LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Looe Town Council held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, East Looe on Monday 21st May 2012 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

The Mayor – Cllr D J Bryan

COUNCILLORS

T Crane Mrs M Powell

P Crosslev C Rose E B Galipeau A Toms M Gregory D Welch

Mrs E Hannaford

J Hoskin

OFFICERS

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Mace Bearers: Mrs L Rose and Mrs S Merrin

Town Crier: Mr R Bennett

Town Burgesses: Mr C Shore, T Corkill and Mr L Portman

Mayor's Chaplain: Rev P Sharp

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary: PCSO D Billing

TIC Staff: Mr M Camp, Mrs A Libby, Mrs J Keene and Mrs E Coles

Looe Community Officer: Mr S Townly Ellie's Haven – Mr and Mrs N Libby

Cornish Times and Cornish Guardian photographers

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Rev Sharp took prayers before the start of the meeting.

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229. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J R B Dingle, W Martin, K Smith and T Stacey.

230. THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor welcomed all present and delivered a short speech (See attached Appendix 'A').

The Mayor then asked Chairman/Vice Chairman of all Committees and the Cornwall Councillors for East and West Looe for their annual reports (see attached Appendices 'B').

The Mayor then made presentations to:

.1 Mayor's Charity donations

The Mayor presented Mr and Mrs Libby with a cheque for £800 for Ellie's Haven and £1,000 to Mr Louis Portman for the Royal British Legion.

Mr Libby and Mr Portman gave a short speech of thanks.

.2 Citizen of the Year

The Mayor presented Mr Louis Portman with the Citizen of the Year award.

.3 Organisation of the Year

The Mayor explained that this is a new award in memory of his Mother-in-Law who sadly passed away earlier this year.

The Mayor presented this award to the staff of the Tourist Information Centre for their hard work during this last year and for their achievement in obtaining the Visit Cornwall Bronze Award for the 5th year.

.4 Presentations

The Mayor made presentations to:

The Mayoress

The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress

Rev Philip Sharp

Mrs L Rose and Mrs S Merrin - Mace Bearers

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk

The Award for the Army Cadet of the Year was given to Mr Portman in the absence of the Cadet.

1. TO NOMINATE AND ELECT A MAYOR TO SERVE FOR 2012/13

The Clerk asked Councillor Gregory to propose his nomination of Councillor Bryan to serve as Mayor for 2012/13.

Councillor Gregory proposed that Councillor Bryan be elected to serve as Mayor for the coming year, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell, and there being n other nominations, it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to elect Councillor Bryan to serve as Mayor for the coming year.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Bryan signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the Town Clerk.

The newly elected Mayor delivered his acceptance speech. (See attached Appendix 'C').

3. THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE OF:

.1 Mayoress

The Mayor appointed his wife, Mrs Annette Bryan, as Mayoress.

.2 The Mayor's Chaplain

The Mayor appointed Rev Philip Sharp as his Chaplain.

.3 Town Mace Bearers

The Mayor appointed Mrs L Rose and Mrs S Merrin to serve as Town Mace Bearers.

.4 Town Sargeant

The Mayor appointed Mr Wally Scarah to serve as Town Sargeant.

.5 Town Crier

The Mayor appointed Mr Roger Bennett to serve as Town Crier.

4. TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Bryan proposed that Councillor Toms be elected to serve as Deputy Mayor for 2012/13, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hannaford and there being no other nominations it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to elect Councillor Toms to serve as Deputy Mayor for 2012/13.

Councillor Toms thanked Councillor and Mrs Bryan for the past twelve months and stated that he is very honoured and pleased to have been elected to serve as Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Toms elected his wife, Mrs Rayna Toms to serve as Deputy Mayoress.

5. TO ELECT A MAYORAL ASSISTANT

The Mayor explained to Council that, on occasions, it is necessary to have a third person available to represent the Council at Civic functions, this normally being the Chairman of the Finance and Works Committee, however, the Mayor asked for nominations for election of Mayoral Assistant.

