

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD WITH LOOE IN BLOOM**

**on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 2.00pm**

**in the Tea Room, The Guildhall, East Looe**

**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs D J Bryan, Mrs E Hannaford and K Smith

Mrs D Trerise – Looe in Bloom

Mrs P Walters – Looe in Bloom

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Town Clerk – Mrs Anne Frith

Mrs Trerise was asked to explain the reason for the return of our cheque for £750 dated 5<sup>th</sup> August and the contents of her letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

Mrs Trerise explained that the Looe In Bloom volunteers work hard to keep up with what they have to do and taking on extra work as we requested would over-load them. There is also the fact that licences and training is needed for safely spraying weeds which they do not have.

Some of their work is paid for or sponsored but some, such as a couple of the boats, are provided free of charge. The “Brownies Garden” and the station flower bed are looked after as part of their work programme.

The donations received amount to £1,500 plus the donation from Looe Town Council.

Councillor Smith commented that Looe Town Council were unaware of all the work undertaken by Looe In Bloom and could now understand why our request would create too much work for the volunteers, even though this year’s donation amounted £4,500 - £1,500 above the budgeted amount.

It was agreed that future donations will be limited to £3,000 and that Looe In Bloom can apply for further funding if and when needed for such things as repair or replacement of equipment.

Mrs Trerise and Mrs Walters accepted this suggestion and also the £750 cheque.

The Clerk was asked to contact Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership for financial help towards the upkeep of the station flower bed and to contact the Brownies to find out why their garden is not being looked after by them.

Looe In Bloom accounts will be supplied annually by the end of August.

**The Meeting closed at 3.00pm.**