

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD WITH DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

held in the Tourist Information Centre, The Guildhall, East Looe on
Wednesday 27th January 2010 at 11am

PRESENT

Cllrs C Rose, M Joy and Mrs E Hannaford
Mr H Gardner- Development Surveyor Devon &
Cornwall Constabulary
Mr Jim Pearce – Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Mr T Bardwell-Jones – Business Manager Devon
& Cornwall Constabulary
The Town Clerk – Mrs Anne Frith

This was an informal meeting to discuss the possibility of co-location between Looe Town Council, Cornwall Council and Devon & Cornwall Constabulary on the current police station site.

Mr Gardner explained that Devon & Cornwall Constabulary are looking to make their operations more efficient and the proposal is to demolish the existing police station and replace it with a two storey building to accommodate office space on the ground floor and residential units on the top floor within the same footprint as existing.

The Constabulary are looking for agreement in principal for the Town Council offices, the One Stop Shop and the Police Force to occupy the ground floor of the new building and would require a firm offer of commitment by the end of this financial year to kick start the process.

Looe Town Council would have the option of investing capital and then a rent-free period to recoup the investment. There would be no option for an equity split. The second option would be to rent the premises at market value which, at the moment, is approximately £15-£16 per square foot.

Looe Town Council would also have to look at alternative locations for the Tourist Information Centre which would incur further costs.

Looe Town Council would require two offices and one store-room and the joint use of a committee/meeting room. The square footage of this to be ascertained.

It was agreed that a formal letter of agreement, if relevant, would be sent to Mr Gardner after discussions at our next Finance and Works Meeting and approval of Full Council on 1st March.