakers etc.

Obvious/essential – staffing for general running of council, mayor choosing, office supplies etc.

Ongoing maintenance (e.g. grass-cutting at cemetery, cleaning & basic maintenance to the Guildhall, maintaining current allotments, restocking existing salt bins etc.)

How to have your say: On the back is a form for you to write the numbers of your TOP PRIORITY (the one item you think we should do ahead of everything else), up to 20 PRIORITIES (the actions you think we should pursue strongly), and any NON-PRIORITIES (items you feel strongly that we should not do).

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What happens next: We will produce a provisional list of priorities based on the views we receive. We will then hold a meeting to discuss any changes to this list. We will publish the final list on our website, and will use it to set our action plan and budget. We will review the list each year to make sure that it is up to date.

### **Overarching items**

1. Continuing to develop a Saltash Neighbourhood Plan (for housing, jobs etc. for the next 20 years)
2. Providing a 'vibrant Saltash' office (paid employee to oversee publicity, co-ordinate festivals, support community groups, town centre management etc)
3. Extension of the planning Conservation Area

### **Town centre improvement**

4. Continuing existing improvement projects (free parking, extra signage, hanging baskets etc.)
5. Supporting enhancements to the look of empty buildings in the Town Centre
6. Community/subsidised paint of Fore St
7. Additional planters in Fore Street
8. Providing bike racks and dog stakes in fore street
9. Promoting a night time economy (late night opening)
10. Acquiring a building for a major town centre 'legacy project'
11. Building a town square
12. Installing partial street coverings (canopies) for the town centre
13. Investigating providing more car parks / spaces
14. Investigating the widening of Fore St
15. Proactive marketing to major chains to come to the town centre
16. Provision of dedicated disabled parking on Fore St (n.b. Cornwall Council responsibility)
17. Promoting digital technology in the town centre (broadband, free wi-fi etc.)
18. Engaging a professional Town Centre Manager
19. Providing further markets at top/bottom of Fore Street
20. Providing sports/recreation opportunities in Fore St (exercise equipment, rowing machines etc)

### **Employment, economy and tourism**

21. Subsidising local economy initiatives (e.g. Saltash Card)
22. Additional signage for industrial estates
23. Proactive marketing to major business for industrial units
24. Initiatives for job creation (rental support, publicity, grant support, premises location) etc.
25. Providing seed-funding for small start-up businesses.
26. Encouraging more shops around the town (outside Fore St)
27. Tourism and publicity initiatives
28. Providing a tourist information/visitor centre
29. Promoting appropriate developments to waterside amenities

### **Supporting partners and community groups**

30. Providing grants for community groups (Community Chest)

31. General funding to Saltash Community Interest Company (for project work / staff etc.)
32. Funding for specific Saltash Community Interest Company projects
33. Staff support for community groups (e.g. residents associations/neighbourhood watch)
34. Funding Saltash Town Youth Council
35. Funding Citizen's Advice Bureau activities within Saltash
36. Acquiring new space for Saltash Heritage in partnership with Heritage and Saltash CIC
37. Seed funding large-scale community projects
38. Providing insurance / maintenance for community projects

### **Festivals**

39. Saltash Christmas Event
40. Establishing the Christmas lantern parade as an annual event
41. Events to commemorate centenary of the First World War / 70 years since D Day (2014)
42. Support/fund a community fireworks event
43. STC community events (Saltash Showcase, Beating The Bounds etc.)
44. Promote/fund more sports activities & festivals
45. Replacement & maintenance fund for festive lights
46. Funding festivals in general

### **General amenities, beautification and environment**

47. Beautifying roundabouts
48. Maintaining verges on highways
49. Additional public art in the town
50. Maintaining Elwell woods
51. Community toilet scheme
52. Providing additional STC allotments
53. Treeplanting/community orchard schemes
54. Providing STC dog bins
55. Expanding provision of salt bins
56. Revival of gardens for allotments scheme
57. Providing additional planting/floral areas in the town
58. Community clean-up projects
59. Other Environmental initiatives (e.g. clean air initiatives, car sharing, Recycler of the Year, Saltash shopping bag (as in Modbury) etc.)
60. Providing additional litter bins in outer areas
61. Additional Planters / baskets around town
62. Providing recycling bins (in and outside Fore St)
63. Providing additional benches/picnic tables in parks
64. Replacing and providing additional benches in and out of Fore St

