

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Mayor Making Ceremony
of the Looe Town Council
held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe
on Monday 12th May 2014 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Mayor - Councillor D J Bryan

COUNCILLORS

Councillors Miss K Bishop, P Crossley, J R B Dingle,
Mrs E Hannaford, R Hendy, M Gregory, W Martin,
Mrs M Powell and T Stacey

OFFICERS

Town Clerk – Mrs Anne Frith
Assistant Town Clerk – Mrs Annette Keen

IN ATTENDANCE

The Mayor's Chaplain – Rev P Sharp
Town Crier – Mr R Bennett
Town Sargeant – Mr W Scarah
Mace Bearers – Mrs S Merrin and Mrs P Marks
Mr C Bowden – Cornish Times Photographer
Recipients of Mayor's Charity Donations:
St Martin's Girls Friendly Society
4th Looe Brownies
1st Looe Sea Scouts
Tregartha Residents Association
ACHE
Royal Eye Infirmary
Royal British Legion
Members of the Public

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Prayer's were given by the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Sharp.

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220. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Crane,
Mrs Elke Graham-Jones, I Simpson, M Soady and A Toms.

221. THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor addressed Council as attached Appendix 'A' and followed by making presentations of gifts to the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs M Gregory, Reverend Sharp, the Clerk and Assistant Clerk, Mrs Anne Frith and Mrs Annette Keen, Mace Bearers Mrs Merrin and Mrs Marks, Mr Chris Bowden and the Mayoress, Mrs Annette Bryan. The Mayor then presented donation cheques to organisations as listed above.

222. TO RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

.1 Planning Committee

Councillor Bryan gave his Annual Report as attached Appendix 'B'.

.2 Finance and Works Committee

Councillor Gregory gave his Annual Report as attached Appendix 'C'.

.3 Procedures Committee

Councillor Dingle gave his Annual Report as attached Appendix 'D'.

.4 Environment and Public Protection Committee

Councillor Mrs Powell gave her Annual Report as attached Appendix 'E'.

.5 Town Tourism Committee

Councillor Toms gave his Annual Report as tabled attached Appendix 'F'.

223. TO CONFIRM NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2014/15

The Clerk called upon Councillor Gregory to confirm his proposal to elect Councillor Bryan as Mayor for the coming year.

Councillor Gregory proposed that Councillor Bryan be elected to serve as Mayor for 2014/15, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to elect Councillor Bryan to serve as Mayor for 2014/15.

224. THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Bryan signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk and Proper Officer.

The Mayor thanked all Councillors for their continued support and hard work.

225. THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE OF:

.1 The Mayoress

Councillor Bryan appointed his wife, Mrs Annette Bryan.

.2 The Mayor's Chaplain

Councillor Bryan re-appointed Rev Philip Sharp.

.3 Town Mace Bearers

Councillor Bryan re-appointed Mrs Sarah Merrin and Mrs Liz Rose.

226. TO APPOINT A DEPUTY MAYOR

This appointment was deferred to the Full Council Meeting of 19th May 2014 with the unanimous agreement of Council.

227. TO CONFIRM THE VARIOUS COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Bryan proposed that the Committee List as provided be approved, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Committee List as provided.

See Appendix 'G'.

228. TO CONFIRM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

See attached Appendix 'H'.

Councillor Bryan proposed that the Representatives on Outside Bodies as provided be approved, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the Representatives on Outside Bodies as listed.

229. TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL MEETING

Councillor Bryan proposed that the Annual Meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councillor Gregory it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7.35pm.

I WOULD LIKE TO WELECOME YOU ALL TO OUR MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY.

I WANT TO START BY THANKING ALL OF THE COUNCILLORS FOR ALL OF THERE TIME AND EFFORT OVER THE PAST YEAR .THE CLLRS GIVE THERE TIME AND EFFORT FREELY CONTARY TO WHAT SOME PEPOLE THINK NO MEMBER OF LOOE TOWN COUNCIL OBTAINS PAYMENT OF ANY SORT FOR THERE EFFORTS WE DO IT FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITTY.

