

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, East Looe on
Thursday 18th October 2007 at 2.00 pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Chairman – Cllr. C. J. R. Charnock
Cllrs. M. Joy, Mrs. B. King,
C. Rose and A. Toms

OFFICERS

The Clerk – Mrs. Anne Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. S. Ewing and Mr. B. Craven – Cornwall County Council
Sgt. S. Bassett and PCSO. T. Barnes

10. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor's D J Bryan, M Gregory,
Mrs. S. Lambert, K Smith and Mrs. N. Tagholm

11. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 Mr. C. Clements –The Old Bridge House

A letter received from Mr. Clements, and signed by various residents of Quay Road, West Looe, was read to the Committee. The letter mainly referred to the parking restrictions coming into force with the new Traffic Regulation Orders and waiting/unloading times. There were various other e-mails and letters received, all of which raised concerns about the traffic problems in Looe in general.

12. TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN LOOE

The Chairman pointed out that the traffic problems had been a lot worse this year due to having no Traffic Warden or fully trained PCSOs. The PCSOs are now trained and able to issue fixed penalty ticket for illegal parking.

Sgt Bassett stated that the signage at Bridgend is a problem and would make enforcement of the restriction of traffic in Fore Street very difficult. It was agreed that he will liaise with Mr. Ewing on the revision of the signage.

Various deterrents to reduce traffic in Fore Street such as rising bollards, barriers etc were discussed.

Various suggestions were made to solve the problems in Fore Street such as a “red zone”, deliveries restricted between certain hours and reduction of disabled parking.

Mr. Ewing stated that a Transport and Traffic Report is needed for Looe to try and resolve issues for the whole town as restrictions in certain areas merely displaces the problem. The Chairman asked Mr. Ewing to provide the Clerk with examples of reports done by other towns, he will do this. The Chairman also stated that this could possibly be done through the MCTI.

The Chairman also asked Mr. Ewing if a Roadshow could be set up, with Cornwall County Council and the Police, to try and educate drivers and collect information, Mr. Ewing agreed this could be done.

There were various other safety issues raised regarding West Looe Bridgend pavement edging, outside the Jolly Sailor and the beginning of West Looe Hill and a 20 mph speed limit throughout the Town was suggested.

Councillor Toms also raised requests made through his recent consultation in West Looe. He will liaise with Mr. Ewing. It was agreed that the “loop system” for the traffic lights, in Fore Street causes problems and Mr. Ewing agreed to disable the loop system and revert the lights to a timer system to alleviate the problem. He also agreed to put a speed visor on Polperro Road, close to the junction of Goonwartha Road, to monitor the speed of traffic coming into and going out of town as the 30 mph signs and road marking appear to be having no effect.

The Meeting closed at 3.10 pm.