

**LOOE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting  
held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.00pm  
in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe

**PRESENT**

Chairman – Mayor – Cllr D J Bryan

**COUNCILLORS**

T Crane	Mrs E Hannaford
P Crossley	Mrs M Powell
J R B Dingle	T Stacey
E B Galipeau	A Toms (Deputy Mayor)
M Gregory	
Mrs E Graham-Jones	

**OFFICERS**

Town Clerk – Mrs Anne Frith

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Sgt R Hall – Devon & Cornwall Constabulary  
Miss E Gregory – Looe Community Academy Representative  
Mr D Harvey – Member of the public  
Mr S Morton – Member of the public  
Various other members of the public

**180. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Rose, W Martin, D Welch and K Smith, also from the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend P Sharp.

**181. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr Harvey made a statement objecting to camper vans parking overnight on Marine Drive, Hannaford. He also raised concerns that there is no dog control order in place for Hannaford beach which he considers is in a disgusting state and not safe for children. He asked for Looe Town Council to put a dog control order in place. Mr Harvey also remarked that camper vans could park on the Millpool, Councillor Mrs Hannaford and Toms will look into this matter.

The Clerk agreed to ascertain why the Hannaford public conveniences are not apparently locked at night. All the matters raised were referred to the Environment and Public Protection Committee.

**182. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013 AND SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 AND 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013**

**.1 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013 be approved, seconded by Councillor Crane it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

**.2 Minutes of the Special Full Council Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Minutes of the Special Full Council Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 be approved, seconded by Councillor Toms it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Special Full Council Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

**.3 Minutes of the Special Full Council Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Minutes of the Special Full Council Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013 be approved, seconded by Councillor Crane it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Special Full Council Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

**183. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Galipeau declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Cornwall Council.

Councillor Toms declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Cornwall Council, Looe Harbour Commission and Looe Development Trust.

**184. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY**

Sgt Hall gave his report as per attached Appendix 'A'.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford asked Sgt Hall how many unprecedented incidents of damage to camper vans had occurred, Sgt Hall informed that there had been four incidents to date.

Councillor Galipeau asked if there had been any increase in boat crime, Sgt Hall reported that there had been five incidents but not on Looe river.

Councillor Bryan asked Sgt Hall for his thoughts on the "Polite Notice" (as attached) that Councillor Mrs Hannaford had produced with Cornwall Council with the intention of circulating them for putting on camper vans on Marine Drive, Sgt Hall responded that it is legal to park on Marine Drive and any signage or Notices do not have any basis in law.

The Mayor thanked Sgt Hall who then left the meeting.

- 185. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR EAST LOOE AND ST MARTINS**  
Councillor Armand Toms gave his report as per attached Appendix 'B'.  
The issue of flooding was referred to the Environment and Public Protection Committee.
- 186. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR WEST LOOE AND LANSALLOS**  
Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave her report as per attached Appendix 'C'.  
Councillor Gregory stated that the incorrect yellow lines on North Road/West Road are being rectified.  
Councillor Galipeau suggested that moving the coach parking area on the Millpool to the far end should be considered.
- 187. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM LOOE COMMUNITY ACADEMY REPRESENTATIVE**  
Miss Gregory gave her report as attached Appendix 'D'.  
Councillor Bryan congratulated all members of the recent Peter Pan production.
- 188. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
No matters were raised.
- 189. CORRESPONDENCE**  
.1 Mr Colin Shore and family  
A letter of thanks for support during the recent loss of Mrs Mary Shore was read out.  
.2 Looe Harbour Commission – West Looe Shelter Update  
A letter received updating on the progress of the new West Looe shelter was read out. This will be kept in the office.
- 190. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**  
Councillor Gregory proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 be approved, seconded by Councillor Galipeau it was:  
RESOLVED  
Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013.  
.1 Reference Rowlands Fair  
Councillor Dingle stated that this was an important decision and should not have been referred to the Events and Festivals sub-committee in his opinion, Councillor Gregory explained that this had been done for wider consultation before a decision was made however Cornwall Council have now given Mr Rowland permission.  
Councillor Dingle stated that this was the wrong decision and Cornwall Council have not consulted with Looe Town Council, he proposed that a letter be sent to Cornwall Council expressing our opinion that a decision should not have been

made without comment from Looe Town Council, seconded by Councillor Crossley it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 10/1 abstention to write to Cornwall Council.

