

Town Council's Quality Review - Plans for the future.

Looe is a Quality Town Council under the Government accreditation scheme. Now, as part of a re-accreditation process, it has begun a major review of how it does business, and its objectives. This time the bar has been raised for the ten tests, and the Council is determined to exceed them by as large a margin as possible.

Leading the review, Cllr. Brian Galipeau said, "Increasing community involvement, and public participation in local democracy are key themes, and the Council have already asked people to pass on any ideas they may have about how they think the council could do better. That still holds good".

Mayor, Cllr. Mike Joy added, "We are determined to be an active council, and have been looking at a range of projects and policies, which I have summarised here in Community News. We will be very interested in residents' opinions and ideas on them".

Responses or requests for further information, should be sent to Looe Town Council by phone, mail or email.

Proposed Looe Town Council Projects.

1. Unity.

Draw together all organisations in Looe in a spirit of co-operation for the long term betterment for Looe.

2. Polean/Millpool.

The Town's No: 1 Priority, and we will continue to lobby Cornwall Council for the funding to achieve the employment opportunities within this underdeveloped Brownfield site. We also support Looe Development Trust in progressing their proposed Community Power Plant for Looe for this site.

3. Planning.

The Town Council will advise the Local Planning Authority on the formulation of new planning policies, and in the determination of planning decisions; always having regard for the need to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the conservation area and the wider Town of Looe. We will continue to support schemes that are in the best interest of the Town's residents and businesses. The Town Council will also report and support enforcement on any unauthorised development when it is in the best interest to do so.

4. Public Protection.

We will in conjunction with the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary undertake regular reviews of Policing for Looe; especially as regards their Policing Pledge. If it is considered appropriate and it is supported by the community of Looe then this council will also consider paying for an additional PCSO dedicated to Looe Town Centre and wider area within the Town boundary of Looe.

5. CCTV.

The current CCTV system is being upgraded and the current coverage expanded within the Town Centre to offer increased public protection and to

assist the Police in the detection of Crime and anti social behaviour. The Town Council also plans to link the CCTV system together with other organisations in the Town, to ensure maximum protection for residents and visitors to Looe.

6. Parking & Parking Enforcement.

The town Council will continue to lobby Looe car park owners and operators for better value parking charges for local residents; this will include provision of short term parking spaces within the Cornwall Council and Looe Harbour Commission car parks to allow local residents and visitors to do quick shop stops in the Town Centre. We will also lobby Cornwall Council for effective 24/7 on street parking enforcement. The Town Council will also consider funding its own dedicated CEO for the Town if warranted and demanded by the residents of Looe.

7. Town Traffic Plan.

The Town Council, with Cornwall Council, has already completed a detailed public consultation day. The next stage is to review all the ideas and suggestions and then to put together a comprehensive Looe Traffic Regulation Order for all of Looe to address the difficulties the Town has experienced over the last two years.

8. Putting & Bowling Green.

We are in advanced negotiations with Cornwall Council to secure the long term future of the putting and bowling green on the Hannafore for the People of Looe.

9. Skateboard Park & Youth Shelter.

We want to support Looe Development Trust in securing the much awaited Skateboard Park and Youth Shelter on the Millpool Car Park for the young people of Looe. The Town Council have already agreed to fund the planning application and will offer all other possible help and support as and when requested.

10. Patients Car Park.

Continue to Lobby Cornwall Council for long term extension of the current short lease to secure the long term future of this car park for Patients who visit the surgery and for restricted out hours good value permit parking for local residents. We will also continue with our enforcement of illegal parking on the site.

11. Clean Neighbourhood.

Looe Town Council are scheduled to take over the line management of the street cleaning and toilet cleaning staff from Cornwall Council, thus placing the Town Council in a better position to clean up litter and other public area's in the Town and to have more control over the cleanliness of the public Toilets.

12. Public Conveniences'.

Having secured the new toilet block on the Millpool Car Park, the Town Council will now lobby Cornwall Council for the completed refurbishment of all the Town Toilet facilities to a much higher standard than at present.

13. West Looe.

Lobby Cornwall Council for improvements to the street lighting especially in the historic area's where more antique street lighting is required to improve the appearance of the historic environment. The commercial area of West

Looe and the facilities at Hannafore need better signposting from the end of the bridge and the Millpool Car Park. There is also a good opportunity to lobby for the creation of a public space of real quality within the historic environment in West Looe Square if and when the Fire Station is ever relocated.

14. Fishermans & Mariners Garden.

To re-plant the area, with well stocked floral garden for the local residents and visitors to enjoy.

14. Woodlands View – Children’s Play area.

To support the request of the local residents to secure a children’s play area on the Council owned land at the end of Woodlands View.

15. Public Allotments.

To secure land suitable for the establishment of Allotments for the residents of Looe this is much in demand.

16. Looe Development Trust – Training Facility.

We would like to help secure the necessary funding to ensure the short term future for the people of Looe this important asset which is much needed in the these difficult times of high unemployment.

17. Town War Memorial.

To update, in partnership with RBL, the names on the monument in order to recognise the brave people of Looe who have been killed in action since 1945.

18. Quality Town Status.

To maintain our status, as a quality town Council, so that we can better represent the people of Looe at County and National level in order to bring maximum possible benefit to the Town.

19. Highways.

To lobby highways at Cornwall Council for the replacement of all signs in and around Looe, especially those have seen better days, so that the area gives an impression to visitors that this is a top quality holiday destination.

20. Tourist Information Centre.

To ensure the long term future of the TIC, to enable the Town Council can support all businesses who supply services for visitors to Looe.

21. Looe In Bloom.

Increase the funding that we give to Looe in Bloom so that they can continue with the excellent work that they do around the Town throughout the year.

22. Community Support Chest.

To create a community fund that local organisations can apply to the Council for financial help with project and local community driven initiatives.

23. Looe & St Martin’s Development.

To lobby Cornwall Council to implement and adopt a supplementary planning document for the Barratt Home master plan proposal which will involve all agencies and the Town Council in accordance with the former Caradon District Council Local Plan first alteration page 14 section 1.31 adopted August 2007.