

Looe Town Council report July 2019

Looe Live

Plans are well advanced and ticket sales are good. We do anticipate the 3500 target will be achieved. We still need more volunteers to cover set up, marshalling, litter picking etc. You can register online to volunteer. We are aiming to be a plastics free festival and very least single use plastics free, with all participating venues using a re-fillable duo sponsored by Cornish Collection. We will also be separating recycling from street bins. Attached is a newsletter outlining progress to date.

Bunting sewing bee

We held a bunting making session 2 weeks ago to create some community bunting to dress the town during carnival week and Looe Live. 10 machinists and cutters worked hard to make an initial 100m of colourful bunting. We having another sewing session on 27th July at the Bowling Club from 1pm All welcome. We have a target of at least 400m!

We are still looking for donations of brightly coloured material.

Bonson Close and Higher Beech Terrace

Highways and Cornwall Housing have cleared the moss and overhanging greenery which was making the connecting path very slippery.

Hannafore Road/Hannafore Lane

Another tree recently fell blocking the road which Tristram kindly removed quickly enough so the the road was passable. Cormac came back later and completely removed and made safe.

Work is planned for the winter to replace the fence at the top and secure the slope. The work has been delayed because of securing access to neighbouring land which is now in hand.

Liskeard to Looe cycle route steering group

I attended the steering group last week in Liskeard. The group are about to make an application to the Heritage Lottery to highlight the heritage of the East Looe Valley Route. The project has a working title Moor to Sea – Looe Valley Heritage

- The heritage has great local significance, only limited national significance as reflected in designations, but international significance because of its role in the World Heritage Site story and consequent association with the Outstanding Universal Value of the Caradon Hill WHS Area.
- Four linked strands are proposed in a programme of learning, interpretation and engagement
- Voices of the valley builds on initial ideas from a partnership of local museums, and oral history training planned by Liskeard museum. The idea is to develop one coherent overall narrative with different aspects accessed in different places and formats.
- The Environmental strand is based on a citizen science approach to exploring the valley's landscape heritage and ecology. A lively discussion ensued about the desire to focus also on climate change, building on the Looe Flood Defence Scheme and Bathing Water Quality initiatives and the planned Cornwall Forest initiative.
- Moorswater – We have the potential to develop a short section of walking trail immediately with interpretation from Moorswater to Coombe. The group discussed whether to include consolidation of the Moorswater limekiln in the bid and on balance felt that the financial implications of this would create too much risk at this stage.
- The strand celebrating the valley through festivals and events was welcomed and it was noted that there is a lot of existing activity which can be built on and brought together through this. The Rail Partnership has a clear interest in proposals for innovative activities using the train.
- Communication was discussed. A dedicated website and social media will be important across the whole project. RC reported low take up so far of their app and it was noted that this is in line with emerging heritage research.

➤ The project wishes to engage with people living in deprived neighbourhoods in Liskeard and Looe. A productive meeting has taken place with Liskeard Together. No similar activity exists in Looe but it was suggested that Cornwall Housing tenants participation group might be a way in.

➤ Match funding was discussed. A project of about £60k would require between £10k and £15k of local match. RC indicated that D&C Rail might contribute to this, and smaller sums might be available from Town and Parish Councils, WHS and CC Community Chest. FEAST might support the festivals and events strand.

Cornwall Council wins national award for support to businesses

Cornwall Council has been named the best local authority in the country for the support and advice it gives to businesses on trading regulations.

It won 'Council of the Year' at the Regulatory Excellence Awards ceremony hosted by the Office of Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) and held in the offices of international law firm Gowling WLG in central London recently.

The Council offers regulatory business support services to companies across Cornwall through the single point of contact Business Regulatory Support Hub.

It works across regulatory service providers including trading standards, environmental health, fire, planning, health and safety and well-being, environment and building control.

Find out more about the Business Regulatory Support Hub here:

www.businessregulatorysupport.co.uk

Super fast broadband 3 investment approved

Cabinet approved investment of £1.6 million into the third phase of the Superfast Cornwall broadband project, which would be supported by £4.2 million of European funding.

The project would see superfast internet made available to a further 2,700 properties across Cornwall in some of its remotest locations.

Match funding of £3.5 million is also being requested for a new Community-Led Development Programme, which would unlock a further £13.3 million of European funding for the scheme.

The programme's aims include:

- * Creating jobs locally,
- * Keeping businesses viable
- * Supporting business growth
- * Helping residents get the skills they need to find jobs

Investment in culture to celebrate Mayflower 400

£30,000 was approved at Cabinet last month to link South East Cornwall into the Mayflower 400 celebrations taking place in 2020 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage.

The investment will link Cornwall into the celebrations, promote Cornwall to the thousands of visitors expected to attend the year-long programme of events and encourage them to visit Cornwall.

This is an opportunity for Looe which should be explored.

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