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL IS LUCKY IN THAT AS MEMBERS IT ALSO HAS TWO VERY HARD WORKING AND DEDICATED COUNTY COUNCILLORS. BOTH CLLR TOMS AND HANNAFORD ARE INVOLVED IN LOTS OF OTHER THINGS THAT TAKE THEY BOTH GIVE 100%.I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE ONRECORD MY PERSONAL THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO.

LOOE HAS HAD SEVERAL THINGS AFFECT IT AGAIN THIS YEAR INCLUDING FLOODING AND WE ARE AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH SEVERAL GROUPS TO COME UP WITH A SCHEME TO COMBAT THE FLOODING.

WE ARE ALSO AGAIN WORKING WITH OTHERS TO WORK ON WATER QUALITY WE ARE SHOWING AS A

COUNCIL THAT WE CAN WORK WITH OTHER GROUPS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWN.

THE TOILETS HAVE PROVED A LITTLE BIT OF A PROBLEM FOR US AND I HAVE NO DOUBT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO AS WE TRY AND GET THEM UP TO A STANDARD THE TOWN CAN BE PROUD OF.

CLLR TOMS AND MYSELF RECENTLY WENT UP TO EXETER TO APPEAR BEFORE A RATINGS TRIBUNAL ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN WE WISH TO GET THE TOILETS RE CLASSIFIED SO WE DO NOT HAVE TO PAY BUSINESS TAX ON THEM .I AM SURE WE PUT FORWARD A GOOD CASE AND WERE LISTENED TO AND ASKED QUESTIONS BY THE PANEL AND WE AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS.

IF WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING OUR TOILETS RECLASSIFIED I AM SURE LOTS OF OTHER COUNCILS WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US TO SEE HOW WE DID IT.

WE AS A TOWN COUNCIL HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT WE WILL GET TWO VISITS BY VIPS THIS YEAR THE FIRST WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 18TH 20TH AND 21ST OF JUNE AND THAT WILL BE A RETURN VISIT FROM THE BISHOP OF TRURO BISHOP TIM AND STEVE WILD THE HEAD OF THE METHODIST GROUP.

THEY AND WE ENJOYED THERE FIRST VISIT LAST YEAR IF YOU DID NOT GET A CHANCE TO MEET THEM THEN PLEASE TAKE THE CHANCE TO DO SO .THEY ARE BOTH VERY NICE EASY TO TALK TO PEOPEL WHO ENJOY A LAUGH AND MEETING PEOPEL .

INVITATIONS WILL BE COMING OUT TO THE COUNCILLORS TO MEET THEM ON FRIDAY JUNE 20TH AT THE MILLPOOL CENTRE.

THE SECOND VIP VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY 14TH OF JULY WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SAY WHO IT IS YET UNTIL TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE ACTUAL VISIT .

THE CLERK MYSELF AND TINA HICKS WITH GEOFF HAVE ALLREADY BEEN INVOLVED IN SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH THERE STAFF .I MIGHT SAY SO FAR I HAVE FOUND IT QUITE CONFUSING THE TABLE OF EVENTS KEEPS CHANGING SO WHEN WE KNOW FOR SURE EXACTLY WHAT IS HAPPENING WE WILL LET ALL OF YOU KNOW.

WE WILL BE ASKING EVERY ONE TO TAKE PART IN A BIG COMMUNITY CLEAN UP TO TIDY THE TOWN UP WE WILL MAKE ARRANGMENTS TO GET THE STREET CLEANERS ETC IN AS WELL.WE ARE GOING TO BE ...ASKING THEM TO TAKE A LOOK AT THERE PREMISES

AND SEE IF THEY CAN DO SOME IMPROVMENTS TO IMPROVE THINGS.

THIS VIP VISIT WILL BRING A LOT OF PUPLICITY WE COULD NOT AFFORS TO BUY THE PUPLICITY THIS VISIT WILL BRING IT IS OUR CHANCE TO IMPRESS AND TO REACH OUT AND ATTRACT VISITORS TO THE TOWN.

