

Saltash Town Council was concerned at the very present risk that the town could lose its Library, Registration Office and Cornwall Council Information Centre if the town did not take on responsibility for it. Other towns in Cornwall had lost theirs and **Saltash** Councillors determined that they would keep the much-loved community asset open.

They were eager to ensure that it remained a thriving community hub for different age groups and interests ranging from David and his singing toddlers, to those of all ages who enjoy having a safe warm place to spend time and sometimes to offset loneliness with books, computers and downloads. At the Library residents may pay their council tax, seek advice or register a Cornish birth or death. All of this might have been lost to the town.

The library Sub Committee of the Town Council had projected their financial needs for the future and began to put money aside for further building work and running costs that may be needed.

There are several projects under current consideration to support the future running costs of the library and a new Senior Library and Information Assistant is starting shortly and will be encouraged to make appropriate changes and offer ideas.

The people of **Saltash** value their library, the Town Council believes, and they would not wish to be looked upon as a Council that refused to keep it open.

Looked at in context that Band D costs for **Saltash** residents at £1954 are less than those of other large Cornish towns including Truro £1989, Bodmin £2064 and Launceston £1961. They are similar to those of Callington £1940, Newquay £1954, Penzance £1940 and Wadebridge also £1940.

Saltash Town Council can assure residents that their money is being spent both wisely and prudently and that the Council are committed to providing first class services for the town that represent value for money.