Councillor Mrs Powell raised concern that insurance policy costs were increasing due to the recent landslips.

**191. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE AND WORKS COMMITTEE**

.1 Minutes of the Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 be approved, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

.2 Minutes of the Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013 be approved, seconded by Councillor Galipeau it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

a) Reference Minute No: 104 – Car Park Lease

Councillor Toms reported that the “pay and display” part of the lease terms has to be there to allow Looe Town Council to sell reserved spaces out of surgery hours.

b) Reference Minute No 105:- Looe Community Officer Hours

Councillor Mrs Hannaford stated that Polperro Community Council are very interested in purchasing Looe Community Officer hours.

c) Reference Minute No 108:- Seasonal Evening Bus

The Clerk informed Council that costings and usage figures have now been received and the matter will be discussed by the Town Tourism Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> March for their recommendation to the Finance and Works Committee.

d) Reference Minute No 109:- Monthly Accounts

Councillor Galipeau clarified that he had no concerns about the new accounting package, the purpose of the Topoint demonstration is for internal control.

**192. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillor Bryan gave his reports of the Meetings of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and proposed that all the Minutes were approved, seconded by Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Meetings of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

**193. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

In the absence of Councillor Rose, Chairman, Councillor Bryan read out a prepared report and proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013, be approved, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

**194. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN TOURISM COMMITTEE**

There had been no meeting held.

**195. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM WORKING PARTIES, SUB COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

**.1 Events and Festivals Sub-Committee**

Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave the report of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and proposed that the Minutes be approved, seconded by Councillor Bryan it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

**.2 Looe Marine Conservation Group**

Councillor Gregory reported that the Annual General Meeting of this group will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 6.00pm in the Rusty Bucket.

**.3 East Looe Town Trust – Bathing Water Quality**

Councillor Galipeau gave a report of this meeting, which had been very positive, with the Environment Agency, South West Water, SECTA, Looe Harbour Commission etc. There are a lot of things being done and monies being drawn down. Councillor Galipeau proposed that this matter be referred to the Environment and Public Protection Committee to involve Looe Town Council, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hannaford it was unanimously agreed.

**.4 Shortacross – Widegates Development**

Councillor Bryan reported that he had attended a seminar regarding this new housing development. Kevin Lavery, Chief Executive Cornwall Council, had also been in attendance and he had stated that the Cornwall Plan could be rejected as the housing allocation in the plan was probably insufficient.

**196. TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CORNWALL COUNCIL PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OFFER OF GRANT FOR 2013/14**

Councillor Bryan read out the letter of offer of £51,635 grant from Cornwall Council towards the cost of running the public conveniences. Councillor Dingle queried why Cornwall Council were to contact East Looe Town Trust, Councillor Gregory explained that his had been suggested to see if they could lease the Guildhall ladies facility on better terms than had been offered to Looe Town Council.

Councillor Mrs Graham-Jones expressed concerns about the conversion of two facilities to unisex, especially the safety of children. Councillor Gregory explained that, as yet, we have not had sight of the plans being drawn up by Cornwall Council, this is being done to cut costs and is quite common on the continent.

Councillor Dingle proposed that the Offer of Grant of £51,635 is accepted, seconded by Councillor Gregory it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to accept the Offer of Grant of £51,635.

Councillor Dingle thanked and acknowledged Councillor Gregory's hard work on this matter.

**197. TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL CALENDAR 2013/14**

Councillor Bryan proposed that the draft Council calendar as circulated, for 2013/14 be approved, seconded by Councillor Toms it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to approve the Council Calendar for 2013/14.

**198. TO APPOINT TWO COUNCIL NOMINATED EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST TRUSTEES**

Councillor Bryan explained that there are two vacancies created by the resignation of himself and Mrs Merrin as Council nominated Trustees.

Councillor Dingle volunteered to stand for nomination, he felt that East Looe Town Trust has lost its way and is concerned that a senior Councillor felt it necessary to resign from the Trust.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford proposed that Councillor Dingle be elected to serve as a Council nominated East Looe Town Trust Trustee, seconded by Councillor Gregory it was:

**RESOLVED**

With a vote of 10/1 abstention to elect Councillor Dingle as a Council nominated East Looe Town Trust Trustee to fill the vacancy left by Mrs Merrin.