Councillor Hoskin proposed that Councillor Rose be elected, seconded by Councillor Crossley it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to elect Councillor Rose to serve as Mayoral Assistant for 2012/13.

6. TO SELECT THE VARIOUS COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councillor Toms proposed that the Committee list as circulated be approved, seconded by Councillor Gregory it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the list of the Committee members as circulated (see attached Appendix 'D').

7. TO SELECT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mrs Powell proposed that the Representatives on Outside bodies as circulated be approved, seconded by Councillor Crane it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the list of Representatives on Outside Bodies as circulated. (See attached Appendix 'E').

8. TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL MEETING

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

RESOLVED

Unanimously to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8.00pm

APPENDIX 'A'

The past year has not been an easy one personally to cope with, it has included the illness and sad loss of my Mother in law. I am very grateful to everyone who helped us through that stage but in particular thanks must go to Armand for stepping into the breach and coping with things.

Special thanks to Councillor Rose and his good lady for helping out. My deepest debt of gratitude this year must go to two people without whom this Council would really struggle, our Town Clerk Anne and her very able Deputy Annette. I've seen at first hand just how much hard work they do I know they have probably cursed me several times for giving them yet more to do but they always seem cheerful and just plough on until the work gets done, often working extra hours. I am using this Mayor making to issue a challenge to our Clerk - it really is time you gave up the dreaded weed. I think all of the Councillors would join in a vote of thanks to you both for all you do.

I thank the Mayor's Chaplain the Rev Phillip Sharp for all his grace and spiritual guidance, his jokes and for joining in with good spirit.

Throughout the year Annette and myself have enjoyed the events we have visited, loved meeting and talking to people, you realise as Mayor just how many things do go on over the course of a year in Looe and believe me the number of events are growing. This does not just happen, it involves a lot of work to get it all organised and set up to pull in volunteers to help out. As Mayor, on behalf of the town, I thank you all for your hard work.

I know that all of the groups that alive and kicking in Looe would welcome new members, fresh people to come and join in and offer their help so if you have any spare time there are lots of organisations that would welcome your help.

There are too many active groups to name them all ranging from those that deal with the very young, like West Looe Play Group to the more mature like U3A the sporting groups, football, bowls, cricket, the Gig Club who this year did terrifically well at the gig championships, the gig built by Dave Currah and crewed by Falmouth came in first, in fact the first three boats I believe were built by Dave Currah, second in the mens group was Talisman with a Looe crew but there is a representative here who can makes sure I am getting all my facts right...

If you are one of the active groups in town please make sure that our TIC Manager, Mr Mark Camp, has your up to date details and listing of any events you hold during the year so they can go out in the events guide, we all need to publish the events to make them as successful as possible.

I should, I think, say thank you to some of the groups by name: the Christmas lights gang who do a really first class job putting the Christmas lights and a special mention to Looe in Bloom for all their hard work and dedication in keeping the town looking so good. If I did not mention your group I'm sorry, it would take too long to go through and list you all but thank you. I also have to add congratulations to all the volunteers up at the putting green for all they do including raising £10,000 over two years to go towards the necessary work that needs doing up there.

The two Mayoral Charities for the last year have been Ellie's Haven and the Royal British Legion. I would have liked, if circumstances had been better, to do even more fundraising this year but things conspired against us however we do have two cheques to present: the first goes to Ellie's Haven sadly, as we lost Mum in Law, Ellie also passed away. I know she will have left a huge hole in the life of the family. If Nigel and Julie Libby would like to come forward and receive the cheque please. The second goes to the Royal British Legion, if Mr Louis Portman would like to come forward and receive the cheque.

