

**PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL  
LEISURE, TOURISM AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE: 11 JUNE 2019**

**AGENDA ITEM 8: COUNCIL VEHICLES**

We currently have three vehicles; an Isuzu D-max, Isuzu grafter and a Piaggio Porter. The D-max is in good condition and has just passed its MOT without any advisories but both the Piaggio and Grafter have required work recently and the advice from Quay garage would be to look at trading them in whilst they still have MOT's, Piaggio 6 months and Grafter 12 months as they will most likely need additional work doing to them soon.

The rationale for having 3 vehicles wasn't completely clear until recently when the grafter was off the road, the Maintenance Team struggled with one vehicle and one team member had to ferry the others to different sites as the Piaggio was being used by the Car park attendant. The Maintenance team were then called to urgently repair a leak in the toilets but had to be picked up individually, this obviously took time and meant the car park attendant had to leave the busy car park to collect the team member and tools from North Quay.

### Isuzu Grafter

Usage - This vehicle is used by the Maintenance Team to transport mowers, trimmers etc to and from areas in the Parish.

Mileage - 22000

Averaging 75 miles a week

Known issues - Gear box linkage is prone to rust and can make changing gear difficult.

Large amount of rust on the chassis.

The Outdoor Services Supervisor considers the truck to have high fuel consumption as the MPG is about 15. We have also had oil in fuel problems in the past.

Issues with the DPF system in the past due to the short, low speed journeys the truck does, this can only be rectified by a Isuzu mechanic, this is a different issue to the ones we have had with the small truck.

High back on the trucks makes loading and unloading harder.

Size - Possibly too big for the needs of the council, a smaller more manoeuvrable truck would be better suited for Padstow especially during peak seasons. Too big to get to St Georges well and not 4x4 so unsuitable for going the grass.

## Piaggio

Mileage – 36000

Averaging 50 miles a week

Known issues – Expensive parts, cosmetically rusty, broken tipper, has just had repairs to the floor pan. Will need work for MOT in December, mainly welding.

Size – Perfect for its role, used by toilet and car park attendant to collect bins and take tools etc to North Quay, Lawns and cemetery.

The truck has considerable rust on the chassis and the advice from the mechanic at quay garage would be to look for a replacement whilst the truck has a large part of the Mot left

There are options such as a John Deere Gator which could be bought with an electric motor so again would be lower running costs and zero emissions.

## Conclusion

The Outside Services Supervisor investigate replacing these vehicles and look to trial suitable vehicles as soon as possible, ideally before the summer holidays for Committee consideration acquiring quotes as per the Council's financial regulations.