

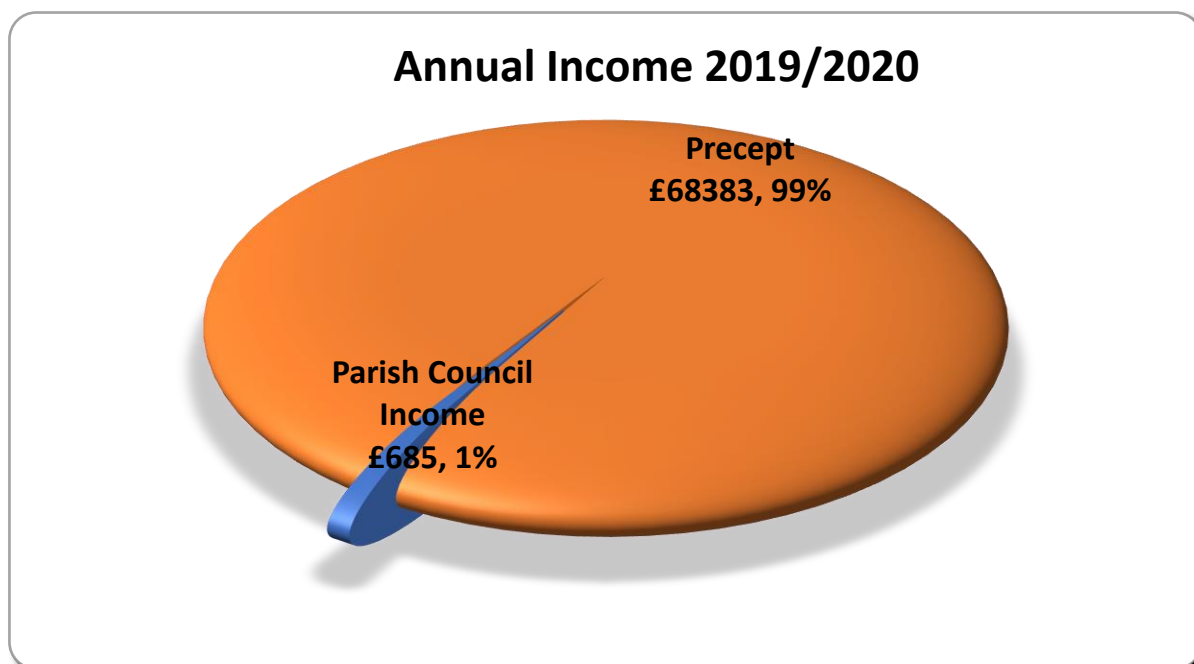
St Mewan Parish Council Income & Expenditure 2019/2020

The council have formally approved the annual budget for 2019/20, a year poised to see the parish council continue to deliver and enhance the local surroundings of St Mewan Parish through support of the Precept, Community Benefit Fund; an income generated from Clean Earth Energy and the Trewoon Support Fund; bequeathed money.

Unfortunately, we are continuing to confront declining support in the form of reduced support services, however committed to ongoing reviews of expenditure to ensure efficiency across all services and aim to look at possible income generating streams to reduce pressure on local taxpayers as much as possible.

The parish council has no valuable budget income other than very small streams coming in from the allotments, a grazing licence and a rent. With the reduction of 2.4% of the Council Tax Support Grant 2018/19 against the precept 2019/20 and second tier government not providing any grants to enable parish and town councils to achieve a council tax freeze, this has resulted in the need for the annual parish precept to increase from **£47.95** to **£59.78** for a Band D property to ensure we can maintain a good standard of service. This represents a rise of **£11.83** per year or just over **22p** per week.

Apart from the management of the parish, you may not be aware, but we look after all play areas

