

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Looe Town Council
held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, East Looe
on Monday 1st October 2007 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Mayor- Cllr. R. J. Overd

COUNCILLORS

Mrs. E. Arkell	Mrs. B. E. King
D. J. Bryan	C. Rose
C. J. R. Charnock	W. Scarah
J. R. B. Dingle	K. Smith
M. Gregory	Mrs. N. Tagholm
M. Joy	A. Toms

OFFICERS

The Clerk – Mrs A Frith
Deputy Clerk – Mrs. S. Petipher

IN ATTENDANCE

Cornwall County Councillor – Mr. A. Toms
District Councillor – Mr. E. B. Galipeau
Mayor's Chaplain – Rev B. McQuillen
Cornish Guardian Reporter – Mr. M. Jarvis
Looe Community School Representative – Travis Brooks
Neighbourhood Beat Manager – Helen Libby

90. PRAYERS

Prayers were given by the Mayor's Chaplain Rev B. McQuillen.

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The Mayor welcomed the two newly elected Town Councillors Mrs. N. Tagholm and Armand Toms, and the Neighbourhood Beat Manager P. C. Helen Libby
He also reminded Councillors of the Remembrance Sunday Service on the 11th November 2007.

91. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. S. Lambert and J. Rothwell.

92. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor Rose proposed that the Minutes of the meeting of the 20th August 2007 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Scarah. Councillor Charnock noted that an objection to the Anaerobic digester had not been minuted. it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the meeting of the 20th August 2007 subject to the amendment to include the objection to the Anaerobic digester.

Councillor Smith proposed that the Minutes of the Special meeting of the 4th September 2007 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Joy. It was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the 4th September 2007.

93. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

.1 Prejudicial Interests

There were none declared.

.2 Personal Interests

Councillors Bryan and Scarah declared an interest in any matters raised concerning East Looe Town Trust.

Councillor Toms declared an interest in any matters raised concerning MCTI and Looe Public Schools and Exhibition Foundation.

Councillor Charnock declared an interest in any matters raised concerning Looe Development Trust.

Councillor Mrs. E. Arkell declared an interest in any matters raised concerning MCTI.

94. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LOCAL CONSTABULARY

Neighbourhood Beat Manager P.C. Helen Libby gave her report of crimes since the last Full Council meeting (see attached Appendix "A"), during September 29 fixed penalty tickets had been issued to vehicles in Looe.

Councillor Scarah welcomed P.C. Libby to Looe and commented that he was glad to see police action on the traffic problems.

95. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR LOOE

.1 Children's Centre Barbican Church

Although the planning application has been submitted an incorrect application fee paid by Cornwall County Council would mean a delay of some 4 to 5 weeks.

.2 Fire Service

Councillor Toms informed Council there are issues over manning, hopefully these will be resolved at the next meeting with Cornwall County Council.

96. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR LOOE

Councillor Galipeau gave his report as follows:

.1 Caradon District Council

Due to the resignation of Councillor Powell Caradon District Council currently have an interim leader.

Caradon District Council have been in consultation with other local District Councils and are opting for the Local Government Review 2008

which differs from Cornwall County Council's views. The last resolution made regarding Unitary Status remains the same, that there should have been public consultation.

.2 Pendrim Road Development

Councillor Galipeau had noted the Clerk's letter to Mrs. S. Walters of Caradon District Council's Development and Building Control Department. Various aspects of the work in progress and permissions granted for the Pendrim development are being discussed with the developers, whom Councillor Galipeau believe are being very co-operative.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Galipeau for his report.

97. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOOE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Travis Brooks started his report by thanking Council for the invitation to attend the meeting and hoped this would become a real link with the Community School.

The recent 50th Jubilee celebrations at the school had been well attended by a number of previous pupils and staff. With the addition of 3 new media laboratories the school is now able to offer various BTEC courses.

Councillor Mrs. Arkell congratulated Travis on a very comprehensive and articulate report and asked if Minutes of meetings would be available for those who wished to view them.

Councillor Charnock thanked Travis saying he felt it was important to have contact between the youth and older residents of Looe.

The Mayor also thanked Travis for his report.

CORRESPONDENCE

98. CARADON DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Mayor informed Council of a training session for the Revised Code of Conduct at Caradon District Council offices on the 22nd October 2007 and urged any Councillors who had not already attended to do so and to contact the Clerk.

99. DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

.1 Neighbourhood Beat Manager

The Mayor read a letter to Council in reply to our request to define the "wider area" covered by our Neighbourhood Beat Manger, unfortunately this is still unclear. The Clerk was asked to write to PC Helen Libby.

.2 Webcast

The Mayor read information regarding the Webcast (see attached Appendix "B").

100. ARMAND TOMS – HEALTH CENTRE CAR PARK

Councillor Toms reported on recent correspondence received by the Looe Health Centre from Cornwall County Council, informing them that the Health Centre car park was to be leased to Caradon District

Council, which came as a great surprise to the Surgery. Negotiations are on going, with the possibility of Looe Town Council taking over the running of the car park.

Councillor Overd was confident that an amicable conclusion will be reached.

101. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman gave his report of the meetings of the 6th August and 6th September.

Councillor Scarah raised concerns that the Smoke Free Legislation is still causing problems, with patrons of the public houses drinking and smoking outside, which is disconcerting for members of the public passing these establishments. The Police seem unwilling to deal with the problem, PC Helen Libby reported that on the 21st and 22nd September the licensing officer had visited premises in Looe.

Reference Minute No:14.9

As Looe Town Council have yet to employ a Town Warden the provisionally booked place for Fixed Penalty Training at Caradon District Council on the 17th October has not been taken up.

The Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the meetings of the 6th August and 6th September 2007 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Joy it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meetings of the 6th August and 6th September 2007.

102. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY

The Chairman reported that no meeting had been held, the next meeting is scheduled for the 18th October 2007.

103. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE & WORKS COMMITTEE

The Chairman gave his report of the meeting of 10th September drawing Councillor's attention to Minute 24: Salaries Review for 2008/09 which had been recommended by the Finance & Works Committee for approval

Councillor Toms reported that at a recent Caradon District Council meeting possible alterations are to be made to the Precept, as details have yet to be received the Clerk was asked to enquire.

Councillor Scarah requested that costings for Floodgates be referred to the Finance & Works Committee for approval.

The Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the meeting of 10th September 2007 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Joy it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the meeting of the 10th September 2007.

104. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman gave his report of the Planning meeting of the 3rd September and informed Council that a meeting with Mr. M. Lowe of

Caradon District Council's Planning department is to be held here in Looe on the 30th October to discuss various planning issues in Looe. The Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the 3rd September 2007 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Charnock it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the meeting of the 3rd September 2007.

105. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Chairman gave his report of the meeting of the 28th September 2007. The Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the meeting be accepted seconded by Councillor Joy it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the 3rd September 2007 be accepted.

106. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN TOURISM PANEL

The Chairman gave his report of the meetings of the 21st August and 18th September 2007.

The Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the meetings of 21st August and 18th September 2007 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Dingle it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the meetings of the 21st August and 18th September 2007.

107. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE SUB-COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.

.1 Gorsedh & Dehwelans

The Mayor informed Council that arrangements for the event in September 2008 are moving ahead well, with a meeting on the 10th October to form a Committee from local organisations in the town. A Proclamation Procession is planned for April 2008 and a mini procession on the morning of the Gorsedh.

108. TO NOMINATE AN EAST LOOE TOWN TRUSTEE

The Mayor explained the need for a Trustee to be elected for the East Looe Town Trust and nominated Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Joy. Councillors Scarah and Bryan declared a prejudicial interest. It was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to nominated Councillor Rose to serve as an East Looe Town Trustee until the 1st October 2011.

109. TO NOMINATE LOOE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND EXHIBITION FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

The Mayor explained to Council the work of the Looe Public Schools and Exhibition Foundation and the need for two Council elected

Trustees. Councillor Dingle proposed that Councillor Overd and Mrs G. Gibson be re-nominated, seconded by Councillor Bryan it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously that Councillor Overd and Mrs. G. Gibson be re-nominated to serve as Council elected trustees until the 27th September 2011.

110. TO FORMALLY ADOPT THE MCTI LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

The Mayor informed Council that, in his opinion, the MCTI Local Area Community Action Plan should be adopted by Looe Town Council and formally proposed that it be adopted at this meeting. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Arkell.

There were concerns raised by various Councillors regarding the original £50,000 and the £21,000 residue in the MCTI fund and its intended use. Councillor Charnock, as Chairman of the MCTI, responded by informing Council that this money which is under his signature and authorisation only and for which he has stood as personal guarantor, stated he was not answerable to this Council as to how the residue would be spent but it will be used for the betterment of Looe and can be applied for by organisations in Looe for projects and bids for funding.

The Mayor expressed surprise that, as the MCTI was publicly funded, Councillor Charnock had stood as personal guarantor.

At this point Councillor Charnock informed Council he was feeling unwell, requested Councillor Mrs Arkell to respond to any further questions on his behalf, made his apologies and left the meeting.

Various questions from Councillors' then ensued and Councillor Mrs. Arkell responded to the best of her knowledge. There was also much concern that Councillor Charnock appeared to have taken questions from Councillors personally.

After much further discussion Councillor Gregory proposed that adoption of the MCTI Local Area Community Plan be deferred until satisfactory explanation of unresolved queries had been received, this was seconded by Councillor Joy.

This proposal was lost by a vote 4/7.

The Mayor then proposed that the MCTI Local Area Community Action Plan be adopted, subject to the satisfactory explanation of the accounts, this was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Arkell and it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to adopt the MCTI Local Area Community Action Plan, subject to satisfactory explanation of the accounts.

111. MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

There were no matters raised.

112. TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Councillors Joy declared an interest.

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £3,152.21 and for the transfer of £8,000.00 to the Wages Account for August 2007.

Councillor Gregory proposed that the accounts as listed be accepted seconded by Councillor Scarah it was:

RESOVLED

Unanimously, to accept the accounts for payment as listed.

The Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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