

Report to Looe Town Council October 2018

Public meeting Looe Saves the Day

I would like to publicly thank Looe Town Council for taking on the role of organising body and putting their faith in myself, Armand and the team to delivery, And deliver we certainly did, thanks to a highly committed and skilled team of individuals and the collective support of the town, bands and financial supporters.

I am preparing a presentation for the public meeting with the following being the basis. We are meeting on 17th to do a run though which we would be pleased for members to attend.

Purpose of public meeting;

- To give feedback on 2018 event including survey results
 - Establish and approve vision and guiding principles
 - To gauge support for 2019 event
1. Introduction of the team and welcome
 2. Financial feedback/Crowdfunding and potential 2019 budget
 3. Volunteers feedback
 4. Music and entertainment
 5. Safety and risk management
 6. Transport and logistics
 7. Communications and media coverage
 8. Survey feedback
 9. Vision and Guiding principles
 10. Discussion Issues; vision and demographics, governance, timing, weather, ticket costs, scale, infrastructure needs, transport and budget.
 11. Discussion

Looe Saves the Day Wrap Party

We are holding a Wrap Party on Friday 19th as a thank you for all the volunteers. There are 3 bands playing. Members are invited. There will be a surprise announcement at the party. We have arranged Bus transport with Plymouth City Bus from east Looe end of the bridge.

West Looe fire station parking

I met with Cllr Toms, John Bowden Station Manager, David Read CLO and Highways Manager on 20th September to discuss parking issues. You will remember that the Chief Fire Officer offered to pay for a TRO to protect reaction times at the station.

The following was recommended for action;

Extend double yellows up to edge of building as per existing TRO

Explore double yellows from edge of building to end of kiosk

Explore double yellows around hatched box to rear north and rear

Add double yellows or hatching outside West Looe Town Trust building

Supply deeds to front of garages to south showing NOT highways. Supplied

Put white line in front of garages

Explore supporting signage to enforce bus stop

Library Partnership Forum

I was delighted to welcome 19 town Council representatives to the inaugural Library Forum. The purpose of the Partnership Forum was to foster a working relationship with communities that are already running devolved libraries or are in the process of devolution, to establish an

ongoing Library Partnership Group and embed the ethos of partnership between Library partners and Cornwall Council.

Delegates heard about the Library 2020 vision, discussed improvements to the partners Service specification agreement, the structure of the service post transformation and heard about various aspects of the Library service. This included The Early years Service, e resources and Borrow Box, summer reading challenge and supporting people to get online.

There were several volunteers from towns to form a Partnership Group to help shape a review of the service specification and share best practice. Delegates shared experiences and divided a buddy system of support. The session was very positive and we hope to repeat in January widening attendance to include more councillors and Clerks.

I recommend that Looe Town Council engage in the Partnership Group and buddy up with other towns.

Polvellan Manor and Millpool slope path

I am reliably informed that an application for the redevelopment of the Polvellan Manor site was submitted by the end of last week. Validation of the application will be within 2 weeks to allow time to check all documents have been correctly submitted.

The public will be able to comment on the application as will Looe Town Council in due course.

One issue that has become apparent is that the path that runs behind the library has never been formally adopted as a public right of way.

Because it is not formally adopted as a right of way the Council are not planning to reopen it but just make it safe by battering it back. The cost of this is approx £20k. There are significant cracks in the path largely due to tree roots destabilising the bank.

The cost to make the path safe and reopen is significantly higher. However I have negotiated with the owners of Polvellan and they would contribute to the additional cost as part of planning gain in the course of their application.

In order to persuade Cornwall Council to go down this route and formally adopt the path, a modification order needs to be made to the Council. This has to be based on evidence of use over a 20 year period and evidence that the local authority has in the past maintained that path.

I have provided evidence that my Mother used to walk me along this path in my pram back in the 60's, that there were seats along the path and that is an essential path to safely navigate the Millpool slip road on foot.

I remember the street cleaner maintaining this path and there are street lights which is all good evidence that the local authority has indeed maintained it and it should be formally adopted.

The countryside access team has a legal obligation to investigate if an application with strong evidence is made.

I am therefore seeking additional evidence, historical evidence and statements from the community that the path has been well used and maintained over the years.

Another example is the deliberate planting of shrubs along the edge.

The more evidence, including photographic evidence, we can collate the better and will support the campaign. I hope that Looe Town Council will request a modification based on the evidence collected.

Please direct message or email me your statement and perhaps ask your parents and grandparents for their recollections.

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Localism Summits

We have finalised the programme for the summits and they will include;

- A chance to have your say on the Council's draft budget, as part of our Budget Engagement
- A look at the 2020 Vision for Cornwall's Library & Information Service, with a particular focus on services that have been devolved to local councils [Julie – is this wording ok?]
- A workshop session focusing on the continued development of partnership working between local councils and ourselves
- A general Q&A session, plus the usual opportunity to network with councillors and colleagues from across Cornish local government
- 1 November – 1230-1700: Bodmin.
- 13 November – 0930-1300: Helston
- 15 November – 1230-1700: Truro

I hope you are able to attend and will encourage your town and parishes to attend as well.