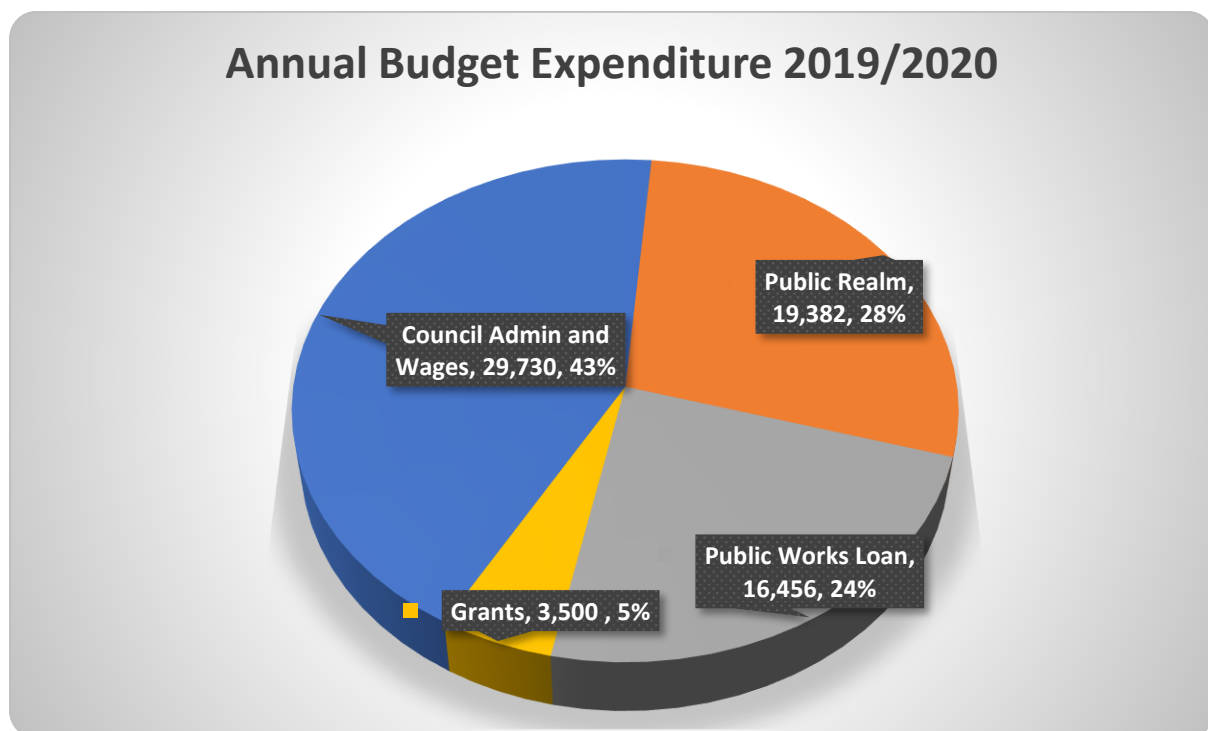


and recreational land and carry out regular playground equipment inspections. Maintenance and grass cutting in St Mewan Church cemetery, allotment garden, 2 open spaces, 5 playing fields, car park, footpaths, bridleways and stiles across the parish, weed control and verge management, rubbish collection in all areas and ongoing general repairs and renewals.

The council appoint different but regular contractors who are qualified, certificated and have the required public liability in each specialist service area of the parish, this ultimately saves the council

having to budget and purchase high end equipment with the added expenditure of maintenance and associated expenditure of staff costs, all of which reflects in the parish proportion of your council tax bill.

Below is a snapshot of committed budget expenditure for 2019/2020



Council's Ear Marked Reserves as per Governance and Accountability A Practitioners' Guide (England) March 2014

There has been an approximate 50% expenditure 2018/19 of the £27000 council's reserves and has included unforeseen major repairs to the allotment garden, a new council laptop, necessary maintenance in Polgooth Playing Fields and legal advice on the auditor's recommendation.

Digital mapping technology has been purchased which will ultimately play an important part to mapping of the parish council assets which forms legal compliance with the external auditor. Mapping will include the parish footpaths and bridleways, all of which will be attached to the recently developed new website which will now accommodate this information for easy public viewing.

Other expenditure has been a speed activation device for St Mewan Lane with the required accessories and the beautiful WW1 seat with an engraved plaque at St Mewan Church commemorating the centenary.



We pride ourselves on the standard of our performance and are working towards 'Quality Council Status' and will seek to reconfirm to residents that we operate at the forefront of best practice, in governance, community leadership and council development, through aspiring to achieve in the first instance the 'Foundation Award'.

St Mewan Parish Council always welcomes comments or if you require any further information please email the Parish Clerk at clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk or via the website at www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Budget & Precept 2019/2020

Income

Precept - £68383

Allotments - £180.00

Grazing License and Rent - £505.00

Total - £69068

Expenditure

Admin inc Wages - £29730

Amenities - £6090.00

Cemetery - £1980

Public Works Loan - £16456

Open Spaces -£2950

Grants - £2000.00

Highways -£3000

Playing Fields -£5362

Polgooth PF Trust -£ 1500

Total - £69068

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