The second vacancy could not be filled and will be advertised as per Council's Outside Body Nomination Policy.

**199. TO DISCUSS THE NOTICE OF MOTION (AS ATTACHED APPENDIX 'E')**

Councillor Bryan read out the Notice of Motion presented by Councillor Galipeau. Councillor Bryan then asked Councillor Mrs Hannaford to respond.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford proposed that this matter be referred to the Environment and Public Protection Committee for discussion, seconded by Councillor Galipeau it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to refer the matter to the Environment and Public Protection Committee.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford commented that she was worried that this matter had been highlighted.

**200. MATTERS FOR FURTHER OR URGENT DISCUSSION AS DETERMINED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**.1 Notes of the Informal Meetings of Bowling Club Meeting, Looe Joint Agency Meeting and Cornwall Council Public Convenience Meeting**

Councillor Galipeau expressed concern that these notes had not been discussed at this meeting. With reference to the Looe Joint Agency Meeting regarding the landslips in Looe in December, he expressed concern that there is a stream running through which is undermining the land between Hannafore Lane and Hannafore Road which is putting properties at risk. Councillor Galipeau rose to ask the question why Councillor Mrs Hannaford had not raised the question of the stability of Hannafore Road. With reference to the land stability at Hannafore, Councillor Mrs Hannaford stated that she objected strongly to these accusations, an Engineers report has been issued, the drain is working and she considers Councillor Galipeau's remarks to be dangerous scaremongering.

Councillor Bryan stated that all these notes will be referred to the Environment and Public Protection Committee and, as advised by the Clerk, these had been presented to Council for information only and do not require approval.

2 Request from the Cornish Guardian re development of the Mariner's Garden

The Chairman explained that the Cornish Guardian have requested an official statement regarding Looe Town Council's proposal to develop the Mariner's Garden for Looe Town Council and Tourist Information Centre offices.

Councillor Bryan stated that, as the proposals are in the very early stages, it is too early to comment. Councillor Bryan proposed that no statement is issued until we know whether or not the land is suitable for development, seconded by Councillor Dingle it was unanimously agreed.

**201. TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £9,260.50 for January 2013 and for the transfer of £11,000 to the Wages Account for January 2013.

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £18,140.93 for February 2013 and for the transfer of £11,000 to the Wages Account for February 2013.

Councillor Gregory proposed that the accounts as listed for January 2013 and February 2013 be approved, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept for payment the bills as listed for January 2013 and February 2013.

**The Meeting closed at 8.35pm**

**LOOE NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

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**POLICE REPORT TO LOOE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**  
**2013**

27 CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE OF WHICH 11 HAVE BEEN DETECTED OR THERE ARE SUSPECTS/PERSONS ARRESTED GIVING A POTENTIAL DETECTION/ARREST RATE OF 41%.

NONE OF THESE OFFENCES WERE FOUND BY POLICE. (E.G. POSSESSION OF DRUGS/DRUNK & DISORDERLY/CRIMES IN PROGRESS FOUND BY PATROLS)

135 INCIDENT LOGS WERE RAISED DURING THIS PERIOD. (THIS INCLUDES ALL INCIDENTS E.G. LOST PROPERTY/STRAY ANIMALS/GENERAL CONCERNS ETC.)

A TOTAL OF 45 CRIMES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE LOOE SECTOR WERE REPORTED

**JANUARY 2012 FIGURES**

**30 CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE OF WHICH 12 WERE DETECTED GIVING AN ACTUAL DETECTION RATE OF 40%.**

2 OF THESE OFFENCES WERE FOUND BY POLICE.

129 INCIDENT LOGS WERE RAISED DURING THIS PERIOD.

A TOTAL OF 42 CRIMES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE LOOE SECTOR WERE REPORTED.

