



LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

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PROPOSED LOOE TOWN COUNCIL PROJECTS (2009/10) UPDATED DECEMBER 2011

COMPLETED/ONGOING PROJECTS

1. Unity

We have held a Societies Day to engage all organisations in Looe which was very successful. We also hosted a social evening for all the members of the Harbour Commission, East Looe Town Trust, West Looe Town Trust and Looe Development Trust as a first step to working together for the benefit of our town.

Cost Involved - £150

2. Planning

We are tackling plans to be Front Runners in drawing up a Local Development Plan to enable us to have more control over planning decisions in our town. We will be holding consultation days to enable us to talk to all residents and gauge their views on what is best for Looe.

Cost – Anticipated to be in the region of £15,000

3. Public Protection

We have regular meetings with the Police and have initiated a “Silent Streets, Happy Homes” initiative with them. We have also set up a “Be a Good Neighbour” scheme with members of the Council, residents, Neighbourhood Watch Teams and the Police to ensure everyone is looked after in times of extreme weather.

Cost so far - £300



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We are intending to employ a Community Support Officer to clean the streets, deal with traffic issues, be a walking “tourist information” person, be the face of Looe for the residents and much more.

Cost Involved - £21,000 - £27,000 (dependant on experience)

4. CCTV

We will have an upgraded system in place by the end of this financial year which will enable the police to monitor the town and give us all a safety factor.

Cost Involved - £18,000 (January 2012)

5. Town Traffic Plan

Our new Traffic Regulation Order will be out for public consultation during December for a period of twelve weeks and can then be implemented. We are hoping it will be in place for the start of the summer season 2012.

Cost Involved - £4,000 - £5,000 (January 2012 – February 2012)

6. Bowling Club/Putting Green

We are still negotiating with Cornwall Council regarding the costs of some issues that we have with the main structure of the surrounding walls and building and the removal of a clause in Cornwall Council’s lease with the owners of the Bowling Club pavillion. We have agreed the Terms of the Lease subject to the above.

The putting green has, for the last two years, been run on by some very willing volunteers who have raised the excellent sum of just over £9000 on our behalf. We thank all those involved, without them the facility would not have been available for the enjoyment of all.

Cost Involved – Anticipated to be in the region of £12,000 per year ongoing

7. Skateboard Park

There are numerous hurdles to get over to achieve this, we are working with Looe Development Trust and Cornwall Council to resolve these and provide the much needed facility for the youth of Looe.

8. Health Centre Car Park

We are managing this car park allowing use of the facility for patients during the day and residents in the evenings and at the weekend.

Cost Involved - £4,000 per year



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9. Public Conveniences

We are working with Cornwall Council to find a way of keeping all the public convenience buildings open. Unfortunately, provision of public conveniences is not a Statutory Duty of Cornwall Council's and we therefore will have to take on responsibility with some funding assistance from Cornwall Council. This issue will have to be resolved by April 2013.

Cost Involved – Possible expenditure of £50,000 upwards annually

10. Mariners and Fishermens Garden

Looe Town Council own this garden and maintain it with the help of Looe in Bloom.

11. Public Allotments

With the help of Cllr Armand Toms we have provided allotments at Great Tree.

12. War Memorial

We intend to create a second gate (facing the road) in the railings surrounding the Memorial to enable easier access, particularly on Remembrance Sunday. The Town Council now have full responsibility for the Memorial and the surrounding garden and railings. Looe in Bloom have taken on the responsibility of planting the flower beds for us and Mr David Ede kindly repairs the railings when needed.

13. Quality Status

We achieved re-accreditation earlier this year and continue to work hard for the benefit of our community.

14. Tourist Information Centre

We are pleased to inform you that the Tourist Information Centre achieved the Visit Cornwall Bronze Award again this year and is now running at no cost to the residents. The aim still remains to achieve the Gold Award.

15. Parking

We are lobbying for fairer car parking charges for our residents at the moment in response to the current consultation



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16. Looe Development Trust – Training Facility

We have donated funds to this facility to enable the IT Centre to remain open and continue training to help with the ongoing unemployment issues in Looe.

Cost Involved - £5,750 in 2010/11

17. Looe in Bloom

We continue to donate funds to Looe in Bloom to assist with the provision of their excellent displays around the town and in the Mariners and War Memorial gardens.

Cost Involved - £4,500 per year

18. Community Support Chest

We have made provision in our budget for 2012/13 for grant funding for projects that are to be undertaken by other organisations or groups. This will be granted on the basis of match-funding.

19. Looe & St Martins Development

We have been working with Barrett Homes to get the most benefit for our town from the development of 170 homes, 40% of which will be affordable and social housing homes.



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UNCOMPLETED PROJECTS

1. Parking Enforcement

Unfortunately this will not, for the foreseeable future, come under our jurisdiction. Cornwall Council will remain in charge of on-street and off-street enforcement.

2. Clean Neighbourhood

Cornwall Council will no longer be in control of street cleaning after April 2012, this has been contracted out to another company. Our Council will assist with this through the Community Support Officer.

3. West Looe

There has been no progress with this project.

4. Woodlands View Children's Play Area

There has been no progress with this project.

5. Highways

We are continuing to lobby Cornwall Council to replace, clean or paint the existing signage around our town, unfortunately this is a low priority for Cornwall Council during their cost-cutting process.



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TARGETS FOR 2012/13

1. To work with Cornwall Council to find a way to keep all public conveniences open and take responsibility for them.
2. To complete the refurbishment of all seats.
3. To raise the profile of the Tourist Information Centre to help them increase income and attain the Visit Cornwall Gold Award.
4. To identify and purchase suitable premises for the Tourist Information Centre and Council Offices.
5. To work with Looe Harbour Commission to facilitate a feasibility study for a low water landing stage.
6. To complete a Neighbourhood Plan to enable local people to determine the future development of Looe.



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