

**LOOE TOURISM PANEL MEETING**

held in the Committee Room, The Guildhall, East Looe  
on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.00 pm

**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**PRESENT**

Chairman – Cllr. R. J. Overd  
Cllrs. J.R.B. Dingle, M. Joy  
and Mrs. S. Lambert  
Mr. M. Camp – T.I.C. Manager  
Mrs. K. Spencer - SECTA Representative

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Clerk – Mrs. A. Frith

**46. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. F. Kenshole

**ABSENT**

Cllr. W. Scarah

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The Chairman requested permission to alter the order of the Agenda and discuss item No. 3 – Commercial Manager – at the end of the meeting at which time Mr. Camp and Mrs Lambert will be asked to leave as both have a personal interest in this matter.

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**47. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO THE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE**

The Chairman informed the Committee that plans for an internal porch have been drawn up and quotes for building it received. The quotes were circulated. Councillor Dingle requested that a local carpenter be sourced for a quote if at all possible. The Clerk was asked to do this. The quotes should then be referred to the Finance & Works Committee for recommendation.

Councillor Joy proposed that this project should proceed, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Lambert it was unanimously agreed.

**48. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FOR THE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE MANAGER**

See attached appendix.

The Chairman reported that there is much discussion regarding inspected properties and whether it is legal to insist on inspected only properties being allowed to advertise in publicly funded Tourist Information Centres.

Councillor Joy informed that Committee that, on a recent visit to the Scilly Isles, he had visited the Tourist Information Centre and they have a very simple internet system for public use. He suggested that Mr. Camp contact them.

Councillor Joy also stated that the winter opening seems to be successful and it is essential to offer this service.

**49. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE SECTA REPRESENTATIVE**

Mrs Spencer reported that SECTA had their AGM last week and she remains Chairman for the coming year. She reported that SECTA's website is receiving increased "hits" and people have the use of the webcam, the late availability service is not doing too well but it is being looked at, the website is now in four languages.

SECTA's priority this year is the Green Acorn Sustainable Tourism project in which there has already been a lot of interest. "Coast" are working with Tourist Information Centres and SECTA also.

The SECTA show is being held at Looe Bay Holiday Park on the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and all day on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

**50. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON GORSEDH KERNOW AND DEWHELENS**

The Chairman reported that Councillor Mrs. Arkell has been appointed a local "agent" and a programme for Dehwelans week is being put together, there will also be lesser events organised for the week before and after.

There will be two Gorsedh processions, one on the 26<sup>th</sup> April for the Proclamation and one on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at the start of the Gorsedh weekend.

The Clerk was asked to arrange road closures for these dates for the procession route and to liaise with the Police regarding the actual service and procession from the school to Barbican playing field and back again.

**51. MATTER FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

**.1 Echo Beach**

In response to Councillor Mrs. Lamberts query regarding the lack of credit for Looe at the end of the programme the Chairman explained the situation.

**52. TO ARRANGE A DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting has been arranged for the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008.