



LOOE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING

Held in the Tourist Information Centre, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe
on Tuesday 14th July 2015 at 7.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr Mrs M Powell
Cllrs T Crane, Mrs E Hannaford, M Soady,
T Stacey, A Toms (Ex-Officio) and D Welch

OFFICERS

Assistant Town Clerk – Annette Keen
Town Clerk – Anne Frith

		ACTIONS
25.	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Councillors J R B Dingle and C Rose.	
26.	<u>TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> There were none.	
27.	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PLANNING AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF 23RD JUNE 2015</u> <u>Minute No 17.1 – Article 4 Direction</u> This matter has been referred to Patrick James, Cornwall Council Friendly Link Officer to chase a response on our behalf. <u>Minute No 17.2 – Barratts Signage</u> The Chairman made a request to members if photographic evidence could be taken to forward to Highways at Cornwall Council.	

	<p><u>Minute No 18.3 - Planning/Conference Training</u> Our request for training has been noted by Cornwall Council and booking forms will be sent out to us nearer to the time.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs E Hannaford arrived at 7.04pm.</p> <p>The Chairman asked Councillor Mrs Hannaford if she would like to declare any interests, bringing to her attention that her letter as Cabinet Member – Environment, Heritage and Planning regarding the change in sending paper copies of Planning Applications will be discussed under Item 1, Correspondence. Councillor Mrs Hannaford declared no interest as this was a resolution made by Full Council at Cornwall Council.</p>	
28.	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> <u>.1 Cornwall Council – Change in sending paper copies of Planning Applications to Local Councils</u> Letter dated 3rd July (Appendix 'A') and frequently asked questions (Appendix 'B') received from Councillor Mrs Hannaford, Cabinet Member – Environment, Heritage and Planning had been circulated to all members previously for information. Councillor Mrs Hannaford briefed the content of her letter and attachment to the Committee.</p> <p>Councillor Toms arrived at 7.07pm.</p> <p>Town Clerk, invited by the Chair, informed the committee that numerous emails and letters have been received from Town and Parish Councils with concerns: No consultation, the extra workload this will incur, the financial implications of purchasing a laptop, projector and screen. Not all Clerks and Councillors are computer literate or use computers.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Hannaford informed the Committee that we have to find a way forward to deal with this change, this is Government cuts and we have no choice.</p> <p>Councillor Soady was not happy with this cost cutting change by Cornwall Council and would not be prepared to partake in all the extra work that would be expected of him prior to meetings as a Planning Committee member. Councillor Soady informed the Committee that he would not want to be part of this and therefore resigned from this Committee.</p> <p>Councillor Soady left the meeting at 7.14pm.</p>	

	<p>Much further discussion took place and members discussed the implications and the extra workload this would incur for them as Councillors and questioned the viability of a Planning Committee.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Hannaford stated that 91% of Looe Town Council's recommendations are in line with Cornwall Council's decisions and questioned Councillor Mrs Powell's statement in her Annual Report where she reported it was 95%.</p> <p>Councillor Crane stated that this Committee needs members who are committed and this was not what he envisaged when joining and would therefore be asking for a transfer off this Committee.</p> <p>The need for Councillors to attend basic planning training was highlighted.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Hannaford offered to run a basic planning training course on 11th August and to trial the new paperless planning procedures live using the wifi, then to trial downloading the documents at a later date.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that training would be beneficial.</p> <p><u>.2 Oaklands Park - PA15/02978</u></p> <p>The Chairman read letter received in response to the above application from Cllr J Candy, Trelawny Division, to the Committee for information.</p> <p><u>.3 Friendly Link Officer – Cornwall</u></p> <p>The Chairman informed the Committee that the Friendly Link Officer for Looe remains the same, Patrick James.</p>	
29.	<p><u>TO NOTE THE DECISION NOTICES</u> As Attached Appendix 'C'.</p>	
30.	<p><u>TO REPORT AND NOTE PLANNING APPEALS AND SITE MEETINGS</u> There were none.</p>	
31.	<p><u>TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AS LISTED AND MAKE OBSERVATIONS THROUGH THE CLERK DIRECT TO CORNWALL COUNCIL</u> As per attached Appendix 'D'.</p>	
32.	<p><u>TO RECEIVE MEMBERS REPORTS OF PLANNING CONTRAVENTIONS</u> There were none reported.</p>	

33.	<p><u>TO DISCUSS AND RESOLVE TO ADOPT THE HANNAFORE EMERGENCY PLAN</u></p> <p>Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave background and briefing on the West Looe Feasibility Study, establishing possible route/s for Emergency services if a landslip occurred on Hannaford Road which had been circulated to all members previously.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Hannaford expressed thanks to Cornwall Council for the work in putting together this plan.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Hannaford proposed to make recommendation to Full Council to note and accept this plan, seconded by Councillor Crane, this was</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>Unanimously to make recommendation to Full Council to note and accept this plan.</p>	
34.	<p><u>TO UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u></p> <p>The Chairman informed the Committee that she is still collating the results of the questionnaire.</p>	
35.	<p><u>MATTERS FOR FURTHER OR URGENT DISCUSSION AS DETERMINED BY THE CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
36.	<p><u>TO RESOLVE TO MOVE THE MEETING TO PART TWO TO DISCUSS TENDERS RECEIVED FOR A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROJECT MANAGER</u></p> <p>Councillor Crane proposed to move the meeting to Part Two, seconded by Councillor Toms, this was</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>Unanimously to move the meeting to Part Two.</p>	