



THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Council runs the Pannier Market, the Town Hall, most of the open spaces, the Guildhall Square car park, the allotments and cemeteries. The Council is 'Lord of the Manor' for part of Whitchurch Down. It has in its care a large proportion of the old listed buildings in Tavistock. It provides "street furniture" and play parks. It also makes a major contribution to the cost of community organisations ranging from the Citizens Advice Bureau to the local Stannary Brass Band. One of its most important functions though, is to provide a democratic representational voice for the Tavistock community. This commonly involves making representations to the County and Borough Councils concerning matters relating to Tavistock such as highways, transport, planning and development control.

The Town Council sends representatives to speak for Tavistock at meetings of some 33 local organisations.

WHAT DID WE DO IN 2008/9?

- We opened the new play park at Courtlands Road at a cost of £40,000.
- We installed the Trim Trail in the Meadows, partly financed by a £5,000 grant, to make a healthier Tavistock.
- In partnership with West Devon Borough Council, we installed lights along St Johns Avenue and Pearce's Meadow.
- We gave £10,000 to Tavistock College for athletics equipment, and over £30,000 to support other groups in the town.
- We worked to counter the recession by promoting Bedford Square, the Town Hall and the Market with themed markets, exhibitions, displays and marquees to encourage outside stalls and events.
- Regrettably we postponed development of Pixon Lane as a formal car park once the business case showed it could never be profitable, and could cost the town up to £35,000 a year in subsidies.

WHAT PROJECTS ARE WE PLANNING IN 2009/2010?

- We plan new signage around the market to help the viability of the shops there.
- We will install more flower baskets in Bedford Square to add to the "Tavistock in Bloom" idea.
- In partnership with the Chamber of Commerce we will start the process of replacing the Christmas lights with modern ones.
- We will re-lay the path alongside the river through the Meadows.
- We will work to spend in excess of £243,000 in maintenance and repairs to our listed buildings.

WHO ARE WE?

The Town Council has 17 elected Members (currently there is one vacancy), representing the three wards of North and South Tavistock and Tavistock South West. The council members were either elected in May 2007 for four years, co-opted shortly after the election or elected at a by-election in September 2007.

Council members may receive a £200 payment for expenses (though some decline to accept this), and have to act within the ethical framework laid down by law.

In September 2008 the Council was re-qualified with the status of a 'Quality Town Council' having passed a strict appraisal by external auditors.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman, Cllr Brian Trew. The Properties Committee has 7 members and is responsible for all matters pertaining to properties and lands owned by the Council. Currently this is some £9.6 million worth of assets. The Committee undertakes inspections of the lands and premises but has to refer any financial aspects to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. It meets at 6.30 pm on Tuesdays in a six-week cycle. Tavistock Town Council is unique in that much land and property in Tavistock that was once owned by the Duke of Bedford, and was purchased from him in 1911 by the then Parish Council, has now ended up in its care. The income from rents offsets much of what would otherwise be paid by electors as part of council tax. The Committee plans to spend some £243,500 in this financial year in repairs and maintenance of these properties, and a planned maintenance schedule is being prepared to ensure that these listed buildings are looked after.

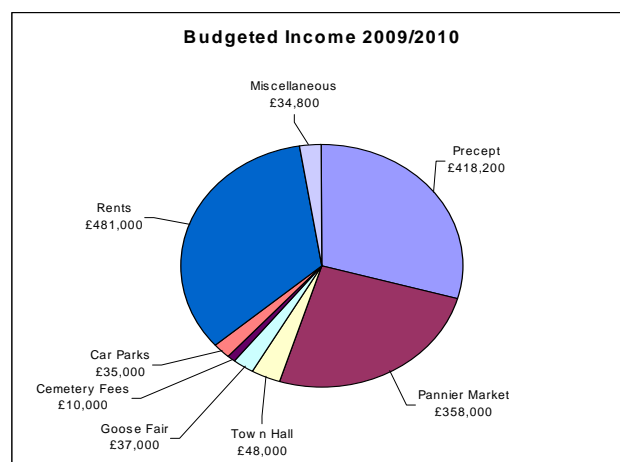
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman, Cllr Harry Smith. The Finance and General Purposes Committee has 8 members and considers all matters that have a financial implication and makes recommendations to the full Council. It is also responsible for any other matters that may be the responsibility of the Council that are not dealt with by the Properties or Plans Committees. It meets at 7.15 pm on Tuesdays in a six-week cycle. The Committee controls a budget that normally exceeds £1 million, and is concerned with matters as diverse as employment conditions for the 17 full time staff, parking in Tavistock, and twinning with Pontivy and Celle.