**SUMMARY**

**10% DROP** IN CRIME IN LOOE TOWN OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR  
**5% RISE** IN INCIDENT LOGS OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR  
**8% RISE** IN CRIME IN THE WHOLE OF THE LOOE SECTOR



**REPORTED CRIME BY PARISH**

**JANUARY 2012 (JANUARY 2013)**

**LOOE TOWN**

**27 crimes reported** (30 crimes reported in 2012)

**St MARTIN**

**1 crime reported** (2 crimes reported in 2012)

**LANREATH**

**1 crime reported** (1 crime reported in 2012)

**DULOE**

**0 crime reported** (2 crimes reported in 2012)

**PEL YNT**

**0 crime reported** (2 crimes reported in 2012)

**MORVAL**

**2 crimes reported** (0 crime reported in 2012)

**LANSALLOS**

**7 crimes reported** (1 crime reported in 2012)

**St WINNOW**

**1 crime reported** (0 crime reported in 2012)

**St VEEP**

**1 crime reported** (2 crimes reported in 2012)

**LANTEGLOS**

**4 crimes reported** (2 crimes reported in 2012)

**BROADOAK & BOCONNOC**

**1 crime reported** (0 crime reported in 2012)

**TOTAL 45 crimes** (TOTAL 42 in 2012)

**8% rise in crime compared with January 2012**

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### **POLICE REPORT TO LOOE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY** **2013**

24 CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE OF WHICH 17 HAVE BEEN DETECTED OR THERE ARE SUSPECTS/PERSONS ARRESTED GIVING A POTENTIAL DETECTION/ARREST RATE OF 71%.

1 OF THESE OFFENCES WAS FOUND BY POLICE. (E.G. POSSESSION OF DRUGS/DRUNK & DISORDERLY/CRIMES IN PROGRESS FOUND BY PATROLS)

178 INCIDENT LOGS WERE RAISED DURING THIS PERIOD. (THIS INCLUDES ALL INCIDENTS E.G. LOST PROPERTY/STRAY ANIMALS/GENERAL CONCERNS ETC.)

A TOTAL OF 28 CRIMES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE LOOE SECTOR WERE REPORTED

#### **FEBRUARY 2012 FIGURES**

**21 CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE OF WHICH 7 WERE DETECTED GIVING AN ACTUAL DETECTION RATE OF 33%.**

1 OF THESE OFFENCES WAS FOUND BY POLICE.

128 INCIDENT LOGS WERE RAISED DURING THIS PERIOD.

A TOTAL OF 37 CRIMES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE LOOE SECTOR WERE REPORTED.

#### **SUMMARY**

**12% RISE** IN CRIME IN LOOE TOWN OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR  
**28% RISE** IN INCIDENT LOGS OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR  
**24% DROP** IN CRIME IN THE WHOLE OF THE LOOE SECTOR

**REPORTED CRIME BY PARISH**

**FEBRUARY 2013** (*FEBRUARY 2013*)

**LOOE TOWN**

**24 crimes reported** (*21 crimes reported in 2012*)

**St MARTIN**

**0 crime reported** (*1 crime reported in 2012*)

**LANREATH**

**1 crime reported** (*0 crime reported in 2012*)

**DULOE**

**0 crime reported** (*0 crime reported in 2012*)

**PEL YNT**

**0 crime reported** (*5 crimes reported in 2012*)

**MORVAL**

**0 crime reported** (*4 crimes reported in 2012*)

**LANSALLOS**

**0 crime reported** (*5 crimes reported in 2012*)

**St WINNOW**

**1 crime reported** (*0 crime reported in 2012*)

**St VEEP**

**1 crime reported** (*0 crime reported in 2012*)

**LANTEGLOS**

**1 crime reported** (*1 crime reported in 2012*)

**BROADOAK & BOCONNOC**

**0 crime reported** (*0 crime reported in 2012*)

**TOTAL 28 crimes** (*TOTAL 37 in 2012*)

**24% drop in crime compared with February 2012**

# **POLITE NOTICE**

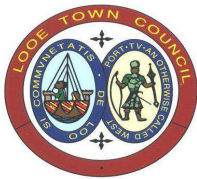
**Please respect this residential street and consider the people who live here.**

**Please do not camp here or sleep in vehicles overnight.**

**Thank you for your consideration to others, it is very much appreciated.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

**LOOE TOWN COUNCIL  
CORNWALL COUNCIL**



**LOOE TOWN COUNCIL REPORT  
ARMAND TOMS LOOE EAST AND ST MARTINS**

**1. FLOODING ISSUES**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, 2013 members from 3 of the towns organisations met with Nick Ely and Councillor Phil Parsons regarding the problems faced by the town with regard to flooding. I was disappointed that West Looe Town Trust did not attend but I have since spoken to the Chairman and they have agreed to attend the next meeting. Over the last 18 months to 2 years I have been working on a solution to the long standing problem in Looe of flooding and this I hope is the first of many meetings. I called this meeting to bring together the towns organisation so that a bottom up approach can be taken to the problem as the plans in the 90s from the EA were rejected by the town at great cost. So the need to bring together the town to find a solution is necessary as any scheme needs their full support.

