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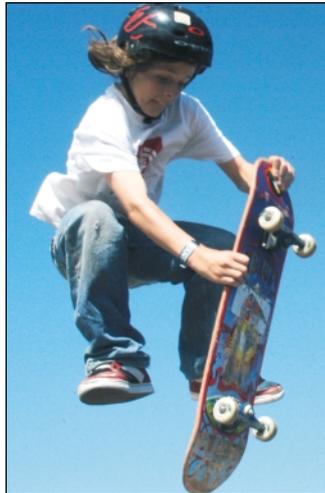
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ALL RIDING HIGH AT WOODENWAVES

BMX'ers, Skateboarders and Inline Skaters are riding high at Woodenwaves since the park has been declared free and open to all.



The Town Councils decision to alter the operation of the park was made following discussions with potential users, local agencies and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA).

One of the main reasons for establishing the park 3 years ago was to give youngsters in particular a dedicated facility to practice their sport without the problems associated with them using public open spaces. Although used by many the original charging policy did not encourage the all-inclusive use by local youngsters that the Council wanted to achieve.

The open nature of the park is being widely supported by the Police and the youth service. Andrew Sleeman, who uses the park regularly said, 'I am really pleased that it is now free, and it is busy all the time, it is just what it needed. Lois Schofield says, 'his favourite piece of equipment is the vert ramp.'

On August 3rd Rip Curl again staged for the second year an open skateboarding event providing local youngsters with the opportunity

to compete against some of the best boarders in the country.

The Cornwall Youth Service with funding from Restormel Borough Council is providing professional tuition on street art at wooden waves. It is providing an opportunity for youngsters to learn and demonstrate their artistic abilities within a controlled environment. This is a joint project between RBC and CCC youth service to reduce graffiti on public buildings.

The Council is really pleased that the users of the park are acting responsibly with no reports of issues or damage. The Council is keen to re-establish a link with park users through a forum of parents and park users to meet quarterly. Anyone interested please contact Mrs V Penny Clerk to the Town Council 01637 878388 or e-mail v.penny@can-online.org.uk

Web Site

The council has now launched its own web-site www.newquaytowncouncilcornwall.co.uk providing residents with details of all the Council activities.

The website will be regularly updated and will contain all relevant information to do with Newquay.

If you wish to promote an event or activity in Newquay send the details to the address on the front page.

Quality Status

The Council is seeking to achieve Quality Status by the spring of 2007. Quality Status is a voluntary scheme open to all Parish and Town Councils. A Quality Council will have to have demonstrated that it has reached a certain standard and is an active body in the community.

Local Councils are expected to:

- Be representative of and involved with all the community.
- Be effectively and properly managed with members and officers upholding high standards of conduct.
- Work closely with voluntary groups and articulate the community's needs and wishes through Parish Plans and similar policy documents.
- Work in partnership with other local authorities and agencies and, depending on their size, be able to deliver local services, which give the best deal for the local community.

For the Town Council the benefits might be:

Civic pride – everyone likes success, and that is true for the community served by a Quality Council, it also gives the Councillors and the Officers who work there greater confidence.

A Quality Council will have good systems in place, and good mechanisms for communicating with the local area. The public have high expectations of local government, with a well-trained clerk. A qualified Clerk is a real asset to a council and supports the work of elected members providing an opportunity for greater involvement with partner authorities and bodies.

If new regional government comes into being Town and Parish Councils will become an essential first tier of Local Government closest to the people.

Quality Parish and Town Councils can bring fresh vibrancy to local democracy by placing local leadership and local capacity building at the heart of rural and urban areas.

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Footpaths Going for Gold!

The Footpaths, Bridleways and Open Spaces Committee have had a very busy time working closely with Cornwall County Council in grading our town footpaths.

We have been lucky enough to have the majority of our footpaths graded as gold standard, which means that both ourselves and County will be working hard this year to ensure the paths are maintained to the high standard required.

All over Newquay we have a large network of footpaths that are either maintained by Cornwall County Council or ourselves.

Our Committee members have spent time walking the paths over the past year to take account of the condition and repairs needed. New path numbers have been acquired and will be posted at each end of its path to aid walkers on their journeys around Newquay.

