

Report Looe Town Council July 2016 – Cllr Mrs E Hannaford

Graffiti

The graffiti 'artist' has struck again on the shelter at Hannaford Point. I have secured paint and rollers from Paul Richardson the manager at Jewsons to cover up the 'artwork'. Several people have volunteered to help. Perhaps we could offer a reward for information that leads to identifying the culprit.

The working party will be painting from 2pm on Thursday.

Fire at Recycling Bank, Millpool car park

Following 2 fire this year, I have agreement that CCTV will be fitted to the lamppost by the bank to deter any further attacks. This may also deter businesses using this household recycling bank for trade waste.

The Downs Planning application

The application is due to be considered in September by East Planning committee. Following Looe Town Councils unanimous recommendation for refusal I will be making strong representations against this application.

Devolution Fund

The Liskeard/Looe Community Network area met last week to give its recommendations for various bids into the £650k fund set up to enable devolution projects. Cllr Toms and myself made our pitch and I believe the bids were well supported. The Cornwall Councillors in the network will make the final recommendation as the fund was £6k over subscribed. The ultimate decision lies with Cllr Jeremy Rowe portfolio holder for communities and devolution.

Library business plan

The devolution fund bid will be used primarily to build the business case to help Looe Town Council have all the information it needs to take over the Library/One Stop Shop. We had planned to run a youth gaming night in July but have decided to postpone to September so there is more time to promote. Other events are planned over the coming months to test potential revenue generators.

The initial outline bid has been successful and a full application has been submitted. The bid includes some development monies for the West Looe trail. The weakness of the bid is the fact Looe Town Council has not pledged any monies. I hope that now the project has been given a thumbs up, Looe Town Council can revisit making a contribution. The outputs include a new cycle hub business in West Looe creating much needed jobs.

Man Engine

The Man Engine project celebrates the 'Tinth <<https://www.cornish-mining.org.uk/events>>' anniversary of our World Heritage status as well as the successes and the struggles of the real people whose lives shaped the Cornish Mining Story.

At a secret (ex-mining) location in Cornwall we are now engineering the largest mechanical puppet ever to be built in Britain: a colossal metal Cornish Miner, part man, part machine. When he crawls down the road, the height of the Man Engine is 4.5m (about the same as a

double-decker bus) but when he ‘transforms’ he will stand at over 10m tall (two-and-a-half double-deckers!)

The actual appearance of the behemoth will be kept a closely-guarded secret until the unveiling on Mon July 25th but it can be seen in Liskeard on 26th July at 2pm as it makes its way through Cornwall to Pendeen.

Fields of Flowers Hannaford

I have organized a walk and talk about the rich bio diversity of the fields at the end of Hannaford with local ecologist Paddy Saunders and organic farmer Jim Candy. Rare bees have been found in these fields so this is a chance for you to help improve the fields for wildlife and find out how the land is managed. Attendees will get a free pasty and Cornish Orchards Apple Juice and be asked to help pull Rag Wort to improve the habitat for wildlife. Gloves will be provided, children welcome and dogs on leads. Wear sturdy shoes or boots and bring waterproofs just in case.

Places limited so please book early and so we can order pasties.

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Blue Badge holders free parking

From 1st July 2016 Blue Badge holders can park for free in a Cornwall Council car park if they have a vehicle that is adapted for the benefit of the driver to use or they are registered on the Cornwall Council exemption scheme. This scheme is open to all blue badge holders who also have a registered disabled vehicle which qualifies for free tax and it is not limited to Cornish residents. Only one vehicle can be registered per person. To qualify for the exemption a vehicle must be registered as disabled on the vehicles registration document (V5C) and a copy of that document will be required to be submitted with the application. It is appreciated that Motability customers may not hold the original V5C document however Motability are more than happy to provide the necessary information. You can give them a call on 0300 456 4566 and for this scheme Motability will, on request, confirm the necessary details and send these electronically directly to the Parking Services team.

Urgent confirmation from Ministers on EU funding allocated to Cornwall

Prior to the referendum Cornwall Council were reassured by the 'leave' campaign that a decision to leave the EU would not affect the EU funding which has already been allocated to Cornwall and that Cornwall would not be worse off in terms of the investment we receive. We are seeking urgent confirmation from Ministers that this is the case.

The Council will now be studying the impact of this decision on Cornwall, both now and in the future. Because of Cornwall's relatively weak economy, compared to the rest of Europe, Cornwall has received significant amounts of funding from the EU over the past 15 years and we will be seeking confirmation that this allocation, based on need, will continue in the future.

John Pollard, the Leader of Cornwall Council said "Now that we know the UK will be leaving the EU we will be taking urgent steps to ensure that the UK Government protects Cornwall's position in any negotiations.

"We will be insisting that Cornwall receives investment equal to that provided by the EU programme which has averaged £60m per year over the last ten years."