

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL: 30 MARCH 2021

AGENDA ITEM 12: TOWN UPDATE – ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN

1. Background

- 1.1 As Council will know Government has set out a road map out of lockdown, all of which is subject to review. It's anticipated that it will be a busy time, especially around restriction changes and the uncertainty around foreign holidays.

2. Government Lockdown Dates

- 2.1 **Stage 1: Monday 29 March:** This kicks off the first significant date and sees the reopening of the tennis courts and skate park.

Stage 2: Monday 12 April: This is the most significant date which will see shops reopen, hospitality (outside) and UK domestic holidays away from home permitted – self-contained only. It is considered that we will be busy, but how busy is really hard to say.

Stage 3: Monday 17 May: This date will see our town busier due to hotels and B&Bs being able to reopen, as well as pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues beginning to seat customers indoors.

Stage 4: Monday 21 June: This is outlined as the date for which all legal limits on social contact are to be removed.

3. Preparation

- 3.1 **Tennis Courts and Skate Park Reopening:** w/c 22 March the outside team were asked to ensure all areas were being checked, tidied etc in preparation. Monday 29 March will see the tennis courts unlocked and ready for use with some works still to be done to reline the court, with nets going up soon after.

The skate park will be open (formally!) we are just seeking final clarification, as the advice is somewhat "woolly" regarding numbers. Following this, appropriate signage and advice will be in place.

- 3.2 **Padstow Town:** One Padstow (being the partnership led by Cornwall Council, involving PTC, PHC, police and other local bodies as and when required), will be meeting virtually (7/3/21). Cllrs Buscombe as CC, Freeman as HRT Chairman and the Town Clerk will attend on behalf of PTC. In general terms, this season is expected to follow the same as last year.

Bandstand and Quayside: Seating remains in situ on the bandstand and paved area around it. PTC also moved and put in additional seating around the quayside. PHC have redone the "keep clear" wording and lining on the bandstand and have also done the same around the quayside. CC is looking to put in the black bollards on the small, paved area directly opposite the chippy. Having these in place assists and helps with social distancing and avoids any benches being moved around. Cllr Buscombe is also looking to provide funding for a planter around the quayside. Council

will recall it made the decision to not have any performances on the bandstand this year to avoid people gathering.

Highway: CC has put in place the temporary road closure (same as last year) for around the quayside and have provided updated signage which will be put in place in the coming days. The One Padstow virtual meeting will be an opportunity to discuss these plans and also thoughts around the town centre road closure from the 12 April. ↓

Park and Ride: The operator has contacted us to advise that they will be opening this year, initially only for pedestrians (park and walk), hopefully in late May. They outlined the uncertainty around their usual operation particularly around social distancing and therefore would like to come back in April/May time to Council to consider the provision of their usual bus operation, along the same request as in previous years

COVID signage: Next week and leading up to the 12 April we will check current COVID signage we have in place and if needed replace. We still have the banners and hand sanisters have been in place on all our shelters. CC has provided additional signage for us to share with businesses, the Town Clerk has gone back as they are promoting conflicting messaging, hopefully this will be resolved so we can provide additional signage for businesses which they can use and download from our website.

Railway and Lawns Car Park: We are gearing up and tidying our car parks, checking machines and ensuring hand sanisters are still in place. As members are aware, due to legislative changes CC will be undertaking the enforcement going forward. Our car park/toilet attendant (when not cleaning toilets) will be on hand to help direct traffic. The Town Clerk is also waiting to hear from Kestrel Guard as they also provide some additional cover to help with traffic management during the busier times of the day.

Toilets: Railway Car Park toilets have remained open, the "plan" is to open North Quay at some point during the week of 12 April. The Town Clerk has been pushing with the Project Manager to resolve the issues and it is hoped to have sign off the end of the w/c 6 April. When undertaking a risk assessment, it was considered that Cory would remain closed anyway due to it being a "hot spot" due to the location, shelter and the ice cream queues. With the lockdown road map this may well change and will be reviewed as time goes on.

Information: Last time we provided a leaflet advising people of safest routes in the town, where to park etc. It is considered that this time more information be on our website and Social Media platforms to help to share and remind people where they can park.

Bus Companies and Sand Companies: Next week the Town Clerk will look to draft a letter to the scheduled bus companies and sand companies to advise we are expecting the car park to be busy from the 12 April and request they be mindful of this. The scheduled buses will also be

reminded that they are not to wait in the car park at times other than the timetabled pick up and set-down times and to use the dedicated bus stop at all times.

4. Future Traffic Management

- 4.1 One thing that has come out of this and been highlighted is the need to improve things going forward. Highways Officer for CC is currently looking at permanent car parking signage to advise visitors when they are further out of town what to expect when they reach our town in terms of parking provision. He is currently progressing this matter and will share when he can for comment. Moving to the longer term, he has submitted a provisional bid to the Local Transport Plan (LTP) for funding to look at traffic movements, matrix signing and how we deal with traffic in the future, there will be further information regarding this initial bid in 2022 when the LTP is confirmed.

5. Any Matters

- 5.1 Council are asked to note the update, do they also have any comments/issues they would wish to be mentioned at the partnership meeting?