There were three strands to the discussion, one being flooding by wave and tidal surge, two the protection of properties and thirdly a flood plan for the town. The first strand was discussed at length and I have suggested that any sea defences should also consider the economic benefits that would also be available. If a breakwater was built for protection of the harbour then moorings for visiting boats should also be made available with the addition of a all states of the tide mooring to give access to the town. It was agreed that the delivery of this first project would bring economic benefit and solve the need for protection of property in the long term, but work needs to be done in the short term to help the protection of property.

Lastly there is a need for a flood plan for the town and during the recent meeting with the EA and others regarding bathing water quality I was able to get a copy of the procedure. I would ask that the town council leads on this and request that there is an involvement of the community with flood leaders and wardens etc. Can this be sent to the relevant committee for consideration.

**2. SEWAGE SCHEME AT DOCTORS SURGERY AND PATIENTS CAR PARK**

Last Friday the Mayor and myself met with the health surgery manager, doctor and SWW regarding works to alleviate spills from the holding tanks under the doctors car park. The idea is that SWW increase the size of the holding tank under the doctors car park and expand it into an area under the patients car park. These works will be carried out as soon as possible to help with the spillages which affect the bathing water quality. It was agreed that these works are necessary to help the town and it is hoped that plans will be available in the near future and there will be a need to consult with the town. I was able to get an officer from the council to attend and asked questions regarding the use of the riverside car park. When I have the full details I will share them.

**3. COUNCIL TAX**

The council tax for Cornwall has been set at a zero percent increase which will have a detrimental effect on the services provided and there will be job losses. I worry about the cuts in money to both childrens and adults social care bank and relief staff will not be available. This will also cut services such as times for library and one stop shop opening as well as call centre staff. Having voiced my concerns but they were not heard.

## **Cllr Edwina Hannaford Report to Looe Town Council 4th March 2013**

### **New Interim Chief Executive**

A new Interim Chief Executive has been appointed with Paul Masters taking up his post. Paul was chosen by a panel of Members, from a shortlist of internal candidates, and ratified by full council. Paul is the former CEO of NCDC, a Cornishman and I am very pleased with his appointment. Kevin Lavery leaves for New Zealand on 22 March.

### **Local plan**

The Local Plan returned to council on 12th Feb. This is a very complex document that plans the development of Cornwall for the next 20 years.

We need a Local Plan in order to give ourselves a planning framework. Without it, we have less control over how we develop areas in a sustainable and sensible way.

There was much debate about the housing levels in Cornwall, but members eventually agreed a plan that will look to build 42,250 houses, which was less than the recommendation of 45,500 houses. The next stage is that the plan will go out for consultation before the new Council decides to submit it to the Secretary of State. Following that, it will be examined by an independent inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to check the evidence behind the housing levels approved and if it is consistent with national policy. There is still of course a risk that this may come back to us if the inspector is not convinced that the revised housing number is appropriate but we will have to wait and see.

2000 homes have been allocated for the Liskeard Looe network over the next 20 years with half allocated to Liskeard and the remainder to the rest of the network area including the main settlements of Looe, Pelynt, Lanreath, Polruan, Dobwalls and St Cleer.

### **New TRO**

You may have seen the lining being undertaken in East and West Looe. This is the culmination of nearly 4 years of consultations and discussions with full involvement of Looe Town Council. Although there may be individuals who are not happy, I think they are the best we can do for the greater good. I have never seen West Looe Quay or Fore Street East Looe so clear of cars and it's all the better for it. The yellow markings are a bit of a shock but are in line with National street works guidelines.

The CEO's won't be able to enforce until all the line markings are complete which hopefully will be by the end of the month.