Newquay's footpaths are there for your pleasure as well as for practical reasons, they not only connect our Town and walkways but also link to coastal paths which are both picturesque and beautiful. Footpaths are historical rights of way, they are there for your pleasure, walking is free and helps keep us fit so why not get out there and use them!

Grants Approved for 2006 / 2007

Open Road Theatre	£250.00
Newquay Zoo	£1000.00
Newquay Football Club	£6000.00
Newquay TIC	£7500.00
Friends of Trenance	£2000.00
Harbour Sports	£250.00
Newquay Lions	£1000.00
Newquay Sports Centre	£15000.00
St Columb Minor Xmas	£750.00
Trenance Gardens	£5000.00
Cornwall Air Ambulance	£1000.00
Restormel District Neighbourhood Watch Forum	£25.00

The council holds two funds, one for small grants up to £250.00, and a fund for higher amounts. If you wish to apply for funding from the Council contact the Clerk as detailed on the front page.

Youth Initiative Set to Win

To help young people understand a little on how the council works £6000.00 per year has been allocated for five schools to compete for by working up a project either for the community or their school.

Three prizes are awarded of £2000.00 to the best project in three categories. The pupils in a democratic manner select a small committee to represent their school and develop the project.

In July all the schools are invited to the Council chamber to present their projects, each project is voted on by the other schools and a winner decided.

Last year's winners were, Bishops School for lighting and staging equipment for the school hall, Treviglas Community College for regeneration of the forget-me-not garden and day centre garden at Mount Edgcombe Hospice, and St Columb Minor Primary School for a weather shelter in the school grounds.



Old Boat Yard and Picnic Area Secured by Council

The Council has recently secured ownership of the Old Boat Yard and Picnic Area on the north shore of the Gannel

For some years the Council has maintained this area and provided picnic tables and on this basis applied to the Land Registry for title to the land and were successful.

It is intended to liaise with all boat owners to establish what is best for mooring arrangements in and around the boat yard.

The land area of the Boat Yard is in need of a lot of TLC, there is a considerable amount of debris to be removed and three old tin shacks need to be demolished. With some severe pruning of trees and bushes the site should be returned to its original glory.

The picnic area is well used throughout the summer by Locals and Tourists; it provides an idyllic setting for a sandwich and a bottle of wine on a nice summer evening.

Repairs to Football Stand Aided by Council Grant

Newquay Football Club's main stand was damaged by bad weather earlier on in the year to the extent it had to be closed. The Town Council provided a grant of £6000.00 to assist the club in funding the repairs. The stand was reopened in time for the start of the new season.

May 2007 Elections

Elections for the 20 Town Council seats will take place in May 2007. If you wish to vote make sure you are registered with the Electoral Registration Department at Restormel Borough Council.

If you have recently purchased a property within the town boundary you are not automatically put on the electoral register.

The Councils Budget for 2007/2008

Committees and the administration of the Council set out the budget for 2007/2008. The figures detailed below are the gross amounts each committee has decided it needs for the next financial year. A more detailed account is set out on the Councils web site.

	Committee Spend Budget	Additions to Reserves	Release from Reserves	Net Budget
Administration	87,500	6,500	(14,000)	80,000
Finance & Policy	28,000	500		28,500
Economic Development	84,500	4,000	(4,000)	84,500
Footpaths & Open Spaces	52,325	5,000	(15,000)	41,825
Tourism & Leisure	53,500	250		53,750
Amenity Land Working Pty	5,000			5,000
	310,825	16,250	(33,500)	293,575
Contingency	15,000			15,000
	325,825	16,250	(33,500)	308,575
Less:				
Interest income				(12,000)
Footpath Maintenance				<u>0</u>
Precept (excl GF Contribution)				296,575
Reduction in General Fund				(36,575)
Precept Requirement				<u>260,000</u>

This would result in a precept increase of £5,000. 2% over 2006/07. This is a rate of £38.14 per Band D taxpayer, £0.74 increase over 2006/07. Without the contribution from the general fund and the regeneration reserves, the precept would have to increase by £55,00 (22%) over the 2006/07 level to £310,000 which would equate to £46.37 per Band D.

The Mayors column

A modern day mayor is a symbol of the Town Council and its area with the insignia of the robes, chains of office, hat, etc, and connects the present day with history acting as a symbol of continuity.

