

## **Chairman of the Tourism and Amenities Committee 2018/19**

It has been a busy year for the committee and I would like to thank those Councillors and members of staff that have helped on the Committee. The following summarises some of the work the Committee has been undertaking;

### **1. Tourism**

2018/19 had been a productive and challenging year. The income received through the Tourist Information Centre has fallen this year, primarily due to the changing ways people are accessing services such as purchasing tickets and booking accommodation, which is increasingly done on line. The foot fall through the Tourist Information Centre has therefore subsequently fallen also resulting in reduced sales.

We have also been exploring the best way to move forward with tourism and the Tourist Information Centre for Looe particularly with the imminent move of the offices to the library, which has included exploring the potential options for the running of the Tourist Information Centre such as providing a popup TIC.

### **2. Traffic Regulation Order**

Unfortunately this is still ongoing due to changes in requirements and the need to reduce the cost to an acceptable level. The request is now with Cornwall Council and we are awaiting the detailed order.

### **3. Devolution**

Devolution has moved at a pace this year with Looe Town Council agreeing to take over the running of the library. An update on devolution will be given by the chair of the newly formed devolution committee.

### **4. Bathing water Quality**

Work continues with all the agencies to further understand the issues and to improve the water quality. This is a multi-agency approach that is well supported. Initiatives have included camera surveys of sewers and encouraging businesses to install grease traps to prevent grease entering the sewers which causes blockages and potential sewer spills. The Yellow fish campaign also continues to educate businesses not to pour waste water down street gullies. The public information campaign to encourage people not to put anything but the 3 P's down the toilet continues. Further work on catchment management with local farms is also continuing.

The good news is that the bathing water passed the sufficient standard in 2018.

### **5. Public Toilets**

Improvements and refurbishments continue, however we have experienced vandalism in the toilets with hand dryers being ripped off of the walls, toilet seats being broken etc.

**Cllr Martin Gregory**