Cornwall Housing has also agreed to investigate a 'carer's parking bay' at Polvellan Terrace. Although the limited waiting hours will help outside, a dedicated space would be even more helpful to residents who have carers visiting several times a day.

I am however very disappointed with the shoddy workmanship on some of the yellow lining and the way water meters have just been sealed or damaged and had already reported this to Cornwall Council. I can't understand why they haven't removed the old lines rather than cover them over. I'm sure in time this will deteriorate and the old lines will show through. There has been some confusion over whether the lines were placed as per TRO in North Road which I am investigating.

### **Millpool Junction**

Work starts on 27th April for the widening of the Millpool junction with the second part complete in October. This money has been approved by the portfolio holder from the economic development budget. This is quite separate to any widening scheme to enable any supermarket

development which would come from Cornwall Councils capital receipt should the sale of land go ahead.

### **Polean**

Cabinet agreed to sell part of their landholding to Morrisons subject to planning. Although I cannot talk about specific numbers rest assured the bulk of the capital receipt **will** be spent in Looe. This is separate to any planning gain that can be negotiated should a planning application be forthcoming. They also agreed to purchase additional land to facilitate further road improvements including a filter lane. This may include compulsory purchase.

### **Camper Vans Hannafore**

I have co-ordinating a meeting of Hannafore residents, (about 20 people came to the last meeting) and they have come up with a number of solutions to the issue of overnight camper vans. They agreed that signage may help but this was not a priority, they also decided on a watching brief re a local by law. I sought advice from Cornwall Council legal department who said that the Government was not supportive of new by laws of this nature. It would need the support of the town council, may well be costly and will take some time. The idea that gained most support from residents was for a 'polite notice', which I agreed to produce in time for Easter. The wording was put together with the help of Paul Allen from Cornwall Highways and has been approved. I am seeking approval by Looe Town Council, for our logo to be used. These will be issued to residents to distribute and one resident in particular has agreed to be vigilant. Once Looe Town Council has approved then I can print them out and distribute. As this work has been ongoing, I cant see what a notice of motion would achieve and I request that my proposals is referred to the Environment and Public Protection Committee for consideration. I have already distributed the notes of the last meeting of the residents to the Council and chairman. I am concerned that too much publicity may make the situation worse. Hannafore and Millpool are already publicised on wild camping websites. I have posted on these sites to try and deter.

### **Coach Parking**

I have also requested of the parking section and Cllr Bert Biscoe that free coach parking is considered in the Millpool car park. It raised so little revenue last year and even on the collated figures they are uncertain exactly how much revenue is actually raised because some might be over vends. This would help to solve a problem that has also been more prevalent at Hannafore over the last year with coaches parking up at Hannafore. I instructed letters to be sent from the Highways Authority 4 times last year to different local coach companies and they so far have been heeded. This practice is inappropriate for Hannafore, predominately a residential area and not only takes up parking spaces but blocks the views of visitors and residents and is just not pleasant.

With the imminent widening of the Millpool junction a promotion to attract more coaches could be a good marketing opportunity for the town, after all 1 coach brings on average 52 people to the town centre.

### **Planning**

**The Tregarrick** extension was approved 9 for 2 against 1 abstention. I argued against the application in support the existing residents on the grounds of Highways safety and the lack of communal children's play area or amenity space. Its frustrating that in the saved Caradon plan 20 homes trigger a play area but in NCDC 10 triggers a play area and NPPF also says 10 but until the Cornwall local plan is formally adopted the Caradon saved policy still has precedence. The upside is that this include 10 affordables, which I hope will go to local families.

**Portbyhan Road** amenity space application that was refused before Xmas is being appealed. I am meeting with residents to go over the process of the appeal and I will be making additional representation to the appeal inspector in Bristol. This is important as the other plot at the bottom is also likely to come forward with a proposal. An unsuccessful appeal may deter a further application.

Another piece of land is likely to come up for auction below Coastguards. The Council have heeded my annoyance about the lack of formal consultation on Portbyhan Road and have formally written to me on this plot. I would be grateful for the Town Councils view on this sale before responding.

### **May Fayre**

The May Fayre plans are well advanced with a Craft Fayre fundraiser at Hannafore Point Hotel on 7th April. We have a surprise this year of a 'happening' that I cant tell you about but is very exciting. You will have to come on 4th May to find out. 20 stalls have been booked already and we have a few recipes for the West Looe cookbook. If members have a traditional or family recipe they would like to contribute please let me or Frances Kenshole have it by 19th March to be included.



