



LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe
On Monday 8th December 2014 at 7.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT: Chairman – The Mayor – Cllr D J Bryan

COUNCILLORS

Miss K Bishop	R Hendy
J R B Dingle	M Soady
M Gregory	T Stacey
Mrs E Hannaford	D Welch

OFFICERS

Town Clerk – Anne Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

Rev P Sharp – Mayor's Chaplain
Mr S Morton
Mr Marsh
Mr M Richards

PRAYERS Prayers were given by Rev P Sharp

The Mayor thanked all who had helped with the Lantern Procession and Carol Service and also with the arrival of Santa and he wished all present a happy Christmas and New Year.

		ACTIONS
135.	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Crane, Mrs M Powell, W Martin and A Toms.	

	<p>Also from Sgt J Williams and Tom Pugh - Looe Community Academy Representative.</p> <p><u>ABSENT</u> Councillors P Crossley and Mrs E Graham-Jones.</p>	
136.	<p><u>QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u> Mr Marsh asked the Mayor when his statement to Legal & Member Services regarding the incident with the busker will be released, Cllr Bryan responded that he had given Mr Mansell permission to release the statement.</p>	
137.	<p><u>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS</u> .1 <u>Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 3rd November 2014</u> Cllr Hendy proposed that the Minutes of the above meeting be approved, seconded by Cllr Gregory it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 3rd November 2014. .2 <u>Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Full Council Meeting of 21st November 2014</u> Cllr Soady requested that the word “footfall” be amended to “footprint” in Minute No: 134. This was agreed unanimously Cllr Gregory proposed that the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Full Council Meeting of 21st November 2014 be approved with the amendment as agreed, seconded by Cllr Hendy it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Full Council Meeting of 21st November 2014.</p>	
138.	<p><u>TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Cllr Dingle declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe and West Looe Town Trust. Cllr Hendy declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust. Cllr Mrs Hannaford declared and interest in any matter raised concerning Cornwall Council.</p>	
139.	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POLICE FOR LOOE</u> There was no report given.</p>	
140.	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR EAST LOOE</u> There was no report given.</p>	

141.	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR WEST LOOE</u></p> <p>.Cllr Mrs Hannaford gave her report as attached Appendix "A".</p> <p>Cllr Dingle asked Cllr Mrs Hannaford why there are two locked up spaces at Bonson Close, Cllr Mrs Hannaford stated that she did not wish to respond in a public forum and would speak to Cllr Dingle after the meeting.</p>	
142.	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LOOE COMMUNITY ACADEMY REPRESENTATIVE</u></p> <p>There was no report given.</p>	
142.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETINGS</u></p> <p>There were no matters raised.</p>	
143.	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p><u>.1 Chief Executive – Cornwall Council – Response to our letter re road closures</u></p> <p>The Mayor read out the letter received in response to our complaint regarding the difficulty in obtaining road closures for public safety and the delay caused by Cornwall Council resulting in this Council being unable to meet legal requirements. Permissions have now been granted.</p> <p><u>.2 Mr S Foster – Cornwall Council – Liskeard and Looe Community Network Panel</u></p> <p>Mr Foster has been asked to put various questions to Councils in his area in order to help Cornwall Council strengthen the Network Panel, responses are required before Christmas.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to circulate the email to all Councillors.</p> <p><u>.3 Mr Colin Clements.</u></p> <p>Mr Clements, who was unable to be present, had asked that his letter requesting information regarding 2 Polkirt Arcade be read out together with the Clerk's response that he should address his questions to the Councillors who were present at the meeting of 9th October 2013.</p> <p>Mr Clements had only had responses from two of the nine Councillors and asked for their responses or reasons for not responding.</p> <p><u>.4 Fishermen's Mission</u></p> <p>This informational letter was read to Council.</p>	<p>Clerk to circulate to all Councillors for their response</p>
144.	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Cllr Bryan gave his report of the meeting of 24th November 2014.</p>	

