

# MAYOR'S REPORT

## 30TH NOVEMBER, 2015

### COUNCIL WEBSITE

The new Council website is now up and running thanks to the work of Councillor Chris Rose and the Assistant Clerk Annette Keen. This will give residents access to the work of the Council and information about the community. If anyone has further information that can add to the site like a community group not displayed please get in touch.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The recent meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan group gave its approval to the rules that set the building blocks for the future development of our plan. It was nice to see new faces joining in and contributing to the plan. We are still short of people in areas such as local business both retail and tourism. If you wish to volunteer please get in touch with the council on 262255.

### REFURBISHMENT OF THE TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

I hope by now you have seen the refurbishment of the Tourist Information Office and the quality achieved in such a short time. This I hope will be the start of the office becoming more sustainable in the future with a new offer for the residents and businesses of the town. Can I thank the Council staff and especially Karol for the work put into this project and the Councillors who also work to achieve such a great outcome.

### BARRATT'S PLANNING

The recent meeting to discuss the second phase of the Barratt's development did not reach a conclusion. Both Barratt's and Cornwall Council planning staff have gone away to bring more information to the next meeting in respect of this application. The more information we have the better the quality of the response the council can give to this important application.

### CARADON IN BLOOM

I must congratulate Looe in Bloom for their efforts in Looe winning the Best Town (again) in the Caradon in Bloom awards. There were many other local winners and we should congratulate them all for the work, they do make Looe look so stunning all year. Well done and keep up the hard work.

### LOOE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Recently I attended the Cornwall Tourism Awards with a group from Looe Music Festival as they were nominated in the Best Event category. I am pleased to say that Looe Music Festival won a bronze award. A credit to them for having their hard work and this award shows what they have achieved.

## RNLI

I have been asked to note that the RNLI in Looe will have been in the town for 150 years next year. Of course this should be marked with celebrations throughout the summer of 2016. I'm sure we all look forward to the events to mark this outstanding achievement of service to the town and to the mariners they have saved and supported in that time.

## BATHING WATER QUALITY

This is a difficult subject because although we have worked hard with the Bathing Water Quality group the problem to be solved is not all within our area. There has been a lot of work done by members of the group, especially Cornwall Wildlife Trust who over the year has worked to help residents and businesses. They have found missed connections and given practical advice to people in the town. Whilst the EA and SWW have works with Farmers, land owners and other towns to help in making sure that their impact on the water quality. Our rating of Poor does not always reflect the efforts put in and the recent work put in representing the group at a regional level by Brian Galipeau for ELTT is appreciated. Both John Warne and myself have written a letter to our local MP Sheryll Murray asking for our signage in the town to reflect the day to day situation.

## EAST LOOE WARD REPRESENTATION

I have recently put two Motions to Cornwall Council, one asking them to support a Residents and Business parking scheme. This would have given a discount to those wanting to be part of the scheme and hopefully brought in greater footfall to town centres and increased business opportunities.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Next Friday, Saturday and Sunday is the start of the Christmas festivities in the town with the Torchlight Procession on Friday. The arrival of Santa on Saturday and the Santa Fun Run on Sunday. This is with much more, including entertainment and a Beer and Cider Festival. Of course we are looking for marshals for these events and would appreciate your help.

Lastly can I wish the town, its residents and businesses, all the staff of the Council, Councillors and their families a Happy Christmas and New Year. Good wishes to you all and may Santa bring you what you wish for, I look forward to working with you all again in 2016.