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The Mariner's Gardens - Phased Approach Proposal

Background

There has been huge progress on The Mariner's Garden, with thanks to Andy our maintenance supervisor and his team. Andy has spent time, weeding, cleaning up debris & adding a fresh feel to the space. The space is already receiving great compliments from locals.

Since the area has been cleaned up, it is an opportune time for us to consider how the space can be improved for the benefit of our community, currently the space is what you might say is a 'blank canvas' located in a prime site within our conservation area. To enable Looe Town Council to move forward with future plans it is considered that a phased approach would be the more sensible option in terms of achieving elements in manageable chunks and would prove to be cost effective as and when funds become available.

First Phase Proposal

It is considered that the area requires 'greening up' as the dominant feature currently is that of concrete which is rather uninspiring or welcoming and does not live up to its name as The Mariner's Gardens. This proves to be a real opportunity to improve the space for the benefit of our community.

The first phase would consist of the following :

- Re- soiling of existing planting beds
- Planting of low-level trees/shrubs for year-round interest which require minimal maintenance

The project would sit under the Services, Assets and Community Committee to manage the project and to scrutinise associated expenditure.

A first step would be to obtain a quotation from a Garden/landscaping company to understand what potential costs would be as currently these are unknown, therefore enabling some exploratory work to be undertaken.

Possible funds to cover the project could come from the CIL Neighbourhood payment (the agreement to receive these funds were agreed by Full Council on 30.4.24), I believe this project would be covered by these funds as it qualifies as a project which improves infrastructure and is of course a community project, an eye will be kept on any additional funding which could be applied for.

Cllr James Lundy

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