

Agenda Item FC24/25.69

Report to Looe Town Council for meeting on 21st October 2024

Produced by the Town Clerk

This report sets out actions taken as a result of previous Council meetings and provides an update on other key issues for the information of Councillors.

Min	Action Required	By Who	Progress/proposal
FC41.1	Discuss with the Business Forum support for using the DISC reporting software	TC	Business Forum has discussed and is supportive. Awaiting decision regarding funding of security patrols in 2025 as DISC is a complementary activity
FC46.2a	Remove the double waste bin at the Goonwartha/Tregarick Junction and purchase a dog poo bin.	TC	Waste bin removed and new dog poo bin has been installed.
FC46.2b	That the Town Council sign a license with Cornwall Council to use and maintain the wooden structure near the entrance to Kilminorth Woods for the purposes of providing information about the Smugglers Way Walk.	TC	Planning application for sign submitted but need to discuss with planning officer additional information that has been requested.

Other Items for Information:

1 A387 Polperro Road & North Road Junction, West Looe

Our Cornwall Councillors have been working hard to press for information and have worked with Cornwall Council officers to move the start of the works to after the half term holiday. The Deputy Clerk met with highways to discuss the road closure, but it was clear from this meeting and subsequent conversations that some solutions, for example bus routes are still being worked on. We have shared and will continue to share the latest information with residents on our website and social media (see appendix A).

Council staff have been answering a considerable number of calls about the road closure. It is important that we continue to work with our Cornwall Councillors and officers at Cornwall Council to provide updates as soon as possible.

2 Truro Pedal Conference

The Clerk attended this conference to understand how future cycle routes might be funded and whether the aspirations outlined in the Local Development Plan (LDP) might

be achieved. The conference included speakers from Cornwall Council, Sustrans, Active Travel England and local cycle groups who have successfully campaigned for new routes. While some new cycle routes are being developed there are no plans in place for South East Cornwall. There are also significant challenges to adding safe cycle lanes to Cornwall's road network as many roads are too narrow. In conclusion there are numerous barriers to achieving the cycleways outlined in the LDP. Most new routes have been achieved by establishing a cycle campaign group.

3 Wheeled Sports Facility

Cornwall Council have reviewed the revised Heads of Terms and have sent comments to our solicitors. The revised Heads of Terms will be ready for review by Full Council at the November meeting.

- 4 Voluntary Visitor Levy.** This feasibility study with our partners St Ives and Penzance Town Councils is progressing. Discussions with accommodation providers will take place in November with a final report in early January.
- 5 Remembrance Parade and Service of Remembrance.** The service will take place on Sunday 10th November, 10.30 at the War Memorial. The Clerk is very grateful to the Lions for their assistance in managing the road closures for this event.
- 6 Lantern Procession and Christmas Light Switch On.** The Parade will take place on Friday 29th November 6.30. Please can Councillors assist with the stewarding of this event.
- 7 Visit Looe Review.** The Clerk and Content and Communications Officer have been researching and considering a range of options. These will be presented to the Visit Looe Review group in early November.
- 8 Elections May 2025.** The Clerk will be working with the Content and Communications Officer to raise awareness of the May elections and the role of Councillors.

Update Two [A387 Polperro Road & North Road Junction, West Looe]

What works are taking place?

The initial phase of the project will include removing weak sections of the retaining wall and excavating the area of slope failure further before the subsequent installation of the soil nailing system, which includes installing a geotechnical mesh to support the slope surface.

Following this, some stabilisation works will be undertaken on the retaining wall under the Little Westwood property before installing a pile and anchor system on North Road. These piles will support the highway and decrease the pressure on the retaining wall below.

This project aims to prevent future collapse and ensure the highway is in safe, serviceable condition and open to traffic.

Similar to the work on North Road, there is likely to be moderate noise from the construction activities. Once again, the contractor will make every effort to minimise noise levels and reduce disruption.

Traffic management arrangements

A road closure will be necessary to carry out the work. This is scheduled to be in place from Monday 4th November to Friday 20 December.

We understand that this may cause some disruption during the half-term period and want to assure you that we are looking at all options to ensure minimal traffic disruption. A meeting is being held this week to discuss the current permit and consider measures that could be taken to work with a revised start date of 4 November.

We recognise the challenges the businesses face and are fully committed to doing all we can to support the business community's interests while these essential safety operations take place.

To meet the project deadline, work will need to be carried out during the day and into the evening from Monday to Friday, with the possibility of working on weekends where required. The proposed working times are between 7.30am and 11pm.

Access will be maintained for the school bus services. The transport team **is** looking at options for the local bus services **that** will not be able to go through the closure.

Prior to the start of any work bus service information will be available on the [Cornwall Council](#), [Go Cornwall Bus](#) and [Traveline South West](#) websites.

Emergency access will be maintained between 7.30am and 11pm, while the workforce is on site.

Two-way traffic lights may need to be installed at the junction to ensure effective traffic flow between Quay Road and the bridge.

The road closure will remain in place for the duration of the project, and residents will need to use the signed diversion routes.

Only access into the road to Millpool Cottages from Bridgend will be permitted, and 'businesses open as usual' signage will be in place at Bridgend.

We are aware the Christmas lights switch will take place on Friday 29 November. Which includes a walked lantern parade where the use of the Millpool car parking facility will be much needed. We

will work with the contractor to ensure measures are in place to support the safety and success of the event.