



# Mini Town Crier

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## NEWQUAY TOWN COUNCIL ACQUIRES ASSETS

Newquay Town Council has been in negotiations with Cornwall Council for several years discussing the devolution of assets. Many assets such as Public Conveniences, Open Spaces and Car Parks were given to Cornwall Council by the Town Council at that time. Since then members have worked tirelessly to re-acquire some of those assets back for the Town.

The Town Council formed the 'Localism' committee to spearhead this project and to report to the Full Council with any progress and get advice. During the last months 2012 and early months of 2013 members of the Town Council discussed at length taking over the Public Conveniences from Cornwall Council. The decision was not easy as the Public Conveniences were scheduled to be closed should the Town Council not take them over. However as this decision came after the Town Council had set its budget for the coming year, this left members in a difficult position.

Members decided at an Extraordinary Full Council meeting in March 2013 to begin the transfer of the Public Conveniences. The Town could not do without them especially during the seasonal periods. Cornwall Council will be refurbishing all of the Public Conveniences as a good will gesture to the Town and aims to have work completed by May 2014. During this time the Town Council is looking to clean and maintain them over the coming year. At the end of 2013 the Town Council will hold a public consultation to decide if this is a service that can be maintained and at what the extra cost would be, if any, to the ratepayers of Newquay.

## FUTURE OF CCTV

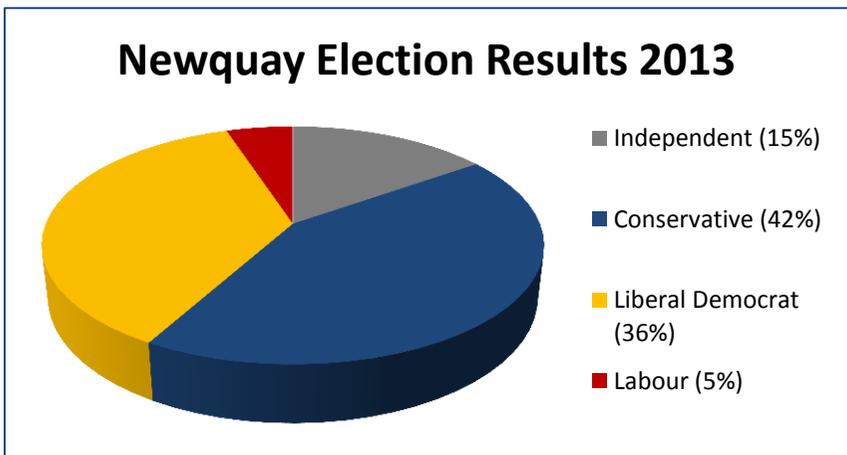
The CCTV system in the Town was taken over by Newquay Town Council as Cornwall Council could no longer fund the monitoring. The Police in the area consider it a valuable asset in investigating criminal activity and has helped considerably in preventing crimes and catching criminals.

In recent months CCTV has been at risk as the current company who are employed to carry out the monitoring cannot continue the contract. This has left the decision on who will monitor the CCTV in their absence. The Councils Economic Development Committee looked into the possibilities of how to continue the CCTV monitoring without the current contractor.

The EDGP Committee recommended to Full Council that the only course of action available was to employ the current CCTV directly which would require transferring them from the past contractor to Newquay Town Council. This process was not an easy undertaking however it has now been completed and the CCTV is continuing to be monitored without interruption.

## LOCAL ELECTIONS FOR A NEW COUNCIL

Both Cornwall Council and Newquay Town Council were up for election this year after a 6 year term. Members of the Town Council initially faced a 4 year term however this was extended to 6 years to coincide with the District Council elections.



The results this year have been unusual as all of the wards in Newquay, apart from one, were uncontested. The Town is divided up into 7 areas (wards) whereby political parties or independents put candidates forward to stand for Council. In each ward there is a maximum amount of seats available and should there equal or less candidates for a ward, those candidates will be elected automatically to ensure that there is someone to represent the people in that area. This was the case in 6 wards and the only election which took place was in the Newquay Treviglas Ward. The average turnout for the county was on average 22.9%. The makeup of the Town Council has changed quite considerably with 10 new members joining.