

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY SUB-COMMITTEE (PART OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE) MEETING

held in the Tourist Information Centre, The Guildhall, East Looe on
Thursday 19th February 2009 at 7.00 pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

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

OFFICERS

The Clerk – Mrs. Anne Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

District Councillor E. B. Galipeau
Fire Officer Quentin Robertson
Mr. C. Clements
Mr. D. Braithwaite

72. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors D. J. Bryan and K. Smith.

73. ST. MARTINS ROAD CLOSURE UPDATE

The Chairman asked Councillor Toms, in his capacity of County Councillor, for an update of arrangements made in preparation for the six week closure of St. Martin's Road.

Councillor Toms reported that the work to remedy the subsidence of the road will take six weeks, to be finished by the 2nd April. The road will be closed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and when the carriageway has been repaired it is hoped that one side of the road will be open, controlled by traffic lights. The school buses will pick up children ten minutes earlier than normal, the Looe Town Bus has put a temporary timetable in place, running every one and a half hours. Western Greyhound have also put a temporary timetable in place.

Caradon District Council have granted two hours free parking on the Riverside car-park for duration of the closure.

All the District Councillor's have been promoting the Caradon's parking card which provides reduced parking charges and comes with £5.00 credit.

Councillor Toms will be providing weekly updates via e-mail and has a weekly spot on Laurence Reed's show on Radio Cornwall.

The message is that Looe is open for business.

74. TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC ISSUES

.1 Quay Road, West Looe

Mr. Braithwaite and Mr. Clements expressed their dissatisfaction at the current parking restrictions at the end of West Looe bridge. They asked for a 15/20 minute loading/unloading bay.

Councillor Toms responded that this has been previously requested and the Town Council had agreed then to write to Cornwall Highways, which had been done. He also informed them that there is no finance available in the coming year for Traffic Regulation Orders.

There followed a heated discussion during which Mr. Braithwaite asked what would happen if he took matters into his own hands. Councillor Toms informed Mr. Braithwaite that he would be prosecuted by County Council and the police if any such action was taken.

The Chairman advised Mr. Clements and Mr. Braithwaite to write to Rebecca Dickson at Cornwall Highways.

It was generally agreed by the committee that more enforcement by the Civil Enforcement Officer's would help alleviate some of the problems.

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At this point Councillor Toms left the meeting.

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.2 Suggestions for Traffic Regulation Orders

- a) Sandplace Road – correct the inconsistent current restrictions.
- b) St. Martins Road – impose weight restrictions.
- c) Fore Street, East Looe – impose weight restrictions.
- d) Fore Street, East Looe – No parking at any time.
- e) Deliveries to be made before 10.00am and after 5.00pm

.3 Other Traffic Issues

- a) Signage at Bridgend needs updating to enable the police to enforce.
- b) Fore Street bollard – Quentin asked, on behalf of the Fire Brigade if the lock could be changed back to a key instead of the combination lock.
- c) To ask for the seafront car park to be taken off the Ordnance Survey maps.

Councillor Galipeau suggested that instead of putting in for another Traffic Regulation Order now we should demand the traffic survey that was promised in 2001 be carried out.

75. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 Cornwall County Council – Civil Enforcement Officers

An e-mail received from Kate Dixon was read to the Committee.

It informed that the CEOs will visit Looe five days a week for a longer period and evening patrols will take place in the summer.

.2 Mr. Clements – Harbour Car Park

A copy of a letter sent to the Harbour Committee was read to the Committee.

Mr. Clements was asking for the “stop” lines at the exit to the car park be repainted and highlighted perceived dangers of not doing so.

The Chairman suggested a short meeting before the next Environment & Public Protection meeting to collate information for Traffic Regulation Orders and invite Rebecca Dixon (Cornwall Highways) to the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.