

NOTES OF THE ACTIVE PARTNERING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
Held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe  
On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011

PRESENT

Cllrs D J Bryan, J R B Dingle, E B Galipeau  
M Gregory, K Smith & A Toms  
Mr Scott Sharples – Devolution Specialist – Cornwall Council  
Mr S Foster – CNA Manager – Cornwall Council  
Mr C David – Strategic Landscape Manager – Cornwall Council

IN ATTENDANCE  
Town Clerk – Mrs A Frith

APOLOGIES There were no apologies.

TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Bryan and Galipeau declared an interest in any matter concerning East Looe Town Trust  
Cllr Dingle declared an interest in any matter concerning West Looe Town Trust  
Cllr Toms declared an interest in any matter concerning Cornwall Council,

TO DISCUSS ACTIVE PARTNERING WITH CORNWALL COUNCIL FOR DELIVERY OF SERVICES.

Cllr Smith chaired the meeting and round the table introductions were made. Cllr Smith asked Mr Scott to begin by explaining the active partnership proposals.

Mr Sharples stated that Cornwall Council need to understand what services Looe Town Council want to take on and to try to put a package together which benefits both Council's. In answer to Cllr Gregory's query, there is no specific list of devolved services available as all towns and parishes want different things.

Mr David spoke about the Public Convenience Review currently under consultation and informed the meeting that Cornwall Council have to save £1.4 million over a three year period for this service. The cost of running the five public convenience blocks in Looe is £92,500 per year, if Looe Town Council were willing to take on this service Cornwall Council would provide 50% funding for a three year period but no guarantees after that. This would mean a cost of £46,250 to Looe. A decision is needed from us by the end of October.

Cllr Gregory stated that if Looe Town Council could take back the car parks the revenue from them would pay for other services. Mr Sharples stated that it would not work like that, if the car parks were handed back this Council would be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance but all current revenue would go to Cornwall Council, there would only be an income for Looe if the current revenue could be increased, the difference would then come to Looe.

The risks involved in taking on services and taking back the car parks were discussed, insurance being a major expense, Cllr Bryan also stated that before taking on the public conveniences a considerable amount of money would need to be spent on refurbishment being carried out to bring them up to standard, similarly there would have to be a survey of the car park river walls carried out.

Mr Foster stated that we need to try and build a package but understands that without costings from Cornwall Council it is difficult for Town and Parish Councils to work out what they can afford to take on. Mr Sharples agreed to try to ascertain the costings to help the council's make their decisions.

It was agreed that the way forward is:

- Looe Town Council to look at empowerment locally
- Focus on the things that are not currently working well (such as our current SLA with Cornwall Council for the street cleaning)
- Look at the costings (when received from Cornwall Council)
- Look at all the risks to Looe Town Council

Cllr Smith thanked all for their attendance.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm