

**NOTES OF THE MEETING TO DISCUSS
THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES IN LOOE**

held on Monday 19th November 2012

in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe

at 6.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Looe Town Councillors: D J Bryan and M Gregory

Cornwall Councillors: Mrs E Hannaford (West Looe & Lansallos)

A Toms (East Looe and St Martins)

Mr S Foster (Community Network Area Manager)

Mr P Allen (Cormac)

Mr J James (Cornwall Council Environment)

Mr J Alford (Cornwall Council Properties)

Cllr J Pollard (Portfolio Holder)

Mr M Beckett - Cory

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk – Mrs A Frith

TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES IN LOOE

Mr James confirmed that the winter arrangements are now in force with the seafront and Millpool being closed during the winter with the exception of the festive period. The disabled facility at both locations remain open. Councillor Mrs Hannaford asked if both locations could be open for the February half-term.

Cornwall Council are looking for the best contract to enable the pilot scheme for charging at the Millpool facility, they are having a meeting next week to look at the most viable and feasible option and make a decision.

In response to Councillor Mrs Hannaford's question Councillor Pollard stated that the money collected from this pilot scheme will off-set some of the expenditure all over Cornwall but a lot depends on the long-term plans of Looe Town Council.

Mr James made it clear that if no agreement is made with Looe Town Council three of the public conveniences will close, there is no more money available although there is still the £51,500 for refurbishment.

The refurbishment of the seafront and Guildhall toilets will be taking place during this month and next.

Councillor Gregory stated that there is no resolution from Looe Town Council as we have not received all the costs from Cornwall Council.

Concerns were raised about the current condition and ongoing maintenance of the facilities, Cormac have recently surveyed all of the toilet blocks and were asked to circulate this information to all, there is some flexibility in the available grant, Councillor Gregory requested information regarding this matter.

Regarding the issue of current staff Paul Allen informed that Looe Town Council would have to take the staff on if they decide to take on the toilets and TUPE will apply. Mr Allen will ask the HR Department to ring the Clerk and explain:

Actions to be taken:

- .1 Cormac to supply Looe Town Council with individual refurbishment costs and programme
- .2 Cornwall Council HR to ring the Clerk to explain the implications and cost of TUPE
- .3 The results of charging for use of the Millpool facility to be informed
- .4 Mr Alford to ring Looe Harbour Commission re seafront and the Guildhall gents land ref a lease
- .5 Cornwall Council to discuss a "residents card" for use of the Millpool with Healthmatic.

The timescale for a decision from Looe Town Council, is ideally, 2nd January 2013, it is intended to close facilities on 31st March 2013 if no agreement in place.

TO DISCUSS STREET CLEANING

It was explained that Councillor Toms had suggested that Looe Town Council take on this responsibility as Cory are not adhering to their programme of cleaning, Mr Beckett was informed that not all Zone 1 areas are cleaned regularly and Zone 2 is never cleaned. Mr Beckett will investigate this matter and get back to us.

Mr Foster agreed to set up a joint agency meeting early next year to discuss this further.

The Meeting closed at 6.59pm