Budgeted Income 2009/2010

Precept	£ 418,200.00
Pannier Market	£ 358,000.00
Town Hall	£ 48,000.00
Goose Fair	£ 37,000.00
Cemetery Fees	£ 10,000.00
Car Parks	£ 35,000.00
Rents	£ 481,000.00
Miscellaneous	£ 34,800.00

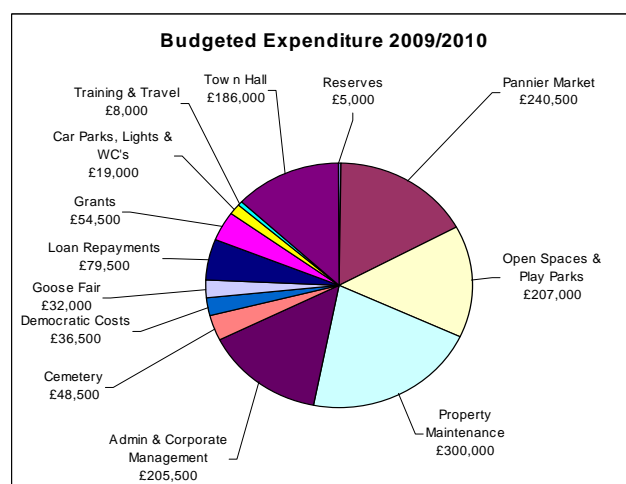
Total £1,422,000.00



Budgeted Expenditure 2009/2010

Reserves	£ 5,000.00
Pannier Market	£ 240,500.00
Open Spaces & Play Parks	£ 207,000.00
Property Maintenance	£ 300,000.00
Admin & Corporate Management	£ 205,500.00
Cemetery	£ 48,500.00
Democratic Costs	£ 36,500.00
Goose Fair	£ 32,000.00
Loan Repayments	£ 79,500.00
Grants	£ 54,500.00
Car Parks, Lights & WC's	£ 19,000.00
Training & Travel	£ 8,000.00
Town Hall	£ 186,000.00

Total £1,422,000.00



PLANS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Town Council's Plans Committee comprises 7 Councillors. This year the Committee is again chaired by Cllr. David Best, with Cllr. Ian Jennings as vice chairman. The Committee meets in the Council Chamber fortnightly on Tuesdays at 6.00 p.m. Along with other planning issues, such as development policies, decisions made by the Borough Council on applications are viewed and new planning applications discussed and comments agreed for forwarding. It is to be noted that the Borough Council is the planning authority for Tavistock, the Town Council being merely consultees. For the year 20th May 2008 to 19th May 2009 the Plans Committee considered some 208 applications from the Borough Council and 5 applications for the small part of the Parish of Tavistock that lies within the Dartmoor National Park.

The Committee also reviewed the following policy documents for comment:

- a) Devon County Council Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement.
- b) Devon County Council Minerals & Waste Development Framework Consultation on Issues & Options.
- c) W. D. Borough Council Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Further Consultation Report.
- d) West Devon Borough Council Local Development Framework – Site Allocations, Issues and Options.
- e) Dartmoor National Park Authority – Strategic Land Availability Assessment.
- f) Dartmoor National Park Authority – Site Inspection Procedures.
- g) Dartmoor National Park Authority Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Development Plan.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2009/2010 – 6 week cycle