WE WILL BE RELYING ON THE MAYORS CHAPLIN TO BE HAVING A WORD SO THAT HOPEFULLY WE GET GOOD WEATHER ON BOTH VISITS AND CAN SHOW THE TOWN AT ITS VERY BEST.

WE HAVE A SCHEME RUNNING NOW CALLED THE LOOE AMBASSADORS TO HAVE PEPOLE TO MEET THE TRAINS AND COACHES AS THEY ARRIVE GIVE THEM A MAP AND GENERALLY WELECOME THEM TO LOOE .SEVERAL PEPOLE HAVE ALLREADY COME FORWARD BUT IF YOU HAVE THE ODD HOUR OR TWO TO SPARE AND FANCY HELPING OUT PLEASE POP INTO THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES AND VOULENTER.

NOW IS THE TIME TO START THE PRESENTATIONS AND I WOULD ASK MY WIFE TO COME FORWARD AND HELP PLEASE .FIRST OF ALL GRATEFUL THANKS TO BOTH MARTIN AND JULIE GRGORY FOR THERE HELP AND SUPPORT OVER THE PAST YEAR.

THE NEXT GIFT IS FOR OUR MAYORS CHAPLIN THE REVEREND PHILLIP TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE AND FRIENDSHIP OVER THE LAST YEAR.

NOW THE MAYOR HAS HIS OWN SECURITY FORCE HIS TWO MACE BEARERS UNFORTUNATLY LIZ ROSE CAN NOT BE HERE TONIGHT SHE IS ON A CRUISE .SO FOR TONIGHT WE HAVE A SPECCAIL YOUNG LADY STANDING IN FOR HER A YOUNG LADY I CALL MY GIRLFRIEND MRS PEGGY MARKS SO PLEASE ACCEPT THESE FLOWERS AND OUR THANKS.

OUR OTHER MINDER IS MRS SARA MERRIN SO WE GIVE YOU OUR THANKS AND A LITTLE GIFT.

WE AS A COUNCIL HAVE VERY HARD WORKING STAFF WHO STRUGGLE AND WORK ON FOR US OUE EFFICIENT DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MRS ANNETTE KEEN.THEN WE HAVE THE BOSS OUR TOWN CLERK ANNE THANK YOU BOTH FOR ALL YOU DO .

THERE IS ANOTHER PERSON THAT YOU GET USED TO FOLLOWING YOU AROUND TAKING PHOTOS MR CHRIS BOWDEN.

THE LAST GIFT IS FOR SOME ONE I REALLY COULD NOT DO WITH OUT SHE IS THERE AT MY SIDE TO SUPPORT

ME NORMALLY WHEN I GIVE HER FLOWERS SHE ASKS ME WHAT HAVE I BEEN UP TO BUT HERE YOU ARE DEAR PLEASE ACCEPT THESE FLOWERS WITH MY THANKS.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE OUT THE DONATIONS FROM THE MAYORS CHARITY WE HAVE DONE QUITE WELL THIS YEAR THE FIRST CHEQUE GOES TO THE TREGERTHA COURT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND TO RECEIVE IT IS THE NEW MANAGER OF TREGERTHA COURT WE WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR NEW JOB.

THE NEXT CHEQUE GOES TO THE BROWNIES

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WE MOVE ON NOW TO ACHE THE FUNDRAISING ARM OF THE HEALTH CENTRE TO WHOM WE GIVE A CHEQUE FOR £400.

NOW YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED MY WIFE LOOKS A LITTLE DIFFERENT NO GLASSES SHE ATTENDED THE ROYAL EYE INFIRMARY TO HAVE OPERATION TO REMOVE HER CATERACTS.BOTH WERE SUCCESFULLY REMOVED AND SHE NO LONGER NEEDS DISTANCE GLASSES ALL OF HER OLD GLASSES WE PASSED ON TO

PETER BARTRAM TO BE SENT ABROAD TO HELP OUT OTHER PEOPLE IN NEED,

FROM MY WORK IN OPTICS I CAN TELL YOU VERY MANY PEOPLE FROM LOOE HAVE BEEN UP TO THE EYE INFIRMARY FOR THEIR OPERATIONS AND ALL ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE TREATMENT THEY RECEIVE.

