

SECTION 106 FUNDING APPLICATION BACKGROUND

LOUDSPEAKERS ON FORE STREET, SALTASH

As you are all aware Saltash doesn't have a market square or large public area, instead we use Fore Street for our main events during the year.

Festivals organised in May and indeed at Christmas always have some form of loud speaker system to broadcast their various events and for health and safety announcements. This does come at a very large cost to those groups who organise such events for the Town. I know myself from getting quotes for the VE75 commemorations that it is really expensive.

Being part of the Christmas Light and Events committee for STC we did look at the possibility of including that within our budget for this year. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough in the budget to be able to offer the addition of a speaker package to the displays for this year.

However, I am fortunately to be part of the Town Team Group which is formed with members from Saltash Town Council, Cornwall Councillors, CIC and Saltash Chamber of Commerce it was felt that we could apply for Section 106 funding in order to be able to get the installation in place.

We all know that the Section 106 monies are to be used for the benefit of Fore Street and what better way of enhancing people's experience, when they visit our various events, that we have a professional system which will provide music, announcements etc. What better way also to keep our visitors safe by being able to remind them about keeping safe and social distancing while shopping safely in our lovely Town.

The installation of such a speaker system leaves us with a wide range of opportunities to enhance our Town such as maybe a local radio station and promoting our young people's talent. The list is endless. We are awaiting to see if there are any annual maintenance costs and whether it can be installed during lockdown but we are almost ready to submit the application.

This is the first, of what we hope, will be one of several applications from the Town Team Group. We are working extremely hard behind the scenes at the moment to come up with lots of schemes to enhance our visitors experience and also to benefit the Traders and residents of our Town.

What I am doing today is asking Saltash Town Council to lend its support to this application and which I believe would be a huge asset to our Town. Also if can I ask if it would be possible to allow me to have delegated authority to submit the application on behalf of the Council and should members approve the application and is it successful with the Section 106 funding that the system is adopted by the Council

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