## Report form Looe community academy 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013 – Elysia Gregory ‘D’

### Sport

Well done and thank you to Mr Minnette for organising the charity football match between Looe All Stars and Downderry Rovers, in which Looe won 2-1. A total of £116 was raised for Liskeard Hospital League of Friends.  
Well done to the Year 8 boys' football team who beat Budehaven School 8-1 last week.

### Uniform

Some of the students who are now wearing the new Academy uniform have requested the addition of a jumper to be worn under their blazer during the winter months. In response to this and the recent cold weather, we are adding a jumper to the uniform. This is an addition to being worn with the blazer, not instead of, and is optional.

### Hall for Cornwall

Thank you to the students who performed at the Hall for Cornwall last Monday. Thanks too to Mrs Turon for preparing them for the performance.

### Maths Challenge

Years 9,10 and 11 top set students recently took part in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge this was organised by Mrs Broad and Mrs Moon.

### Quiz Night

Thank you to Mrs Darlington, the Friends of Looe Academy and all who supported the recent Quiz Night.

### Peter Pan

Well done to all who took part in Peter Pan. It was a great success and was enjoyed by all. A proportion of the ticket sales and the funds from a Valentine fundraiser will be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

### Ofstead Report

Following the recent report from Ofstead, the schools next inspection will now be in the summer term of 2014. See full report attached.  
As you may know schools that are judged good or outstanding are not inspected by Ofsted so frequently.

I am delighted to say that Sir Michael Wilshaw, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector has written to us and to you to say:

***I am pleased to inform you that our interim assessment shows that the school's performance has been sustained and that we can defer its next full inspection. As a result, the next full inspection will not take place any earlier than the summer term 2014 unless we receive information in the course of the coming year that causes us to inspect earlier. I wish everyone involved in the school continued success in the future.***

No doubt the Academy's excellent and improving GCSE examination results over the last 3 years, since our last inspection, have contributed to this assessment. I am very pleased with the Academy's sustained and strong improvement and would like to thank you for all of your support in helping us to achieve this

## **Looe Town Council** 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013

### **Notice of Motion.**

1. **That Looe town council engages formally with Cornwall Council to bring forward effective measures to prevent overnight camping in Hannafore Conservation Area and elsewhere.**
2. **that the problem is urgent, given closeness of the forthcoming season, the risk to the town's reputation and image as a holiday resort, damage to the amenity of residents, the Conservation Area - and underlying public health issues.**

#### Commentary:

Members will be aware of complaints of overnight camping from residents over a number of years. There are instances on East and West Looe, but the main problem is at Hannafore, where dedicated 'wild camping' web sites and social media may be contributing to the rise in complaints.

The vehicles concerned range from high-end camper vans down to light panel vans furnished with an array of plastic bin liner storage and plastic 'bucket and chuck-it' toilet and washing facilities. Residents see outfits parked at the roadside for more than one day, sometimes with waste discharging down the drains or slops being thrown in the gutter. We could all go on.

Residents have noticed the problem getting steadily worse since the council last addressed it in 2007 and new 'no overnight camping' signs were erected. This culminated with a meeting of residents at the end of last season. Cllr Hannaford and an officer took away some ideas which will have been progressed.

It is a complex area, and a problem across Cornwall where the local circumstances vary considerably. There seems to be no one-size-fits-all solution. Apparently, banning overnight camping on the road using Highways powers is only possible if there is a waiting restriction in force, and the Police can only act if there is (serious) obstruction, or public disorder. Introducing parking restrictions (beside banning overnight camping) would be a very controversial two edged sword for Marine Drive, and something to be avoided in my view.

There is a regulation banning camping in Cornwall Council car parks. In addition from 15 March the council will be trialling a scheme that bans outright campervans from council car parks overnight. This includes the two car parks in Looe which, I suppose, could push 'wild campers' towards Marine Drive.

Environmental Health issues could provide another route for control, and there is probably potential for a bye-law, or fixed penalties under the Env. Health Act.

Brian Galipeau  
Looe town councillor.  
21 February 2013