

COUNCILLOR ARMAND TOMS
LOOE TOWN COUNCIL
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CONSULTATION FOR POST OFFICE IN BARBICAN

I hope that Councillors and residents take time to have an input into the consultation for a Post Office in the Spar Shop at Bay View Road East Looe. It is important for the town and especially for the older people and businesses that use the Post Office for services.

MEETING WITH A RESIDENT

I have recently met with a local resident about her ambition to bring affordable mini homes to the area. It was interesting that people are thinking about how to help to our younger generation to buy and get affordable rented accommodation. Although the scheme is not fully worked up I am following it with great interest and await the next meeting.

JOINT MEETING WITH LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

We recently met with Liskeard Town Council over joint issues in our area and how we could support each other. There were a range of subjects including the way we support each other for development of the Cattle Market site in Liskeard and the Outer Harbour in Looe. It is important that we support Liskeard as it has an impact on many of our residents who work and shop in the there. Their economic wellbeing and ours are linked and by working together we can help each other

TEAM LOOE

I am a member of a new group called Team Looe its function is to clean up neglected areas of the town. So far the group has cleared Shutta Hill from the top at Sunrising to Dawes Lane and along Dawes Lane to the Well. The group has been supported by local business REACT and Jason Bond gives his workers time and labour for free. Yes it is hard work but the results have made the areas look much better for residents and visitors. This group links especially well with a meeting with the Cornwall Council and the Cormac Volunteers which allows residents to clear areas under their insurance and they take away the green waste. It also links with the litter picking supported by Clean Cornwall, this is our town and we should take pride in it.

SARDINE FACTORY

Attending the recent opening of the Sardine Factory as Mayor and Harbour Commissioner I believe that this new building will be an asset to the town. The original building was in a very poor state of repair with no foundations and was in danger of falling down. Those involved in the replacement building Tina Hicks, Colin Crabb, Ben Crabb, Matt Dixon and Steve Huckstep and the local trades and harbour staff, should be proud of their achievement because this building is set for another 100 years of use by the town. If you have not visited then please do so.

OTHER EVENTS AND MEETINGS

I was invited to Cornish Orchards, who have added another new cider to their range of drinks and I had a tour of the farm and factory, which was very interesting and good to see a local company grow.

The Model Boat Club held their annual event and other clubs from Devon and Cornwall came along to support them. Some of the models are fantastic replicas of many different classes of boats from fishing to Navy, the Millpool allows the club to have calm safe waters for this event.

The Head Teacher of the Academy School has left and I have met the Deputy Head who is dealing with the day to day running of the school until a new head is in post. I am assured that there is stability in the school in this transitional period and I await the formal process to appoint a new head teacher.

The Football Club held a tournament over the last weekend with 61 teams involved on the Saturday and 51 teams on the Sunday. This was a very busy tournament and from talking to many of the parents, managers and players, one that they enjoyed and will be returning to next year. It is good that the club is raising money to build the new club house and level the pitch. They need support for this ambition and I am sure that their hard work will pay off and the club will progress.

I have attended two Civic Sundays at Torpoint and Liskeard, the Lions Tea Dance at the Millpool and a meeting on Plastic Free Looe and Liskeard. Both Polean and the Library continue to be on the agenda and meetings show progress all Councillors can attend if they so wish.