Mr Portman would you stay here a moment, I have watched just how much you do around town and how active you are, so I have decided that this year you will be our Citizen of the Year and I am delighted to present the Adamson Shield. The shield for the Citizen of the Year was given to the Council by myself in my first Mayoral term in honour of Buffy and Mike Adamson. As you all know, I remarried to Annette, she inherited a step son Michael and I got another Mother in Law. I've heard all the Mother in Law jokes but I have been exceptionally lucky with both my Mother in Laws, both were special, really wonderful people. Mrs Joyce Light loved coming down to visit us in Looe and both Annette and I really miss her. In her honour I have decided to donate another shield to the council - the Light shield - to be given at the Mayor's discretion to the organisation of the year and I have decided the first winners will be a very hard working group the Looe Tourist Information Centre staff who through their hard work and endeavour have won awards and this year have actually made a profit, which believe me did take a lot of hard work, so can the Tourist Information Centre staff come forward and receive the Light Shield from the Mayoress please.

Now we come to the thank you gifts first for the Deputy Mayor Armand and Deputy Mayoress Rayna, if you would both like to come forward please.

We would also like to present a small gift to the Mayor's Chaplain if Rev Sharp would like to come down. Now for the two people who keep the Council running Anne our Town Clerk and her Deputy Annette.

I have been well protected all year by my two Mace Bearers Mrs Elizabeth Rose and Mrs Sarah Merrin. Finally to my Mayoress, Annette, who has to put up with me going out to numerous meetings and who has been a great support all year.

FINANCE AND WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT – CLLR P CROSSLEY (VICE-CHAIR)

This has not been an easy year for the Finance and Works Committee of the Council. So again thanks to all committee members.

Whilst it has been somewhat easy to deal with the usual business of the committee, such as requests for donations, gifts etc, the same cannot really be said for some other aspects of committee work.

The Council has made donations to the continuing work of Looe in Bloom and the Xmas Lights. A contribution has also been made towards the running costs of the seasonal bus that provides a service between Looe and Polperro, which appears to be very successful.

When setting the precept for the 2012/13 year, it was necessary to consider what costs would be involved if or when this Council would be asked to take over services currently provided by Cornwall Council, particularly the public conveniences. This Council is in negotiations with Cornwall Council regarding the future of the Bowling and Putting Green at Hannafore, West Looe, which will hopefully reach a successful conclusion later this year.

The renovation of all public seating is ongoing. The public should be aware that not all public seating in Looe is the responsibility of the Town Council.

Thanks and well done, must also go to Mark Camp [TIC Manager] and the staff of the Tourist Information Centre for their continued hard work that has resulted in another Bronze Tourist Industry award for Looe Tourist Information Centre. The Tourist Information Centre has successfully gained a small profit again this year and continues to run at no cost to our community.

TOWN TOURISM REPORT – CLLR MRS HANNAFORD

TOURISM REVIEW 2011-12

I would like to start by acknowledging that the Tourism panel is not made up of Councillors and Tourist Information Centre staff. The panel now includes Polperro Promotional Group, South East Cornwall Tourism Association and Michelle Sadler who is chair of the Events and Festivals Forum and Taste South East Cornwall member. We also have a strong relationship with Devon nad Cornwall Rasil Partnership who are working hard to promote the Looe Valley Line so important to Looe's visitor economy.

This is an excellent example of how by working together resources and skills can be pooled.

As chair my emphasis for the last year has been; Partnership building, financial self sufficiency and promotion

Finances

For the first time the centre made a small profit, however this was only because Cornwall Council for the first time ever has made a financial contribution. It is still unclear whether this contribution will continue so we must not be complacent. We have therefore recommended to Full Council that a target for savings (or income) be set.

A retail policy review has looked at a number of ways to reduce expenses and increase income with the staff taking a key role. I would like to thank Cllr Dingle in particular for his work on this matter.

