

COMBINED COUNCIL AND MAYOR REPORT

ARMAND TOMS 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

WELCOME TO A NEW COUNCILLOR

Firstly tonight I must welcome Councillor James Lundy to the Town Council and know that he will be an asset as he has already done a lot of work in the Neighbourhood Plan group on Housing.

THE TOWN COUNCIL

I know that the month of August is supposed to be the month without Council meetings, this year this has not been the case. With many meetings going on and planning issues to be dealt with, I thank those for their deliberations on the Barbican Road site but this application I'm sure will be considered further. To that end I have picked up on some of the comments at the meeting about sewage and doctors surgery and I report the following.

I contacted Dr Stephen Bird the Chief Executive of SWW over this issue and I am in contact with a number of officers from the company over multiple issues in the town. Having talked to the local Engineer Geoff Wilcocks I highlighted a number of concerns and hopefully will get a response which can be shared with you all.

I also went to speak to the Looe Surgery Practice Manager about the application and he raised some concerns which he has put into writing for the planning department. A copy of this is below for your consideration

This will be a topic of discussion for the Council and it should be considered at the next planning meeting.

DEVOLUTION OF THE LIBRARY AND OTHER ESTATES

As you know there has been much discussion about devolving the library to Town Council. At a recent meeting with officers of Cornwall Council progress was made and many of the concerns and issues were addressed or in the process of being looked at. Having been at many of these meetings I felt that it was all moving in the right direction. The minutes will be shared and any emails I get will also be shared with Councillors so a decision can be made. To try and take this forward I have invited a number of organisations in the town with accommodation needs to come to a meeting on the 25th September, 2017 to see if this accommodation can be used to solve a number of problems. The surgery needs room, the community nurses need a permanent home and maybe others. The three properties involved can only be devolved to the Town Council but can be run by a charity and others may use them. I will update you more as time goes on.

MARINERS GARDEN

The scaffolding at the Mariners Garden is being put in place tomorrow and this will see the works start.

OTHER EVENTS

The town has been very busy over the period and although the weather has not always been kind the season has been reported to me as a good one from many businesses. The Sailing Club has held another very successful National Championship and there are plans for them to host a further two next year. I must congratulate Archie Hawkins and Jack Stevens for being the top Juniors at the recent National Mirror Class National and World Championships. The Ryder Gigg celebrated its 25th Anniversary of service to the Looe Rowing Club, built by Dave and Jim Currah a beautiful boat which has given great service to the club. Only this weekend the Looe Ladies A team came forth and the

B team 25th in the Gigg County Championships, so well done to both teams. A children's fun day at St Martins Church was well attended and I thank them for doing this for the local and visitors children.

Dear Mr Kirby,

Thank you for your advice about this following my conversation with Armand. As requested, here are the views of the practice about this, and possibly other developments in the area as we believe they will affect the practice.

We only belatedly became aware of PA17/05908, a proposal for 100 new homes and a care home off Barbican Road. I hope you are aware of the physical constraints on the practice, that it would be difficult to create extra space to expand the surgery in Looe. But we are perhaps more concerned by the limits on our staffing capacity; it has proved difficult to recruit more doctors to the practice and our whole clinical team is stretched at present. It would therefore be very difficult for us to meet the demands of an increased population and in particular those of a care home as proposed – we already offer what I trust is a good service to patients in the four care homes we service locally but do not believe we have the resources to extend this service to another large home.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Allen

Practice Manager
Old Bridge Surgery