SO WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT A CHEQUE FOR £1000 TO HELP WITH YOUR FUND RAISING IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD PLEASE.

THE FINAL CHEQUE ALSO FOR £1000 GOES TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AND WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THEIR CHAIRMAN MR LOUIE PORTMAN PLEASE COME FORWARD LOUIE.

THAT'S ALL THE CHEQUES SO THANK YOU DEAR I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ROUND OFF BY SAYING THANK YOU TO ALL THE ORGANISATIONS WE HAVE VISITED OVER THE PAST YEAR. I THINK A PARTICULAR WORD OF PRAISE SHOULD GO TO THE CAST AND CREW OF A VERY WONDERFUL SHOW WE WERE ASKED TO ATTEND AT THE SENIOR SCHOOL

I DO NOT NORMALLY PICK OUT ONE PERSON FOR PRAISE BECAUSE ALL WERE FANTASTIC BUT THE YOUNG MAN WHO PLAYED FAGIN WAS REALLY

SPECIAL. THERE WERE SEVERAL PEOPLE IN THAT AUDIENCE WHO WERE CONVINCED IT ACTUALLY WAS AN OLD MAN PLAYING FAGIN HE REALLY DID THE PART WELL I KNOW HE IS LOOKING AT A CAREER IN LAW BUT I HOPE HE DOES NOT GIVE UP PERFORMING ALL TOGETHER BECAUSE HE DOES HAVE A REAL TALENT.

WE HAVE ALL READY STARTED THE ROUND OF MAYOR MAKINGS MAKING CONTACTS AND SEEING OLD FRIENDS IT IS VITAL TO KEEP CONTACTS WITH OTHER COUNCILS.

ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU TO ALL THE COUNCILLORS AND STAFF FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK ALL I CAN SAY IS KEEP GOING

THE REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEF IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY THAT WE ARE STILL STRUGGERLING TO MAINTAIN THE CONSERVATION AREA. BUT I MUST SAY THIS YEAR THAT WHERE WE AS A PLANNING COMMITTEE HAVE MADE RECOMMENDATIONS THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS WHERE COUNTYS PLANNING DEPT HAS GONE AGAINST US HAS NARROWED.

WHERE WE HAVE ASKED FOR THINGS TO BE CALLED IN AND TO GO TO COMMITTEE AND WE HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED AND PUT FORWARD OUR POINT OF VIEW WE HAVE BEEN LISTENED TO CAREFULLY.

THE BACK UP AND SUPPORT FROM OUR TWO COUNTY COUNCILLORS HAS BEEN FIRST CLASS AND WE HAVE WON SEVERAL AGAINST THE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION. BY ATTENDING AND PUTTING OVER OUR POINTS OF VIEW THE COUNTY PLANNING COMMITTEE HAVE I KNOW COME AND LOOKED FOR THEM SELVES ON TRIPS AND REALISED WHY WE ARE SAYING WHAT WE DO.

THE APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE GONE TO APPEAL WE ALSO SEEM TO BE DOING BETTER ON THOSE AND SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE BEEN REFUSED.

WE HAVE ALSO HAD SEVERAL APPLICANTS COME TO US FOR PRE PLANNING ADVICE WHICH ALSO DOES HELP AND I THINK THAT IS A GOOD SIGN.

I MUST THANK ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF LOOES PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THOSE WE OCCASIONALLY PRESS GANGED INTO HELPING US OUT.MY PERSONAL THANKS TO BOTH CLLR HANNAFORD AND CLLR TOMS FOR THERE SUPPORT AND HELP.

THE REPORT FROM THE NIEGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP WILL ALSO BE SHORT ALL OF US HAVE BENN OUT IN THE COMMUNITTY TALKING TO VARIOUS GROUPS AND GETTING FEEDBACK. WE NEED TO PROGRESS WITH THE WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THAT END .I RECENTLY HAD A MEETING WITH STEVE BERESFORD FOSTER WHO SEVERAL OF YOU WILL KNOW HE IS WORKING ON THE NIEGHBOURHOOD PLAN WITH LISKEARD.

