



A QUALITY COUNCIL

QUARTERLY WEB NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2009

Parish Precept unchanged for 2009/10

At the December council meeting it was recommended that the Parish Council's Budget & Precept for 2009/10 be set at £43,200, i.e. NO INCREASE over the current year, 2008/09.

This budget is based upon the Council retaining in balances certain amounts required from the current budget to deliver previously agreed services. Earmarked (committed) will be retained from 2008/09 for :-

- CPO to extend Graveyard £ 12,272
- Highway Safety – Future Expenditure £ 8,000
- Public Toilets – Future Expenditure £ 1,500
- Memorial Hall – Future Expenditure £ 500
- Clerk's Pension Contributions Reserve £ 823

The 2009/10 Precept will be approximately £52 per "Band D equivalent" Household, or £35 per Elector.

Cllr Rex Sadler awarded the MBE

Parish & District Cllr Rex Sadler, former Leader of Kerrier District Council and long standing District Councillor for Constantine, Gweek and Mawnan, has been honoured with an MBE in the New Year Honours List.

Cllr Sadler is awarded the MBE for his services to local government in Cornwall, and will be presented with his medal in London later in the year. MBE's are awarded for achievement or service in and to the community which is outstanding in its field or which stands out as an example to others.

Quality Council – Re-Accreditation successful

During the past month, the Clerk has been working hard to prepare the portfolio of evidence required for this application. It has been confirmed this month that Mawnan's has been re-accredited as a Quality Council, of which there are now 15 in existence in Cornwall.

Mawnan Fun Run 2008

Over 200 women, children, dogs and men braved what might have been a wet run ... But the weather cleared up just in time for our 4th community event. The school again provided many young athletes, possibly with London 2010 in mind !!

Enough cash was raised to give almost £1,000 to Helford Giggers for a childrens' boat, and the same to the Bishop's Fund for their excellent youth work. The run was deliberately held later (October) than previously. Your feedback on this change would be appreciated.

The 5th Mawnan Fun Run will take place on either Sunday, 27th September or 4th October 2009. Please pencil these dates in your diary, and start your training as soon as possible.

The Fun Run Committee would like to thank Mel Dixon-Phillip for her dedication to the organisation ... The event could hardly have been staged without her hard work. Thanks are also extended to all of the sponsors, prize givers (especially the local kindnesses), marshals, cooks and helpers who made it such a healthy community fun run.

Battery Recycling Initiative

The Parish Council, in conjunction with Cornwall County Council, has now set up the recycling facility for small household batteries. AAA, AA, C & D, plus button batteries used in hearing aids, mobile phones, etc. can be recycled.

The recycling tube is installed inside the "Hammer 'n' Hoe" shop, Goldmartin Square, Mawnan Smith. Many thanks to the proprietor for his assistance.

***** Note : No car batteries or industrial waste *****

Falmouth & Penryn – Community Plan underway

Our neighbouring communities of Falmouth and Penryn are working together to prepare a Community Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to set out the 15-year vision of the community, encompassing a more immediate 5-year action plan, based on community consultation.

The Community Plan is led by a Management Group whose membership includes representatives from Town Councils, Parish Councils, CUC, Penryn Chamber of Commerce, Falmouth Marine School, National Maritime Museum, Falmouth Town Forum, Primary Care Trust, Penryn Vision, Police, Falmouth Harbour Commissioners, Beacon Partnership, Older Peoples' Forum, West Cornwall Rural Transport Partnership, Transition Falmouth and others.

The Management Group in turn set up 10 Topic Groups, each dealing with a particular aspect of community life. The groups are: Housing; Leisure, culture and tourism; Transport and access; Health and well-being; Students; Maritime; Young people; Crime and safety; Business and economics; Over-50's.

The initial work of these 10 Topic Groups was to identify, through research, the issues to be addressed, and proposing appropriate strategies. These groups invited a wider group of individuals with a particular knowledge or interest in the area, to comment in detail on their work so far. All these proposals form the basis for widespread public consultation in April/May. In addition, a meeting of delegates from the surrounding Parish Councils also identified issues that need to be addressed in the context of the Falmouth and Penryn Community Plan.

The Plan itself will be used to inform local and regional authorities and government bodies about the wishes and expectations of the community; to input into the Falmouth and Penryn Community Network alongside neighbouring parish plans; identify local priorities for action; and provide a platform for community-led projects.