Cornwall Council Seaside Towns Fund

The Tourism panel has taken a lead in suggesting projects for the one off funding from Cornwall Council with the Walking Routes project successfully receiving funding from both the Coastal Communities Fund it also a successful application the East Cornwall Local Action Group. The project includes a pod cast, flyer and signage to encourage people to walk into Looe and giving information on places of interest that may not be on the primary working routes. This is an example of obtaining external funding to maximise a most Town Council investment.

Looe Tourist Information Centre

The centre goes from strength to strength attaining for 3 years in a row a Bronze Cornwall Tourism Award for excellence.

The Centre review has also studied how to make the most of the space available and also clear a space to promote Polperro. Looe and Polperro are inexorably linked and the mutual support is reciprocated by Polperro.

Footfall in the Centre is around 75,000 with effort being made to encourage more residents to make the most of the centre.

Promotion

The promotion days at National railway stations continues. Last June the Partnership promoted Looe on Birmingham New Street Station with Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership and SECTA and this Wednesday we are travelling to Bristol Temple Meads. We also promoted Looe's events and Festivals in Plymouth City Centre and will be travelling to Plymouth this Saturday. We are being joined by Looe Music Festival.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT - CLLR D BRYAN

I would first like to thank my fellow councillors for their contribution to committee debates and their support over the past 12 months.

The Planning Committee has dealt with a wide and varied range of planning applications referred to the Town Council by Cornwall Council. In some cases the Planning Committee of this Council referred the applications to the Planning Committee of Cornwall Council for a formal decision.

It should be noted that the Committee's recommendation on each planning application, is only a recommendation and is not binding on the planning or case officer of Cornwall Council. Whilst the difference in recommendations may mystify some members of the public, it must be remembered that Town Councillors are not formally trained as the planning officers of Cornwall Council are.

This Council year has also seen the commencement of works by Barratt Homes at St Martins Field, East Looe.

Environment and Public Protection Committee 2011/12 Cllr M Gregory

It has been a busy year for the committee and I would like to thank those councillors and non councillors that have helped on the committee.

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

1. Traffic Regulation Order

A traffic regulation order has been submitted to Cornwall Council following an extensive public consultation including a number of consultation days, which were very successful. The proposed changes resulted from the comments from the consultation. We have been informed by Cornwall Council that our proposals will go out for public consultation in June, this will be a twelve week consultation process and it is hoped that the Traffic Regulation order will be place for the 2013 summer season.

2. Torch Light Procession/Carol Service

This again was very successful, despite the weather with even more lanterns, the quality of which never ceases to amaze me. We also raised £102.63 for the Mayor's Charity. Our thanks go to all those who helped make it a very successful evening. Our aim this year is for the processions to converge on West Looe and hold the service in the square.

3. CCTV

We now have our new CCTV system installed and have already identified a determined shoplifter; this matter is ongoing with the police. The Harbour Commission are also upgrading their system and the two will be joined, giving much better coverage of the town.

This was achieved by a lot of hard work in identifying what systems would be best for the Town and achieving the best possible deal that would last us a considerable amount of time.

4. Looe Valley Line Railway

The committee has continued to oversee and lend support to the investigations of a local Community Interest Company taking over the running of the Looe Valley line for the benefits of the Looe and Liskeard.

5. Devolution/Active Partnering

We are talking to Cornwall Council with a view to developing an active partnership for Civil Enforcement. It is hoped that, by doing so, we can have some input into where enforcement is most needed and tackle particular problem areas. A draft agreement has been drafted and is going to the next full Council for approval.

6. Looe Community Officer

One of the most frequent complaints we receive is regarding what is commonly referred to as Enviro crime, which includes dog fouling and littering etc, we also have listened to the issues certain parts of the town have with anti sociable behaviour and with issues of poor maintenance of street furniture and footpaths etc. After a lot of research including looking at what other Towns in the Country do to tackle these issues, we drew up a role profile for a Looe Community Warden that aims to tackle these issues and many more.

We have now employed a Community Officer, who is with us this evening, and he started work today.

