

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Full Council Meeting of the Looe Town Council
held in The Guildhall Tearoom, The Guildhall, East Looe
on Wednesday 18th June 2008 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Chairman - Councillor R. J. Overd

COUNCILLORS

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

OFFICERS

The Clerk – Mrs A Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

Inspector J. Turner – Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Mrs. K. Spencer – SECTA Chairman

41. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs. N. Tagholm.

42. TO DISCUSS CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS 2008

The Mayor explained to all present that this meeting had been called to resolve all the issues surrounding the firework display on New Year's Eve such as stewarding, cleaning up debris, the new contract with the Police etc, whether or not the fireworks go ahead and if so who will organise the display, a press release will then be issued.

The restaurants appear to be non-committal and the pubs would rather keep customers in their premises.

There was much discussion but the opinion generally is that the fireworks provide a focus and an end to the evening and that the town would still attract a lot of visitors and even if there were none.

Various venues for the fireworks were considered as the health and safety issues are concerning the amount of people who surge to the seafront to watch the fireworks on Banjo Pier.

It was agreed that, with the permission of Caradon District Council, the Millpool would be the best venue, perhaps involving a radio station, hot dog stalls etc.

Councillor Bryan asked Inspector Turner what is involved with the Police Contract that has to be signed.

Inspector Turner explained that proof of risk assessment and Insurance has to be provided and the contract signed by the organisers.

He also explained that he has to submit a bid for extra policing for New Year's Eve, normal policing will continue but levels are based on information received from accommodation providers and other organisations and people who come in from out of area.

Based on last year this would be one Sergeant and four officers and a tactical team however, if an emergency occurred elsewhere, they would have to leave. If organisations want extra policing over and above that it would have to be paid for.

Inspector Turner stated that there are two types of people who come to Looe on New Year's Eve, families with children who come to enjoy the evening and those who pub-crawl. He is in favour of the fireworks being in the Millpool as it would make policing easier and he also agrees that they do provide a focus and end to the evening.

Councillor Toms asked the cost of extra policing, Inspector Turner informed him that there is a table of charges ranging from £10 to full cost at overtime rate.

Councillor Gregory stated that this now has to be a proper event involving all organisations but it may be too late for this year.

Councillor Rothwell stated that, as he had stewarded the fireworks for the last couple of years, it is nice to know that police are there but there are generally very few problems.

Councillor Dingle suggested that we now move on and create a Committee to organise the fireworks which should consist of Councillors, organisations and members of the public.

The Mayor proposed that an advert be placed for Committee members and that future displays be held in the Millpool, seconded by Councillor Dingle it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to advertise for members to make up a Committee and to hold the fireworks display in the Millpool subject to consent for Caradon District Council.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 pm