

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL – FULL COUNCIL REPORT

Tuesday is the AGM of the Council when we select the chairman and leader. As agreed on the outset of the administration, the Leadership will change to the Independent Cllr Julian German with Lib Dem Cllr Hillary Frank as Chairman.

This Leaders first task will be to appoint the cabinet portfolio holders. I can confirm I have been elected by my group to serve in the cabinet for a further year and I will retain the Neighbourhoods portfolio with an additional important responsibility that will be announced in Tuesday.

Councillors will also hear two important speeches during the meeting. The first, on the current state of Cornwall in the national context, will be given by the leader. The second, which reflects on the stewardship of the Council over the past year, will be given by the Chief Executive, Kate Kennally.

Three motions submitted by members will also be debated on the day, one on the need to reform the system of building regulations, one calling for a ban on the use of netting on Cornish hedgerows, and one on changes to the education funding formula.

The meeting is open to members of the public, and can also be watched via webcast.

Brain in Hand

As part of an innovative trial led by Cornwall Council, residents from Cornwall are able to live more independently by using the smartphone app “Brain in Hand”.

The app gives easy access to coping strategies, reminders and notes to people who might be living with a learning disability, autism or a mental health condition.

Technology Enabled Care is a key way of developing care services to meet with these expectations and the results of these trials show how much of an impact it can make on people’s lives.

Nationally, Brain in Hand has so far helped more than 4,000 people to reduce anxiety and improve independence, lowering demand on carers and support services.

<https://braininhand.co.uk>

Town and Parish Road Safety Forum

Following feedback directly from a number of CNP’s and CNP Chairs we held a T&P Council Road Safety Forum event last week. The session was attended by over 100 representative from Town and Parish Councils who heard about the use of Speed Visor equipment and reinvigorate the Community Speed Watch (CSW) a partnership between Cornwall Fire and rescue, Community Safety and the Police. In addition as these two aspects form part of a wider jigsaw of Road Safety and Casualty Reduction activity across a range of partners, it was also a great opportunity for the different professionals to be introduced to the CNP members and explain their roles and how we can work together to make Cornwall’s roads safer. There seemed to be support for repeating the community safety forum. If you are interested in a community speed watch scheme in the parish or erecting a speed visor please let me know.

Community Network Panel

Devolved Highways Fund

The Liskeard Looe Community Network Panel will be looking at the next years Highways Funding applications shortly. I would advise the parish to look at its submissions for approval. The next panel

Meeting is on 10th June 6.30pm, Venue to be confirmed.

Park Homes Forum

Following a question raised at the last Full Council about the Park Home Forum, interested Members and Officers have met to consider the issues and possible approaches we can take to continue to support the park home communities across Cornwall. A briefing note was helpful in our considerations and agreement has been made on a draft set of actions for us to take forward I a draft action plan.

Localism, Housing and Public Health & Protection will be leading on the main actions although it is clear that owing to the broad nature of issues, a number of other Services also have a key role to play. One of the actions is to map and create a list of locations of all the park home sites in Cornwall, produce a survey if all park home sites and update the park homes guide. Although Killigarth is not classed as a park home site, I would hope that this initiative could help permanent residents as well.

The Great Looe Bunting Sewing Bee!

We are trying to set up a bunting and flag making workshop to decorate Looe through the summer and in particular the community zone on the seafront during Looe Live! music festival.

We are looking for volunteers to source colourful material (nylon tent material works well for external bunting), provide sewing machines and bamboo for the sail flags and undertake some sewing! Let's get creative!

We hope we can reuse materials rather than source new and hopefully we can use the library or a community hall but will need to seek permission first.

Annie Archer has agreed to coordinate effort and we are looking for a local collection point for materials.

If you can help or want to get involved please email Annie on annie4rcher@gmail.com and we can keep you updated once a day and time is confirmed when a Facebook page will be set up.

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