We have every confidence that Simon will achieve the aims of this Council to enhance the cleanliness and safety of our town. Simon will be working varying shift patterns covering weekends and varying times of the day. He is fully authorised by Cornwall Council to serve fixed penalty notices and also the Police (confirmation from the Chief Constable is awaited) giving similar powers as a PCSO.

Simon will be introducing himself to the Town over the coming weeks, so please make him welcome, and inform him of any issues. He also can be contacted on Twitter, Facebook and soon via direct link and email from our website.

7. Public Conveniences

We are having on-going discussions about the provision of public conveniences in Looe with Cornwall Council. We are aware that this is a very sensitive issue as the provision is much-needed and any closure of the public conveniences will have an adverse effect on our residents and visitors. As you will be aware Cornwall Council have indicated that at least two sets of toilets will have to close unless the Town Council take them over. We are therefore attempting to reach a satisfactory agreement with Cornwall Council that will enable toilet provision to remain as it is, which would be at no extra cost to our tax-payers.

8. New Years Eve

Contrary to popular belief New Years Eve happens all by itself each year. However, although the Council does not directly organise any specific events we do ensure that all those involved, including the emergency services, Cornwall Council etc, come together to ensure the night is enjoyed by everyone and goes off without incident.

PROCEDURES COMMITTEE REPORT – CLLR M GREGORY (VICE-CHAIR)

Unlike other committees of the Council, this committee is responsible for activities of the Council and Councillors and is governed by legislation and the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

Under the Government regulations a new Code of Conduct for Councillors is expected and will be a more flexible code, this is not necessarily a good thing and will be for this Council to decide whether the new criteria is acceptable, it will no doubt result in our Council's Standing Orders being amended.

The financial activities of the Council are governed by legislation and it is requirement of this legislation that an independent audit of all financial activities is undertaken at the end of the financial year. An audit has already been carried out, and the overall comments on the audit, was that activities were undertaken in line with current legislation requirements.

I would like also like to thank Anne Frith and Annette Keen, Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk respectively, whose constant hard work has resulted in the continued smooth running of the Council. This has been achieved despite the fairly constant stream of visits to the Council Offices by Councillors and other groups and individuals, which due to the inadequate accommodation causes, at time, major disruptions.

Finally, thanks must go to the Mayor and Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Mayoress for the work they have undertaken over the past year in representing the Council and the Town of Looe at various and varied events.

REPORT FOR LOOE TOWN COUNCIL FROM ARMAND TOMS CORNWALL COUNCILLOR LOOE EAST

If anyone wanted to be a councillor this must have been the toughest time in modern history. With the coalition governments cuts of 28.6% making hard decisions over services even harder, but it's been even tougher in Cornwall because we have had the added issues of bringing 7 former councils together. This has been achieved by the hard work of those involved both officers and members bringing skills to the table to make sure that cuts to services have been at the absolute minimum. The council has had a recent Peer Review that highlight the excellent transition from a two tear to a unitary authority, whilst far better then the previous review of the old Cornwall County Council. I must pay tribute to the officers and fellow members for getting services to improve in a time of austerity and once again bringing Cornwall Council in on budget for the third year, something that the old County Council did not do when they handed over to the new authority.

Councillors will know that some decisions like car parks, toilets and waste have not been popular but this must be balance against such services as Libraries, Children's Centres and many other front line services. Sometimes it's tough making decisions in a balanced way, I became a councillor to take the good with the bad and not walk away when it's going to be hard. I hold the post of Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Support which spends approximately £1 in ever £3 of the un-ring fenced money in the council and i am delighted to say that this directorate has moved from performing adequately to well an achievement down to the hard working staff of this department. The new waste contract has caused a lot of problems in the local area and from a recent waste briefing (today) this area has suffered the most problems but the situation is settling down but there is still much work to do. This has caused a lot of extra work and I have collected waste, recycling and delivered waste containment to addresses across my area. I have sought agreement with Cory to help this community because of the problems it has had and have put the idea of having seagull proof sacks for the area to them, I will await there response.