	<p><u>.1 Ref Min No: 40 – Car Parking Charges</u> Cllr Mrs Hannaford stated that we need to stop making sweeping statements, St Ives car parking charges are £1 more than Looe, Cllr Gregory agreed to amend the wording to read “more expensive than a number of areas in Cornwall”.</p> <p><u>.2 Ref Min No: 48.2 – 2 Polkirt Arcade</u> Cllr Dingle asked if any expressions of interest to rent the premises had been received. Cllr Bryan responded that there have been two received and a decision has been made subject to references. Cllr Dingle also queried the safety of the staircase within the premises, Cllr Bryan informed him that Cllr Toms had taken an architect to look at the stairs and he considered them to meet building regulations. Cllr Dingle requested this confirmation in writing, the Clerk informed him that this has already been obtained.</p>	
145.	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE</u> In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Bryan, as Vice-Chairman, gave the report of the meetings of 20th August, 16th September and 25th November 2014 and proposed that the Minutes be approved, seconded by Cllr Hendy it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the meetings of 20th August, 16th September and 25th November 2014. Cllr Dingle suggested that the land in front of the West Looe Cemetery could be utilised for extra parking and asked who the land belongs to, Cllr Bryan agreed to find out who owns the land, Cllr Mrs Hannaford volunteered to do this. Cllr Soady asked who owns the now disused public convenience building in the same location, the Clerk responded that it is owned by Cornwall Council, leased to Looe Town Council and used as a store.</p>	Cllr Mrs Hannaford to ascertain ownership of this land
146.	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE AND WORKS COMMITTEE</u> There had been no meeting held.</p>	
147.	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE</u> Cllr Hendy gave his report of the meeting of 19th November as attached Appendix “B”. <u>.1 Ref Min No: 42.1 – Mr Morton</u> Cllr Dingle stated that in view of public interest in the Council he considers that it would be reasonable to allow fifteen minutes at the end of meetings, we need to be open and transparent and encourage public interest. Cllr Dingle asked Cllr Hendy to take this matter back to the next Procedures</p>	

	<p>Committee meeting for further discussion. Cllr Bryan asked Mr Morton the reason for the request, Mr Morton responded that it was while things were still clear in people's minds. Cllr Mrs Hannaford queried the correct procedure stating that, until recently Lanteglos Parish Council had allowed this although she did not know the reason why it had now stopped. The Clerk explained that the advice given had come from Sarah Mason at CALC but was willing to re-affirm this advice. Cllr Hendy agreed to take it back for further discussion and proposed that the Minutes of the meeting of 19th November 2014 be approved, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hannaford it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the meeting of 19th November 2014.</p>	<p>Clerk to re-affirm the advice given</p>
<p>148.</p>	<p><u>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN TOURISM COMMITTEE</u> In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Mrs Hannaford, Vice Chairman, gave the report of the meeting of 2nd December 2014. .1 <u>Ref: Min No: 35.4 – Free Car Parking</u> Cllr Dingle asked if the free parking was in place yet, the Clerk confirmed that it is for every weekend in December. .2 <u>Ref: Min No: 37 – TIC Manager's Report</u> Cllr Soady asked what is the point of having a stand at the trade fair, where is it located, why are four people going and where is the money coming from. Cllr Mrs Hannaford explained that the point is to promote Looe as a destination, it is being held in Birmingham, there are only three people going and the money is coming from the residue of Visit Cornwall monies allocated to Looe following the landslip. Cllr Mrs Hannaford proposed that the Minutes of the meeting of 2nd December 2014 be approved, seconded by Cllr Bryan it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the meeting of 2nd December 2014. Cllr Mrs Hannaford also gave the report of the meeting of 4th November 2014 but these were not approved as she was the only Councillor present who had attended that meeting, these will be referred back to Full Council on 19th January 2015.</p>	
<p>149.</p>	<p><u>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES OF SUB-COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS</u> .1 <u>Events & Festivals Sub-Committee</u> The Minutes of the Meeting of 11th November had been</p>	

	<p>presented to Council for approval, however there were not enough Councillors present who had attended that meeting so the Minutes were referred back to Council for approval on 19th January 2015.</p> <p>.1 <u>Ref: Min No: 16.3 – Looe Raft Race</u> Cllr Hendy explained that the raft race was determined by the tides, unfortunately it does clash with the Food Festival which is regrettable. There were no other reports.</p>	
150.	<p><u>TO DISCUSS THE REFUND DUE FROM LOOE MUSIC FESTIVAL</u></p> <p>Cllr Bryan read out the email, sent by the TIC Manager to Ms Brittain, asking for a refund of £16,495 or tickets for next year at this year's price to the value of what is owed to us. There was some concern that there may not be a festival next year and that, if there is, tickets sales may not meet the value of tickets that we have.</p> <p>Cllr Hendy stated that in general the marketing of the tickets through the TIC was very constrained and he recommended that a full refund be requested.</p> <p>Cllr Dingle read out Min No: 84 of the Finance & Works Committee meeting of 6th January 2014 and stated that he would support Cllr Hendy, this is public money and he is concerned at the lack of response from Ms Brittain.</p> <p>Cllr Hendy proposed that Looe Music Festival be asked for a refund as a matter of urgency, seconded by Cllr Dingle it was:</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to ask Looe Music Festival for a refund.</p>	The Clerk to write to Ms T Brittain
151.	<p><u>MATTERS FOR FURTHER OR URGENT DISCUSSION</u></p> <p>There were no matters raised.</p>	
152.	<p><u>TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.</u></p> <p>To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £9,762.55 and for the transfer of £12,000 to the Wages Account for November 2014.</p> <p>Cllr Bryan proposed that the accounts for payment as listed for November 2014 be approved, seconded by Cllr Gregory it was:</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to approve the Accounts as listed for November 2014.</p> <p>.1 <u>Cormac – Weed Spraying</u> Cllr Gregory proposed that the invoice received for £1780.46 including VAT be approved for payment, seconded by Cllr Bryan it was:</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to approve the invoice for £1780.46 for</p>	

