



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe
on Monday 16th January 2017 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor A Toms

COUNCILLORS

D J Bryan
T Crane
P Crossley
M Gregory
Mrs E Hannaford
R Hendy
C Rose
M Soady
T Stacey

OFFICERS

Mrs A Frith – Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE

Miss R Jeavons – Looe Community Academy

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| 92. | <u>TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.</u> There were no members of the public present. | |
| 93. | <u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Cllrs Miss K Bishop, J R B Dingle, Mrs M Powell and D Welch. Apologies were also received from Reverend Sharp (Mayors Chaplain) and Sgt J Williams (Devon & Cornwall Constabulary). <u>ABSENT</u> Cllr Mrs E Graham-Jones. | |
| 94. | <u>TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Cllrs Hendy and Rose declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust. Cllr Toms declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Looe Harbour Commission, Looe Development Trust and Cornwall Council. Cllr Mrs Hannaford declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Cornwall Council. | |

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| 95. | <p><u>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 28th NOVEMBER 2016</u> Cllr Gregory proposed that the Minutes of 28th November 2016 be approved, seconded by Cllr Bryan it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> With a vote of 9/1 abstention (Cllr Toms) to approve the Minutes of the meeting of 28th November 2016.</p> | |
| 96. | <p><u>TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> Cllr Toms made announcements as per attached Appendix "A". He also thanked and congratulated Anne Frith, Annette Keen, Anne Libby and Laura Kellaway for their hard work in producing a Looe Guide for 2017. Cllr Toms informed that the Looe Valley U3A celebrate their 20th Anniversary this year and he will be presenting a certificate to as he has done for all organisations last year celebrating notable anniversaries.</p> | |
| 97. | <p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POLICE FOR LOOE.</u> See attached Appendix "B".</p> | |
| 98. | <p><u>TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FOR THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR EAST LOOE</u> See attached Appendix "C". Cllr Crane asked if the queries raised by the residents of Sandplace Road had been answered. Cllr Toms confirmed that they have.</p> | Response to be circulated |
| 99. | <p><u>TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FOR THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR WEST LOOE.</u> See attached Appendix "D" There were no questions asked.</p> | |
| 100 | <p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOOE COMMUNITY ACADEMY</u> The new Academy Council Representative, Miss Rebecca Jeavons, gave her report as attached Appendix "E". Cllr Toms thanked and congratulated Rebecca for her clear and concise report and informed that he has been working with other Mayor's and the NHS to provide a promotional day, this will happen on 28th January at Treliske Hospital. There is another event being planned for this area, probably in Liskeard, it is for Years 9, 10 and 11 and is a careers day showing all opportunities to work in the NHS. Cllrs Bryan and Hendy congratulated the Academy on the fundraising efforts, particularly for the Poppy Appeal. Cllr Mrs Hannaford informed that there is also another gaming evening in the Library on 28th January.</p> | |

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| | <p>Rebecca was asked to take this information back to the Academy. Rebecca then left the Meeting.</p> | |
| 101. | <p><u>TO DISPOSE OF ANY BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM THE LAST MEETINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL</u> There were no matters raised.</p> | |
| 102. | <p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> .1 <u>Looe Development Trust (LDT)</u> As Cllr Toms had declared an interest In Looe Development Trust he handed this matter to Cllr Gregory who informed Council that Looe Development Trust are asking for confirmation that the Council will insure and maintain the new proposed skateboard as they had previously. Some concern was raised about the potential cost of taking this responsibility on even though it had been agreed when the failed 2004 scheme was in progress. Cllr Mrs Hannaford proposed that we re-affirm our support in principal but ask for further detail and costings, seconded by Cllr Gregory it was Unanimously agreed. .2 <u>Charter 4 Cornwall</u> This information is to be circulated to all Councillors .3 <u>Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Health & Social Care Plan 2016-2021</u> This information will be held in the office. .4 <u>Cormac Update – Sandplace Road.</u> Cllr Toms read out the latest update on the progress of the stabilisation of Sandplace Road. The Clerk was asked to ring Radio Cornwall as they are informing that Station Road is closed and not Sandplace Road.</p> | <p>Clerk to write to LDT</p> <p>Re-circulate info</p> <p>Clerk to ring Radio Cornwall</p> |
| 103. | <p><u>MATTERS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES</u> There were no matters referred.</p> | |
| 104. | <p><u>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES OF SUB-COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.</u> .1 <u>BBC 2 Restoration Request.</u> Cllr Bryan referred to the email recently received from the BBC regarding potential restoration projects that they could be involved in for the making of a BBC2 programme. He suggested replacement of the War Memorial railings and asked for permission from Council to contact the BBC. Cllr Mrs Hannaford also informed that she had put out a request for other suggestions that fit the brief given,</p> | |