### **Transport**

65. Subsidising bus services to provide additional services/retain threatened services
66. Subsidising rail services to provide additional services/retain threatened services
67. Subsidising ferry services (including subsidy to Barbican Ferry)
68. Promoting public transport use in/to/from Saltash (other than through subsidy)
69. Providing additional bus shelters
70. Promoting development of Saltash station building (including additional passenger/community facilities)
71. Promoting 'integrated transport' between bus, train, cycle ways, footpaths etc.
72. Maintaining Public Rights of Way
73. Producing further footpath / walk leaflets
74. Developing new cycling or walking opportunities

### **'Topping-up' Cornwall Council services (Saltash TC paying for extra work)**

75. Providing maintenance and power for new streetlighting,
76. Building / managing new STC public toilets
77. Increased toilet cleaning
78. Acquiring / maintaining new playing fields
79. Improving play areas
80. Supplementing Cornwall Council's weed control
81. Additional street cleaning
82. Additional work to tackle potholes / uneven pavements
83. Providing local services where CC declines (e.g. Pillmere)
84. Increased emptying of litter bins
85. Additional civil enforcement (for parking, dog mess etc)

**Taking on Cornwall Council/related services**

- 86. Investigating joint service provision with Cornwall Council for all grass cutting / weeding
- 87. Taking on green spaces and parks from Cornwall Council
- 88. Taking on further public toilets from Cornwall Council
- 89. Negotiating taking on Cornwall Council Car Parks.
- 90. Investigate taking over management of boat-park & garages on Jubilee Green from Cornwall Council
- 91. Investigate taking over lease of boat sheds under bridge from Network Rail

**Community, sports & leisure facilities**

- 92. Developing the use of the Maurice Huggins Room
- 93. Developing the use of the Toc H Building
- 94. Providing covered area in Longstone Park
- 95. Attracting additional leisure facilities (suggestions: aquarium/ice rink/skate parks/cinema etc)
- 96. Investigating building an outdoor swimming pool
- 97. Providing a homeless shelter
- 98. Providing further youth facilities for younger people (pre-teens)
- 99. Expanding the range of sporting facilities in the town

**Town Council administration and buildings**

- 100. Continuing refurbishment of guildhall
- 101. Restoration and protection of civic regalia
- 102. Staff and councillor training
- 103. Funding road safety initiatives
- 104. Developing Guildhall as a venue (for weddings, licence etc.)
- 105. Development of Guildhall long room as an art gallery
- 106. Investigating technological solutions to display planning applications
- 107. Items directly related to Quality Town Status

**Communication and consultation**

- 108. Increased STC use of social media (facebook, twitter etc)
- 109. Expanding town messenger (colour/pages/number of issues)
- 110. Building email database of residents for electronic communication
- 111. Reintroducing STC 'Panel of Youth' or suitable alternative.
- 112. Holding additional 'meet the people' events (including outside Fore Street)
- 113. Improving, replacing and supplementing STC notice boards
- 114. Developing further public consultation on STC activities
- 115. Updating and improving the STC website

**Crime reduction**

- 116. Providing CCTV
- 117. Crime reduction projects (CATS, clubs and projects etc.)

**Other**

- 118. Increased restoration of damaged gravestones at cemetery
- 119. Digitising cemetery records (for family history / research etc.)
- 120. Fair-trade initiatives

**Consultation form – Town Council Priorities 2013-2017**

Please use the numbers from the options list above.

My top priority \_\_\_\_\_

My priorities \_\_\_\_\_

[up to 20] \_\_\_\_\_

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My non-priorities \_\_\_\_\_

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Any other comments \_\_\_\_\_

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Name/contact details if you would like a reply (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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