A modern role for the mayor is that the office symbolises an open society.

Prior to the twentieth century, the choice of mayor was in reality very restricted but today the "First" Citizen can come from any class, gender, or ethnic background. As the son of a London cabby I am proof of that, showing the progress that we have made towards symbolising the open society.

The many civic and social engagements I have attended are an expression of giving cohesion to the life of Newquay. The Mayor can act as a link between the towns various bodies and organisations and can feed back their views and concerns of the people back into the political field.

Similarly the Mayor can also take the Councils message and themes out into the community and work towards achieving the Councils social, community, educational and economic aims.

The Mayoral Civic Year runs from May to May so my year is almost over, it has been extremely diverse and interesting and I am proud to have served as your Mayor and "First Citizen".

Your Town Crier

Town Criers can date themselves back to ancient Greek and Roman Times. In those days, criers would tell the news and local events in the market place.

In England the first recorded use of Town Criers was the battle of Hastings in 1066, when William the Conqueror had men go out to announce his victory in the Towns.

In medieval times, it was not unusual for most people to be illiterate. Nobility had their personal heralds, who announced proclamations and laws and had the special task of memorising all the coats of arms of everyone in the kingdom, so they could tell who was present just by looking at their shields.

Up until the late 19th century, illiteracy was still rampant. Town Criers cried the news to all and sundry, and would then nail the paper it was written on to the post in front of an inn so those who were able to read could read it for themselves (hence the term "to post a notice"). Town Criers, as heralds were before them, were considered to be sacrosanct.

The daily newspaper was the beginning of the end of Town Criers as a necessary position.

Today many Towns are reviving the position of Town Crier as a visible link to the past. The uniform is

usually late 18th or early 19th century, although some wear uniforms from well outside that period.

David Bradshaw was elected as Newquay Town Crier back in June 2002 after the death of our long term Town Crier Neville Hogarth. Neville's ambition was to

hold a WORLD town criers event here in Newquay. As you know we did, sadly Neville was not around to see it.

David is a member of the Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers and his principle role is to escort the Mayor on Civic functions and Sergeant at Arms to the town of Newquay.

Notice of council meeting and events are posted on the 16 notice boards around the Town, and all are proclaimed when posted.

David also represents Newquay in Town Criers competitions around the world.



Newquay Floral Enhancement Scheme

Two years ago a Britain in Bloom programme showed areas where villages and towns enhanced their village greens, dull places even balcony's of flats, by providing the community with plants and shrubs. The community did the work of planting and tending the flowered items throughout the summer and in some cases the Council provided water butts and watering cans to assist with watering so that people did not have to carry water from their houses.

The Council with the help of its Members will be looking for similar areas in all of the wards within the Town. Local people in areas chosen will be asked to assist with the planting and tending of the plants, bulbs or shrubs throughout the summer. The Council will provide all the plants. It is only intended to have annual flowers and we are not looking to provide trees or similar potted large plants.

Newquay in Bloom takes place during the month of July and it would be nice if planted areas blossomed at the same time.

If you know of a dull area, which would benefit from some planting please contact the Clerk on the e-mail address on the front page.

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee meets twice per month on Mondays at 2pm in the Council Buildings to discuss current planning applications within the Town boundary.

There is a public question time prior to the meeting that allows members of the public to speak on any planning item on the agenda. Plans are also available in the clerk's office for viewing by arrangement. The Council views plans at an early stage of the planning process and makes a decision to support or not on the basis of current planning legislation.

The Committee may also deal with other planning issues as a consultee, such as current proposed regeneration of Newquay and the Growth Area, and also intended changes to any current planning legislation.

Footpaths Bridleways and Open Spaces

As the title suggests one of the principle duties of the committee is to maintain some 50 footpaths and bridleways within the parish. The council contracts this responsibility from Cornwall County Council who also provide some grant aid. Newquay has many open spaces and the council maintains a few by cutting grass and trimming edges.

The committee's main project is the skatepark "Woodenwaves" in Trenance leisure complex. The skatepark was built in 2003 and since its opening the committee has been responsible for its upkeep and day to day running.

The Committee also acts as a consultee to other authorities on general matters relating to the countryside.

