



## PENRYN TOWN COUNCIL

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	2013/14	2014/15
	Budget	Budget
	£	£
Expenditure:		
Administration	138,667	135,179
Civic	3,950	4,450
Grants	13,000	12,682
Property rents and maintenance	58,738	54,975
Burial ground	6,255	3,155
Car parks	10,065	11,070
Other services	5,000	13,000
Capital expenditure	5,800	10,000
Amenities	<u>7,350</u>	<u>13,065</u>
Sub Total:	248,825	257,576
Less income	<u>25,920</u>	<u>13,475</u>
Total:	222,905	244,101
Funding from precept	162,000	203,000
Funding from reserves/grant funding	<u>60,905</u>	<u>41,101</u>
Total expenditure	222,905	244,101
Number of employees (31 March)	4.5 FTE	4.5 FTE

Penryn Town Council consists of sixteen members who are elected for a four year term. The Town Mayor, who also serves as the Chairperson of Council, is elected by members on an annual basis. Members do not receive allowances for their Council work. The Town Mayor for 2013/2014 is Councillor Mrs Beverly Hulme, and the Deputy Town Mayor is Councillor Mrs Gill Grant. The new civic year commences in May of each year. Council meetings are monthly, usually on the first Monday of each month, with a separate Planning Committee meeting, usually on the third Monday.

Council assets include the Town Hall and Clock Tower, Penryn Town Museum, the Temperance Hall, The Glebe Cemetery and Shute Meadow car park. In addition, the Council leases and manages Permarin car park, Glasney Field, public conveniences, and the Glasney Valley Doorstep Green.

There are two factors that affect how much the average tax payer (Band D) will pay in Penryn towards the Town Council precept. The obvious factor is the amount of the precept itself, but another important factor is the council tax base. This is a figure that is calculated by Cornwall Council to indicate to Town and Parish Councils how many Band D equivalent tax payers there are in their Parish. Dividing the precept by this amount gives an indication of how much a Band D tax payer in Penryn can expect to pay in their council tax towards the Town Council's precept. For example, the council tax base for 2013/14 was 1880.48, and the precept was £162,000, which gave a figure of £86.15. This was the amount that a Band D tax payer was charged as the Town Council portion of their council tax for the year. The council tax base for Penryn in 2014/15 will be 1935.78 and with a precept of £203,000, this will mean a Band D tax payer will pay £104.87 (an increase of £18.72 on the previous year).

Over the past year, the focus has been largely on increasing public engagement and supporting town events to raise the profile of Penryn. The Town Council has created a new website, Facebook page and

Twitter account, published a new Town Guide, and reinstated Councillor surgeries. In addition, the Council has hosted the annual Gorsedh ceremony and supported various new town events such as the Green Fields Festival and the Arts Festival, as well as giving support to the Christmas Lights Switch On, Penryn Week and Penryn Fair Day. The Town Council has also supported initiatives in the town such as the Glasney Green Space Regeneration Project and Incredible Edible. Penryn Town Council has also worked in partnership with Cornwall Council to press forward with transport improvements at The Praze, Truro Hill, Durgan Lane and the junction of Helston Road and Station Road with the use of funding from new developments in and around Penryn. Although these projects are still work in progress, they are all scheduled to be completed in early 2014.

In the coming year the Town Council has set aside a small budget for a 'Clean Up Penryn' campaign in the spring in response to a large number of complaints regarding littering, fly tipping and dog fouling. The Town Council also plans to repaint the outside of the Town Hall as part of its ongoing maintenance schedule. An additional £8000 has been added to the CCTV budget to fund the cost of transmission following news of the imminent withdrawal of this service by Cornwall Council and a budget of £3800 has also set aside for weed spraying as this will also be withdrawn from 1 April. In addition, £1000 has been allocated for additional litter bins and their maintenance. The Town Council is pleased to see a reduction in the public convenience budget of £3000 as a result of savings made by local management of the facilities and hopes to be able to report a similar success next year in regard to local management of the CCTV system. Finally, a budget of £5605 for the maintenance of the Stuart Stephen Memorial Hall, together with the associated expected income of £4100, has been removed as the transfer of the hall to the Town Council was not able to be taken forward as planned.

Full details of the Council's budgets for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years are available from the Town Clerk, Saracen House, Higher Market Street, Penryn TR10 8HU. Telephone - 01326 373086 or email [townclerk@penryntowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:townclerk@penryntowncouncil.co.uk), and the full budget papers are also available on the Town Council's website at [www.penryntowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.penryntowncouncil.co.uk).