The Looe East Ward has had two major planning applications over the recent past with Barratts applying for 100 homes and Espelier applying for 50. I believe that over the next months or years further applications will come in for 89 homes on the Barratts site and Tesco's will be apply for a supermarket and 30 homes on the Barbican Road site. These applications have and will present many problems for the town, just look at the meeting for the sewage pipe works on St Martins Road a successful community lead solution or people power. I have taken the lead over many issues in my ward and will try and get allotments for the town and fingers crossed we may have some luck in June when a decision is due to be made on land usage. Bringing together a small group of residents to design a new play park at Sunrising is also on my agenda this year, when designs are available a consultation will be carried out, Other issues I will be taking a lead on are flooding or flood defences and I will have more information soon and when available I will call a meeting of all the towns organisations. There are ongoing issues in the ward like the Steps at Second Beach, Dove Rock, Pendrim Park and The Football club taking over the field

MJ Awards 2012

- Best Achieving Council: "Commended"
- Delivering Better Outcomes: NewguaySafe Finalist, winner to be announced in June

LGC Awards 2012

Winners

- Human Resources and Organisational Development
- NewquaySafe for its work with young people

Shortlisted

- Most Improved Council
- Public Sector Partnerships NewquaySafe
- Public/Private Partnerships Superfast Cornwall

Excellence in Business Training 2012

Winner

Outstanding commitment to training for a large organisation

Shortlisted

Training programme of the year - Cornwall Leadership Academy

Best Business Award 2011 Winner

Best Local Authority

Chartered Institute of Public Relations Excellence Award 2011

Winner

Crisis Communications- Flooding in Cornwall

Silver

Internal magazine Staff magazine "People Matters"

Shortlisted

- Digital Excellence: Cornwall Council webcasting
- Publication or Leaflet: "Guide to Services"

MJ Awards 2011

Winner

Diversity Achievement of the Year

Finalist

- Best Achieving Council of the Year
- Public Private Partnership

CLLR EDWINA HANNAFORD CORNWALL COUNCIL REVIEW 21st May 2012

2011/12 has been a challenging year both for staff, councilors and residents for that matter with lots of changes coming forward. Some have been positive some not so.

One of the positives has been the development of 3 innovation centres in Cornwall. The Pool Innovation Centre business acceleration facility now houses 43 businesses with 190 employees with an average client growth of 40% in year 1 and 55 new jobs created.

The Tremough Innovation Centre specializes in the creative, media, eco and environmental science sectors with strong links to the Combined Universities of Cornwall campus.

The third is in Truro, the Health and Wellbeing Innovation Centre, which welcomes knowledge based business within the sectors that support health and well-being.

A fourth centre is planned in the Clay Area as part of the Eco Town development and will specialise in advanced engineering.

These are all great projects that are fostering innovation, new business startups and quality jobs.

However, all these centres are in Mid and West Cornwall, nothing in East Cornwall. This week we were presented with details of the average earning of someone working in South East Cornwall as being just over £13,000 compared with £18,000 in the Truro Area.

Camborne and Redruth have received huge support to develop their economies as it was considered there was market failure. I would argue that this statistic would indicate there is market failure in SE Cornwall and a good case for support. I will be pressing for a similar support in our area.

PEER REVIEW

A recent peer review of Cornwall Council concluded that the innovation centre approach is good but should not be at the expense of Cornwall's traditional sectors of fishing, farming, food production and tourism, which should be given more attention.

TOURISM REVIEW

A review of the Visit Cornwall tourism service has been ongoing since last autumn with recommendations being presented in September. I do hope the review will acknowledge the advice of the peer review and that this is not just an opportunity to cut costs. Tourism, farming and fishing is vital for Looe's prosperity.