Tourism & Leisure Committee

The purpose of the committee is to conduct business, which appertains to the Tourism and Leisure aspects of Newquay, to monitor and report on all projects undertaken, and to establish an annual budget.

The committee provides financial support for events such as The Newquay Fish Festival, the Lions Carnival and Sandcastle competitions, Harbour Sports, and the Christmas Community Fair, to name a few.

The notice boards and events boards in and around Newquay are serviced by the committee, both structurally and advertising with the assistance of the Town Crier.

The committee has a budget set aside to assist organisations putting on events in the town, and also supports the Newquay Tourist Information Centre with funding, who last year were short listed in the Cornwall Tourism Awards for Tourist Information Centre of the Year together with Falmouth and Truro.

One annual event, which the committee arranges is the New Year's Eve Fireworks set off at the harbour, to welcome in the New Year.

For a number of years this committee has arranged Band Concerts during the summer months on 14 Sunday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm, encouraging local brass bands to entertain both our residents and holidaymakers. During August on one day a week we have a Punch and Judy Show to entertain the children.

Economic Development and General Purposes Committee

One of the main responsibilities of the committee is town security; this has been achieved by supporting the CCTV system in the Town. The Councils contribution has helped to keep the system monitored locally from the Police Station.

Before the Government decided to fund the PCSO's the committee had part financed two Police Community Support Officer's and initially private security to support the policing of the town.

Decorative lights were erected in Fore St, Bank St, East St and Cliff Road to brighten up the streets and give a feeling of safety.

Christmas Lights and the Illuminations also come under the committee's remit.

Like other committees it also acts as a consultee to the Borough and County Council dealing with general items such as regeneration, public toilets, and cleanliness of the town, car park charges and many other issues.

Your Councillors:

Gannel Ward

Mrs L Cherry	871576
Mrs L A Clarke	874045
D C Dent	850169
Miss J Kenny	872913
Mrs O R Irons	(Resigned)
J Moore	01872 540262

Edgcombe (South) Ward

S Carter	873793
R G Edwards	852251
Mrs A Lister	877436
Mr R H Irons	(Resigned)

Edgcombe (North) Ward

Mrs D Freeman	
A Hannan	889099
A R Leverton	877288
D Walker	877452

Rialton Ward

A S Burgham	07814791298
Mrs JPA Burt-Crocker	871529
J Rainbow	875774
P Lamshead	851188
G J Redman	871625
P Summers	877775

Meetings Calendar

Schedule of meetings February 2007 to May 2007

FEBRUARY 07	5	PLANNING	C
FEBRUARY	7	COUNCIL	CC
FEBRUARY	13	TOURISM AND LEISURE	C
FEBRUARY	14	FINANCE AND POLICY	C
FEBRUARY	15	ECON DEVEL. & GEN.PURPOSES	C
FEBRUARY	19	F.PATHS, BRIDLEWAYS, O.SPACES	NC
FEBRUARY	19	PLANNING	C
MARCH 07	5	PLANNING	C
MARCH	7	COUNCIL	CC
MARCH	13	TOURISM & LEISURE	C
MARCH	14	FINANCE & POLICY	C
MARCH	15	ECON DEVEL. & GEN.PURPOSES	C
MARCH	19	F.PATHS, BRIDLEWAYS, O.SPACES	NC
MARCH	19	PLANNING	C
MARCH	28	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING	CC
APRIL 07	2	PLANNING	C
APRIL	4	COUNCIL	CC
APRIL	10	TOURISM & LEISURE	C
APRIL	12	ECON DEVEL. & GEN.PURPOSES	C
APRIL	14	MAYORS CIVIC FUNCTION	
APRIL	16	PLANNING	C
APRIL	16	F.PATHS, BRIDLEWAYS, O.SPACES	NC
APRIL	25	FINANCE & POLICY	C
MAY 07	9	COUNCIL (MAYOR MAKING)	CC
MAY	7	PLANNING	C
MAY	16	ADJOURNED FULL COUNCIL	CC
MAY	21	PLANNING	C

MEETING VENUES

(C) Held in Room11, Municipal Offices. (Planning 2pm) (F&P 7.30p.m.)

(CC) Held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Newquay – 7.00 pm

(NC) Held in the Newquay Centre, St Michael's Road Newquay – 7.30 pm