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| | <p>Council unanimously supported Cllrs Bryan and Mrs Hannaford, Cllr Toms agreed to co-ordinate suggestions.</p> <p>.2 <u>East Looe Town Trust Report</u> Cllr Rose gave a short report from East Looe Town Trust and informed that the Trust became a Community Interest Organisation on 1st October 2016, subsequently their AGM will not now be until September at which time Mr Warne will be standing down as Chairman. He also reported that the Museum is currently being upgraded and will re-open at the end of March.</p> <p>.3 <u>Neighbourhood Plan</u> Cllr Mrs Hannaford updated on the progress being made by the Working Groups and the Plan. A Builders survey started today and there is a presentation of the Urban Edge Assessment on 17th January. The work of the Steering Group is still on track.</p> | |
| <p>105.</p> | <p><u>TO APPROVE THE BUDGET/PRECEPT FOR 2017/18</u> Cllr Hendy prepared a Budget statement (which had been previously circulated with the budget options) and informed that these proposals represent a very tight budget. He stated that we need to determine the level of increase, 2%, 4% or 5%, taking into account the unexpected reduction in the Local Council Tax Grant of 28.5% instead of the expected 10%.</p> <p>Cllr Hendy explained that each percentage increase represents £1.50 per year on a Band D property and he recommended a 2% increase.</p> <p>There followed much discussion with each Councillor in turn being given the opportunity to raise any questions or concerns.</p> <p>Cllr Soady stated that he would not vote for any budget that included provision for seagull egg culling.</p> <p>After all questions had been answered Cllr Bryan proposed that a 2% increase in the Precept be accepted, seconded by Cllr Crane.</p> <p>Cllr Soady proposed an Amendment that a 2% increase be accepted taking out the provision for seagull egg culling, there was no seconder for this Proposal.</p> <p>A vote was taken on Cllr Bryan's proposal and it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> With a vote of 9/1 against (Cllr Soady) to approve a 2% increase in the Precept taking the current Precept from £303,976 to £310,055 for 2017/18.</p> | |
| <p>106.</p> | <p><u>TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE REPAIRS TO THE MARINERS GARDEN WALL</u> Cllr Toms informed Council that Tenders for the work are out at the moment and he will be visiting James Lockyer Associates on Monday 30th January to formally open the Tenders, he will photograph them and circulate by email to all Councillors. He asked for Council's approval to</p> | |

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| | <p>obtain an assessment of the tenders from James Lockyer Associates and Colin Crabb as they have the experience that Council does not have, the approval was Unanimously given.</p> <p>There will then be a Special Full Council meeting to determine which Contractor is used.</p> <p>Cllr Toms informed that we have already contacted the Environment Agency and Cornwall Council for any available Grant Funding leaving Council to pick up the balance.</p> | |
| 107. | <p><u>MATTERS FOR FURTHER OR URGENT DISCUSSION AS DETERMINED BY THE CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>There were no matters raised.</p> | |
| 108. | <p><u>TO RATIFY THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS LISTED FOR NOVEMBER 2016 AND DECEMBER 2016</u></p> <p>.1 <u>Accounts for Payment for November 2016</u> Cllr Gregory proposed that the Accounts for Payment amounting to £21,894.48 as listed be approved, seconded by Cllr Soady it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to approve the Accounts for payment for November 2016 as listed.</p> <p>.2 <u>Accounts for Payment for December 2016</u> Cllr Bryan proposed that the Accounts for December 2016, amounting to £31,031.77 as listed be approved, seconded by Cllr Crossley it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to approve the Accounts for Payment for December 2016 as listed.</p> | |
| 109. | <p><u>TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF £4970 TO S. BESFORD-FOSTER (STAGES 2 & 3 OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN)</u></p> <p>Cllr Hendy proposed that the Invoice for £4970 from S. Besford-Foster for Stages 2 & 3 of the Neighbourhood Plan be approved, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hannaford it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to approve payment of £4970 to S. Besford-Foster after Cllr Crane had confirmed that this represented value for money.</p> | |
| 110. | <p><u>TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF £3941.10 TO JAMES LOCKYER ASSOCIATES</u></p> <p>Cllr Rose proposed that the invoice for interim work for the Mariners Garden amounting to £3941.10 be approved, seconded by Cllr Gregory it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to approve payment of £3941.10 to James</p> | |

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| | Lockyer Associates. The Meeting Closed at 8.10pm. | |
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