HE MAY WELL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP US FOR A FEE BUT WILL SEND US SOME DETAILS AND SUGGESTIONS THAT WE CAN PUT BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP.

WE DO INTEND TO PUSH FORWARD WITH THIS SO PLEASE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING THANK YOU

Finance and Works Committee 2012/13

Cllr M Gregory

It has been a busy year for the committee and I would like to thank those councillors that have helped on the committee. Plus a particular thanks for our Clerk, as without her help we would not be able to function.

The following summarises some of the work the committee has been undertaking;

1. Budgeting

We have worked extremely hard this year to ensure we had adequate resources for undertaking our priority projects, whilst at the same time not increasing our burden on the local tax payers. We are unfortunate in Looe in since the town council does not own any assets like other towns. This means that all finance has to be raised from the local tax payers, which is further compounded as we are a relatively small town with a greater than average number of houses in the A to C council tax brackets. This is also further exasperated as we also have to pay rent for our accommodation and meetings.

We have scrutinised our budgets and reduced approximately a third of our budget lines, which has enabled us to keep our precept at the same level as last year, whilst ensuring the priority projects can continue and we have the minimum required reserves.

Although our budgets have always been passed by the auditors, we have done considerable work to ensure that the budget is simplified, made it easier to understand and made more transparent.

As can be seen Cornwall Council will be providing less and less services and if we wish for the services to continue and/or be improved for our town then we are going to have to take on a number of these services, which will be financially challenging, but we have to look to the future to ensure we can progress and it was with this in mind that the Council has agreed to produce a five year financial plan.

2. Public Conveniences

As was noted in the Environment Committee report we have now taken on the Public conveniences. This has been very challenging to budget for, as right up to the last minute before we took control, there were still a number of unknowns that we were unable to get the details from Cornwall Council. Also due to Cornwall Council leaving it to the last minute before informing us that unless we took over the toilets in April this year for every month they continued to run them would be lose a considerable amount of the budget they are giving us. This meant that as Cornwall Council claim we can run the toilets for 50% less than them, within a few months our entire budget from Cornwall Council would be spent. We therefore had to move fast to ensure we were in a position to take on the contract in April.

3. West Looe Shelter

LTC agreed to part finance the new shelter from its match funded community chest as it was felt that this was of great benefit to the community

4. Donations/Community Chest

This year we have given £1,031 in donations to groups that provide benefits to the town and/or to the residents out of our budgeted £1,500.

We have also assisted West Looe Playgroup, East Looe Town Trust and the Looe Music Festival from our £6,500 Community Chest fund which totalled £4,300.

We will also be holding a fund raising event to raise addition funds for the Christmas lights.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT-PROCEDURES COMMITTEE 05/14

A SMALL COMMITTEE IN NUMBERS, BUT DEALING WITH IMPORTANT MATTERS REFERRED BY COUNCIL.

TOPICS INCLUDED:-

- 1. CONFIRMING DRAFT STANDING ORDERS AND RECOMMENDING TO COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION.**
- 2. ONGOING WORK WITH THE LEASE OF THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES IN LOOE FROM CC. TO LTC.**
- 3. DEALING WITH ELTT MATTERS, INCLUDING COUNCIL NOMINATIONS TO THE TRUST, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WISHING WELL SITE, AND THE LEASE OF THE COUNCIL'S OFFICES FROM THE TRUST.**
- 4. CONSIDERING THE ONGOING PROVISION OF ALLOTMENTS FOR LOOE, AND PROBLEMS ARISING.**
- 5. REVIEWING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE ROLE OF THE LCO, AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS.**
- 6. DISCUSSING THE CCTV PROVISION IN THE TOWN.**
- 7. REVIEWING THE SUGGESTED PROCEDURES FOR STARTING A PUBLIC CONSULTATION.**
- 8. ACCEPTING A CODE OF CONDUCT FROM CC. AS AN ADDITION TO THE LTC. CODE.**
- 9. CONSIDERING THE BENEFITS OF QUALITY TOWN COUNCIL STATUS, AND RECOMMENDING TO LTC.**
- 10. HEARING STAFFING CONCERNS, AND SUGGESTING SOLUTIONS.**

A LONG LIST, MADE EASIER BY THE SUBSTANTIAL GROUNDWORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE, AND IN PARTICULAR IT'S CHAIRMAN, CHRIS ROSE.

