

#### Devolution of assets

I'd recently undertook a walkabout of a number of part of LOOE with Jon Mitchell and separately Mike Becket. We discussed a number of potential devolution projects in West LOOE.

#### Jon Mitchell natural environment walkabout

We discussed a survey of the trees in the Millpool area with a view to replace dead trees and fill gaps with suitable species.

We need to establish a suitably qualified tree officer to undertake this survey, when and how will this be funded.

The officer to advise on suitable species for the location and what the future maintenance regime would be.

This planting could count towards the Forest for Cornwall and contribute to Looes offsetting of carbon.

Looe Town Council declared a climate emergency and is working on a climate change action plan.

We discussed the possibility of trees being sponsored as memorial trees in the same way as benches.

#### Hannafore Rose beds

We looked at Hannafore Rose beds which have not had an maintenance for a number of year and are filled with weeds and it looks like residents are scattering ashes in the beds. Although I have undertaken some weeding, professional attention is required.

Jon talked about employing a Rose specialist to properly manage the roses and enrich the soil.

This could be funded from the devolution pot possibly leading to the beds being devolved to Looe Town Council, subject to their agreement.

David Read, Mike Beckett and Scott met to gather the various strands of work in the Millpool area to share knowledge and identify some next steps to support.

Areas under consideration include;

The Millpool

The Grassy area adjacent to the Millpool,

The play area

The bin storage area/land

Parking spaces

Space used by staff for welfare

Look-out shelter at Hannafore

Rose beds at Hannafore

They discussed the capacity issues, namely the clerk position at the TC and the library work that is currently live. The Council did resolve not to undertake any work in the area until after the council has moved and a new Clerk is in place. This work is preparatory.

They agreed some actions to support some progress to take place:

- 1)Mike B is going to arrange for some costings to be undertaken to establish the costs of any bin relocation work and associated hut / facility to be re-provided.
- 2) David R is going to discuss local opportunities for alternative sites for welfare provision to see if that might be a more efficient use of space / be more cost effective.
- 3) David R is also going to assist by pulling the strands together into a proposal document, with associated costs/benefits of the work to assist with articulating the 'ask' from the TC in the absence of the clerk. David is conscious that the TC is currently dealing with the library work and suggests the latter part of October as a timescale in which to do this.

David is happy to be the first point of contact to 'hold' the various strands of activity and to support the discussions locally. I will support him to navigate the internal processes as things progress.

#### Memorial benches

LOOE Town Council has a management agreement with Cornwall Council to manage the provision of memorial benches around the town including Hannaford and Millpool.

The waiting list has not been managed for some time because of capacity issues within the council but now we are moving to a more stable staffing position and a full complement of councillors I would like to see the opportunities to increase benches explored. The list is quite old and there is uncertainty over whether the contacts are still live and GDPR issues need to be resolved.

I recently walked around Hannaford to see what some there is to add more benches and reduce the waiting list.

I would like to undertake an audit of potential locations and am willing to undertake this work if another councillor wishes to join me.

I recommend a review of the management and active management regime of the list is developed.

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