RUBBISH

The poor roll out of the waste contracts in Looe and Polperro was acknowledged by the Leader only last week and additional resources have been put into our area. Nearly 2 months in and I am still getting complaints is frankly not good enough. At full Council last week I asked Cllr Double, the cabinet member with responsibility to consider reverting back to the old recycling bag system in Looe and Polperro which he agreed to do and am awaiting news of the procedure to make this happen. The scrutiny panel of

which I was re-elected chair last week asked to do a route and branch review of all the circumstances around the letting of the contract and subsequent problems. Scrutiny was not involved in letting the contract so this will be the first time we have had an opportunity to find out what has gone wrong.

TOILETS & BUSES

On 2 occasions the administration has bowed to pressure after announcing cuts and found additional monies. Additional monies were found to keep the toilets open for another year, as well as for the supported bus routes. This is most welcome. However, I highlighted at full council to Cllr Currie this week that the negotiations between towns and parish Councils is taking too long. He promised to look into why there are such delays.

It is my great pleasure to ask my wife Annette to continue as Mayoress for the ensuing year.

I am pleased to say the Reverend Philip Sharp has also agreed to remain as Chaplain for the ensuing year.

We are pleased that my two charming Mace Bearers have also agreed to continue, thank you all.

It now comes to nomination of Deputy Mayor and it is an honour to nominate Councillor Armand Toms as Deputy Mayor for the next year. I have been around lately to many Mayor making's in different towns and I am surprised at the amount of ladies who have come to see and ask about Armand. Bad news Armand most of them wanted to mother you, but I have not met any one who does not sing Armand's praise. He is well liked, hard working Councillor you can depend on. He represents Looe well where ever he goes so with pleasure I nominate Armand Toms for the post of Deputy Mayor.

I call upon our other hard working County Councillor Mrs Hannaford to second the nomination.

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL NOM INATIONS TO COMMITTEES - 2012/13

Finance & Works Committee

Cllrs K Smith, P Crossley, D Bryan, D Welch, M Gregory, Brian Galipeau, W Martin, J Hoskin, J Dingle and Mrs M Powell

Planning Committee

Cllrs D Bryan, K Smith, A Toms, M Gregory, J Hoskin, Mrs M Powell, T Stacey and C Rose

Procedures Committee

Cllrs K Smith, M Gregory, D Welch, D Bryan, B Galipeau, Mrs E Hannaford, J Dingle, C Rose and Mrs M Powell

Environment & Public Protection Committee

Cllrs M Gregory, T Crane, D Bryan, A Toms, D Welch, Mrs M Powell, B Galipeau, C Rose and J Dingle

Town Tourism Committee

Cllrs Mrs Hannaford, W Martin, B Galipeau and P Crossley

Looe Valley Line Working Group

Cllrs B Galipeau, Mrs E Hannaford, Mrs M Powell and M Gregory

Town Emergency Committee

Full Council

Building Control Forum

Cllrs A Toms and K Smith

Planning Liaison (CALC)

Cllr K Smith

Traffic Working Party Committee

Cllrs M Gregory, T Crane, D Bryan, J Hoskin, B Galipeau, Mrs E Hannaford and A Toms

Standards Sub-Committee

Chairman of all Standing Committees plus the Mayor

Events and Festivals Sub-Committee

Mrs M Sadler, Cllrs B Galipeau, D Bryan, Mrs E Hannaford and W Martin

Extreme Weather/Emergency Planning Working Group

Cllrs M Gregory, T Crane, D Bryan, B Galipeau, A Toms, Mrs M Powell and D Welch

Multi-Agency Working Group

Cllrs D Bryan, A Toms, M Gregory, J Dingle and K Smith

Active Partnering Working Group
Cllrs K Smith, D Bryan, T Crane, J Dingle, B Galipeau, M Gregory and A Toms

The Mayor is ex officio member of all committees.