

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD WITH BARRETT HOMES AT LOOE BAY  
HOLIDAY PARK

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2011 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Chairman – Councillor A Toms  
Councillors Galipeau, Gregory, Rose and Welch

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk – Mrs Anne Frith

Sheryll Murray MP

Edmund Wilson – FLRC

Tim Larner – Chief Executive Barrett Homes

Over 100 members of the community

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Councillor Toms started the meeting by asking all present to stand for a minutes silence for the fisherman from Mevagissey who lost his life today.

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Councillor Toms stated that, through the Chief Executive of Cornwall Council, contact had been made with South West Water. A viable alternative route has been identified but there are still some negotiations to be done with the relevant landowners.

A petition against the road closure has been received and contains over 1000 signatures, approximately 1/6 of the population of Looe.

Mr Larner apologised for having put the Community through this and explained that Barretts were unaware of the problems this closure would cause, they have now taken notice and listened and confirmed that there will be no long-term road closure, it will be done with traffic lights with the possibility of short-term night closure to install the manholes. Mr Larner expressed his great thanks to Cornwall Council for their help and co-operation. Mr Larner then took and answered questions from members of the community.

Mr Wilson then spoke on behalf of FLRC and re-iterated events so far and laid the blame for this situation at Barrett Homes door. After further statements Mr Wilson asked for a liaison Committee to be set up to include members of FLRC, Looe Town Council, Cornwall Council and Barrett Homes. He also asked for the road closure order to be rescinded.

Councillor Toms agreed with some of Mr Wilson's statements and pointed out that there is a legal requirement for a road closure to be advertised in the press for 7 days, this has not been done so therefore no road closure.

Councillor Toms also stated that these houses are desperately needed for local families and this is the first scheme in the County with no public subsidy, our Communities housing needs must be looked after.

Sheryll Murray asked Barrett Homes to take the tides into consideration when looking at night-time road closures, this community partly relies on the fishing industry and the fish has to be collected for distribution, Mr Larner stated that he will work with the fishermen.

Mrs Murray thanked Councillor Toms, Mr Larner, FLRC and the community for working to resolve this issue and asked for a little flexibility to enable the work to be carried out as quickly as possible. She also stated that the Transport Minister is coming to Looe on 16<sup>th</sup> January and would like to see the problem resolved by then.

Mr Brookes from Barclay House agreed that Looe does need affordable and social housing and stated that he employs, directly or indirectly, 11% of Looe's population. Careful consideration needs to be given to the impact on his business if the pipework goes across his land but is willing to do everything possible to avoid a road closure, he will work with Barrett Homes to reach an agreement as soon as possible.

Councillor Toms thanked everyone for attending and asked for e:mail addresses to be forwarded to the Clerk to enable updates to be circulated as widely as possible.

The Meeting closed at 7.40pm.