CLLR. JIMMY DINGLE CHAIRMAN. 2013/4.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

I would first of all like to thank all the Councillors and non-Councillors that have helped this Committee through what has been a very busy year.

A summary of the work carried out by this Committee is as follows:

1. Traffic Regulation Order

This has now been in place and enforceable since August last year. On the whole it is working well although we would comment on the lack of Civil Enforcement.

There have also been complaints about the positioning of the disabled parking and, as a result of a petition received, we have under-taken public consultation. The outcome of the consultations will be reviewed at our June meeting and further consultations will be undertaken before any action may be taken.

2. Public Conveniences

We have now been responsible for the Public Conveniences for just over twelve months and despite difficulties with contractors and historical maintenance problems we have managed to provide the service slightly under budget. A Buildings Management Committee has been set up to deal with the planned ongoing improvements and we are working towards having the best loo's in Cornwall.

3. Looe Community Officer

Our Community Officer has continued to deal with all Enviro-crime issues and has undertaken numerous other tasks during the last year not least the refurbishment of the Mariners and Fishermen's Garden, to finish the garden off I will be carrying out the planting of flowers, shrubs etc.

4. Public Seats

Most of the seats in the town have now been replaced together with most of the seats at Hannafore, these have all been replaced at no cost to the Council as our Community Officer has sold them all on to people wanting Memorial seats.

The remaining seats to be replaced are subject to negotiations with Cornwall Council.

5. Bathing Water Quality

Discussions are ongoing with East Looe Town Trust, South West Water, DEFRA and the Environment Agency to meet the EU requirements for 2015.

6. Flooding/Land Stability

Following the severe storms in February the town was flooded but, as is usual, when the tide went out the flooding went down leaving the businesses with the clearing up.

The damage to the sea defences at Hannafore has not yet been repaired but it is on Cornwall Councils "to do" list when they have received the promised funding from the Government. I would like to congratulate all those involved with the repair of St Martin's Hill which should be open again by the end of this month.

7. **Torchlight Procession**

This year we combined our Lantern Procession and Carol Service with the switch-on of the Christmas lights.

The Carol service took place in the Quayside Centre in West Looe and the whole event was very successful. Our thanks to Looe Harbour Commission for all their help and the spectacular Christmas lights on the Quayside Centre and on the Harbour Office.

8. **CCTV**

Our CCTV system continues to prove very successful, assisting the Police to bring offenders to court.

9. **Devolution/Active Partnering**

We are continuing our talks with Cornwall Council to develop all Active Partnership for Civil Enforcement. We have made provision in our budget to employ our own Civil Enforcement Officer but have to wait until Cornwall Council have determined the future of the service.

10. **New Year's Eve**

Again, thanks to Councillor Toms and all his helpers, New Year's Eve was very successful with two firework displays.

11. **Patients Car Park**

We had some disruption this year due to the necessary works carried out by South West Water. The car park has now been re-surfaced and re-lined but the barrier is not yet back in place due to damage caused during the works, this is being worked on by Trelawney Fire and Security and the problems should be overcome shortly.

12. **Council Office and Tourist Information Centre**

Unfortunately, we are no further forward with re-location of the Council Offices. Looe Town Council have purchased property recently as part one of a two part plan however part two of the plan has now stalled and the future of the purchased premises is yet to be determined.

Councillor Mrs Michala Powell – May 2014

Looe Town Council

From: armand.toms@googlemail.com
Sent: 11 May 2014 23:02
To: Looe Town Council
Cc: atoms@cornwall.gov.uk
Subject: LOOE TOWN COUNCIL TOURISM COMMITTEE

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL TOURISM COMMITTEE

Tourism is at the very heart of our community it is the main industry in the town and the provider of the largest number of jobs. Over the period under review the town has seen both high and low point, the excellent weather of last summer that brought large numbers of visitors. But also very low points with the winter storms and flooding which brought adverse publicity for the town and a negative impact on bookings early in the year.

