

## **NOTES OF THE NEW PREMISES WORKING GROUP MEETING**

held in the Tourist Information Centre, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe

on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012 at 4.30pm

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

#### **PRESENT**

Councillors DJ Bryan, M Gregory,

Mrs E Hannaford and C Rose

#### **OFFICERS**

Mrs Anne Frith – Town Clerk

### **TO DISCUSS THE OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COUNCIL OFFICES AND TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE**

Councillor Bryan opened the meeting by stating that the continued use of the current premises in their present state is becoming increasingly difficult and not fit for purpose.

Five options had been put together with the advantages and disadvantages of each option explained.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford suggested an options appraisal be carried out using the information provided by the Clerk and stated that this group also needs to consider the possibility of the Council Offices and the Tourist Information Centre being in separate locations.

The options were gone through in detail and scored as per the attached table.

It was agreed that, although the Mariners Garden came out as top preference on the appraisal the most appropriate location would be the Wishing Well area but this received a lower score due to the cost of purchasing the land.

There was discussion regarding the next step, it was agreed that this should progress in stages the first step being to ask Full Council for permission to pursue investigations into the Mariners Garden site with pre-planning advice at a cost of £240.

Councillor Bryan proposed that the recommendation to Full Council be to pursue investigations into the Mariners Garden site, seconded by Councillor Gregory it was unanimously agreed.

Councillor Gregory proposed that a letter be sent to East Looe Town Trust enclosing a copy of our Options Appraisal, asking if they would consider re-opening negotiations regarding the Wishing Well site, seconded by Councillor Rose it was unanimously agreed.

**The Meeting closed at 5.55pm.**