	<p>payment.</p> <p><u>.2 Mark Grassam – Legal Costs – Public Conveniences</u> Cllr Bryan proposed that the invoice for £2553 for legal costs relating to the public conveniences be approved, seconded by Cllr Dingle it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to approve the invoice for £2553 for payment. Cllr Dingle suggested that, as there are now three solicitors in Looe, a tender be put out to all for the future legal requirements of the Council.</p> <p><u>.3 East Looe Town Trust – Legal Costs – Guildhall Lease</u> Cllr Bryan proposed that the invoice for £1200 for legal costs for renewing the lease for the current offices and Tourist Information Centre be approved, seconded by Cllr Gregory it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> With a vote of 7/2 abstentions (Cllrs Dingle and Hendy) to approve the payment of the invoice for £1200.00</p>	
153.	<p><u>TO MOVE THE MEETING TO PART TWO</u> Cllr Bryan informed Council that the information required for this discussion was not available to enable the discussion to take place, therefore the Meeting would not move to Part Two.</p> <p>The Meeting closed at 8.15pm</p>	

Report to Looe Town Council December

Case for Cornwall – Devolved powers for Cornwall

The Leader of Cornwall Council recently outlined to Members the first draft of the “Case for Cornwall”. This sets out a number of “asks” based on the granting of new powers and freedoms for Cornwall.

This is the start of the debate to establish what powers we can and should be seeking for Cornwall at this time and I hope that as many of you as possible will take part in discussions over the next few weeks.

In the New Year we will be consulting on the draft in three locations across Cornwall, the date and time of which are currently being arranged. All views will be considered and will help shape a final document which will be debated at a meeting of the full Council on 20 January.

This agenda is moving very fast – only last week in the Autumn Statement the Chancellor said: “indicative multi-year budgets for local authorities and clinical commissioning groups will be provided as soon as possible after the next Spending Review.” You will see that this is one of our asks!

This is an extremely important document and I hope that you will all take part in the consultation to ensure that we establish a case which speaks for the whole of Cornwall.

The ask includes;

A five year funding settlement We want a five year *fairer* funding settlement for all public services in Cornwall, which reflects the true costs of providing services in a rural area and enables a phased and co-ordinated approach to transforming and integrating services over the remaining decade.

Government investment in the deep geothermal industry in Cornwall We want the Government to co-invest in a geothermal site to access and use the significant renewable energy that is under our very feet.

Addressing the issue of second homes We want to work with Government to identify a workable solution to manage the number of second homes and ensure that our communities remain sustainable.

Devolved delivery of funding and investment streams Intermediary Body status for Cornwall would enable devolved delivery of funding streams and investment programmes at a strategic level and support to establish our own Operational Programme, allowing us to accelerate and simplify EU investment to businesses and communities.

Powers to pool and invest capital receipts from the public sector estate

We want to remodel the entire public estate in Cornwall; this means having the ability to pool and reinvest all capital receipts, including those from relinquishing unsuitable health, police, HMRC and DWP properties and co-locating public services.

Overcoming barriers to health and social care integration We want to work with Government to develop solutions to overcome the practical barriers to health and social care integration.

A fuel duty to maintain Cornwall's extensive road network We want the opportunity to pilot the LGA's suggestion of a Better Roads Fund funded by localisation of 2p in every litre from existing fuel duty.

Greater control over large scale energy infrastructure We want local planning powers to give us strategic control over renewable energy infrastructure and investment.

Additional public transport powers We want the opportunity to decentralise bus regulation in Cornwall to provide a fully integrated public transport network.

Further investment in Superfast Broadband The rise of home-working in Cornwall has been boosted by investment in Superfast Broadband, which is fast reaching 95% coverage. We want to ensure that the remaining 5% of households and businesses enjoy faster broadband speeds.

Devolution of the Crown Estates function and the Marine Management Organisation We want to establish a more visible and accountable