The committee started the year with funding to support the town, this was initially spent on advertising via the Western Morning News which produced many local visitors from Plymouth. It was not until the spring of this year that the residue was spent in advertising in newspapers in Bristol, Birmingham, Exeter and London. Much of this was achieved via the Love Looe group which evolved out of a business meeting in the town and a big thanks should go to the good work of Gill Bridges. The group although small was important in supporting some very good work.

Although the town had exceptionally good weather during the summer period with excellent numbers of visitors. This did not last as during the autumn the number of visitors fell again with low numbers throughout the winter period. There was a strong debate early this year about the effects of the possible road closure and the adverse publicity. It was decided that the works should start early and it appears to have paid off with the early completion of the works.

The committee is once again looking forward to supporting the use of Cornwall Council money to support tourism as a result of the road works. With the reorganisation of the work force in the TIC, and the manager Mark Camp working closer with the towns businesses to promote the town. One success over the last twelve months has been the takeover and refurbishment of the Portbyhan Hotel by Evans coaches from Wales. The impact of this on the town has been very positive and it is hope to make this connection stringer in the forthcoming year.

And I lastly thank the supporting organisations for their work during the year and the members for their support to me as chairman.

Councillor Armand Toms
Chairman

Sent from my iPad=

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL
NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEES - 2014/15

Finance & Works Committee

Cllrs M Gregory, Miss K Bishop, M Soady, Mrs M Powell, W Martin, P Crossley, R Hendy and D Bryan

Planning Committee

Cllrs D Bryan, Mrs M Powell, J R B Dingle, R Hendy, M Soady and T Stacey

Procedures Committee

Cllrs J Dingle, Mrs E Hannaford, R Hendy, Mrs M Powell, M Gregory and D Bryan

Environment & Public Protection Committee

Cllrs Mrs M Powell, T Crane, M Gregory J Dingle, M Soady, R Hendy, Mrs E Graham-Jones, T Stacey and I Simpson

Town Tourism Committee

Cllr A Toms, Cllr Mrs E Hannaford, Miss K Bishop, D J Bryan, P Crossley, Mrs E Graham-Jones and W Martin

Looe Valley Line Working Group

Cllr D J Bryan

Town Emergency Committee

FULL COUNCIL

Tourist Information Centre Support Group

Cllrs A Toms, Mrs E Hannaford, D Bryan and Chairman of Finance and Works Committee and Chairman of Procedures Committee

Traffic Working Party Committee

Cllrs M Gregory, Mrs M Powell and T Crane

Standards Sub-Committee

Chairman of all Standing Committees plus the Mayor

Events and Festivals Sub-Committee

Cllrs Mrs E Hannaford, W Martin and P Crossley

Extreme Weather/Emergency Planning Working Group

Cllrs R Hendy, M Gregory, T Crane, D Bryan and Mrs M Powell

Multi-Agency Working Group

Cllrs R Hendy, M Gregory, T Crane, D Bryan and Mrs M Powell

Active Partnering Working Group

Cllrs M Gregory, Mrs M Powell, D Bryan and T Crane

The Mayor is ex officio member of all committees.

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2014/2015

LOOE-QUIBERON TWINNING COMMITTEE (NOW DORMANT)

Cllr A Toms and Clerk

LOOE IN BLOOM

Cllr J Dingle

LISKEARD & DISTRICT POLICE COUNSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
(DORMANT)

Cllr D Bryan

LOOE PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNORSHIP

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LOOE COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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ST. MARTINS P.C.C

Cllr D Bryan

LOVE LOOE PROMOTION GROUP

Cllr Mrs Hannaford

LISKEARD AND LOOE STREET PASTORS STEERING GROUP

Cllr R Hendy

EAST CORNWALL LOCAL ACTION GROUP (ECLAG)

Cllr Mrs Hannaford

LOOE VMCA

Cllr M Gregory

CORNWALL COMMUNITY FLOOD FORUM

Cllr M Gregory