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
1	1	1	1 Sat	1 Prop/F&GP	1	1 Sun	1	1 PH	1	1	1	1 Sat
2	2 Council	2	2 Sun	2 Plans	2	2	2	2 Sat	2 Plans/Council	2 Plans	2 BH	2 Sun
3	3	3	3	3	3 Sat	3	3	3 Sun	3	3	3 Sat	3 BH
4	4 BH	4	4 Sat	4 Plans	4	4 Sun	4	4	4	4	4 Sun	4 ATM(?)
5	5 Council	5	5 Sun Civic Service	5	5 Sat	5	5 Sat	5 Plans/Staffing	5	5	5 BH	5
6	6 Staffing	6 Sat	6	6	6 Sun	6 TH&Market	6	6 Sun	6	6 Sat	6 Sat	6
7	7	7 Sun	7 Plans	7	7 Burials Site Visit	7	7 Sat	7	7 Sun	7 Sun	7	7
8	8	8	8 Sat	8 Council	8	8 Sun	8 Prop/F&GP	8	8	8	8	8 Sat
9	9 Plans	9	9 Sun	9	9	9	9 Plans	9 Sat	9	9 Prop/F&GP	9	9 Sun
10	10 TH&Market	10	10	10	10 Sat	10 Plans/FPP&P	10	10 Sun	10	10	10 Sat	10
11	11	11 Sat	11	11	11 Sun	11	11	11	11	11	11 Sun	11 Plans
12	12 Pre-AGM Meeting	12	12 Sun	12	12 Sat	12 Plans	12 Sat	12	12	12	12	12
13	13 Plans	13 Sat	13	13	13 Sun	13	13 Sun	13	13 Sat	13 Sat	13 Plans/Staffing	13
14	14	14 Sun	14 Prop/F&GP	14	14	14 Goose Fair	14 Sat	14	14 Sun	14 Sun	14 Whitchurch Down	14
15	15	15	15 Sat	15 Plans/Staffing	15	15 Sun	15 Council	15	15	15	15	15 Sat
16	16 Sat	16 Staffing	16	16 Sun	16	16	16	16 Sat	16 Plans	16 Council/Plans	16	16 Sun
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18	18 ATM	18	18 Sat	18 Plans	18	18 Sun	18	18	18	18	18 Sun	18 Pre-AGM Meeting
19	19 Council AGM	19	19 Sun	19	19 Sat	19 FPP&P	19	19 Plans	19	19	19	19
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25	25 BH	25	25 Sat	25	25 Sun	25	25 BH	25	25	25	25 Sun	25 Council AGM
26	26 Prop/F&GP	26	26 Sun	26	26 Sat	26	26 Sat	26 Properties/F&GP	26	26 Civic Ball	26	26 Plans
27	27 Plans	27 Sat	27	27	27 Sun	27 Plans/Council	27	27 Sun	27 Sat	27 Sat	27 Plans/Council	27
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OTHER COUNCILS OPERATE IN TAVISTOCK

Devon County Council Responsibilities

Education	Highways and Highway Lighting
Social Services	Heritage Services
Transportation	Waste Disposal (Crowndale Tip)
Strategic Planning	Libraries
Road Safety	Fire and Rescue (through Devon and Somerset Fire Authority)
Trading Standards	
Registration/Coroners' Services	Police (through Devon and Cornwall Police Authority)

West Devon Borough Council Responsibilities (Tel: 01822 813600)

Social Housing	Housing Benefits (through Capita)
Environmental Health	Refuse Collection (through Focsa)
Council Tax collection	Local Planning and Development
Most Car Parks	Tourism and the Tourist Information Centre
Elections	Economic Development
Public Toilets	Leisure Services – (Meadowlands Pool)
Street Cleaning	Building Regulations

TAVISTOCK TOWN MAYOR

The Mayor for 2009/10 is Cllr Mrs Mandy Govier, with her fiancé Mr Danny Honey as her Consort and Cllr David Whitcomb as her Deputy Mayor. The Mayor chairs the full Council, which meets at 7.00 pm on Tuesdays on a six-weekly cycle. She also represents the Council and the Town at civic events throughout the year.

Mandy has been a Town Councillor since 2003 and a member of all the committees during this time, giving her a solid understanding of how the Town Council works. Mandy has chosen as her Mayoral Charity, the Tavistock Community Football Club, an organisation working towards turning the land at Crowndale into various sized soccer pitches with a Community Football Club building with changing facilities, function room and kitchen. Former Tavistock Mayor John Warne (1994-5) planted the seeds for this project and led the first major fund-raising during his mayoralty. It is an absolute pleasure for Mandy to hopefully raise extra funds to help complete this ongoing project. The Mayor would be delighted if anyone wishes to contribute to this charity by passing donations into the Town Council offices in Drake Road.



TOWN COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mrs S Bailey	618346	Cllr D Best	613902
Cllr Mrs M Govier	617864	Cllr M Harper	616367
Cllr I. Jennings	613330	Cllr Mrs A Johnson	613807
Cllr Mrs J Metcalf	615293	Cllr R Pike	612456
Cllr E Sanders	614308	Cllr P Sanders	612265
Cllr Mrs D Sellis	612153	Cllr J. Sellis	612153
Cllr H Smith	613118	Cllr E Sherrell	612939
Cllr B Trew	611320	Cllr D Whitcomb	617875

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Town Hall

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