

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 17th August 2009 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – The Mayor – Cllr M Joy

COUNCILLORS

D J Bryan	C Lambert
E B Galipeau	W Scarah
J R B Dingle	C Rose
M Gregory	K Smith
Mrs E Hannaford	D Welch
A Toms	

OFFICERS

The Clerk – Mrs A Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

Devon and Cornwall Constabulary – Inspector J Turner
Cornish Times Reporter – Carrie Garrad
Mayor's Chaplain – Reverend B McQuillen

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The Mayor opened the meeting by:

- .1 Welcoming the newly elected Councillors Galipeau and Lambert and offered his congratulations.
He also suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to the unsuccessful candidates as without them there would have been no election.
- .2 Congratulating Councillor Toms on being appointed Portfolio holder for Adult Social Care by Cornwall Council
- .3 Thanking Councillors Mrs Hannaford and Toms for organising the Traffic Management Consultation on 25th September 2009 and asked all available Councillors to help.
- .4 Thanking Councillor Mrs Hannaford for arranging a visit from Councillor Carolyn Rule – Portfolio holder for Tourism – on 13th, 15th or 16th October 2009.

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44. PRAYERS

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

45. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Rothwell, J Hoskin and Mrs B King.

46. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 6th July 2009 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hannaford it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 10/2 abstentions that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 6th July 2009 be accepted.

47. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

.1 Personal Interests

Councillors Bryan, Dingle, Scarah and Smith declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust.

Councillor Dingle declared an interest in any matter raised concerning West Looe Town Trust.

Councillor Toms declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Looe Harbour Commissioners.

Cllr Mrs Hannaford declared an interest in any matter raised concerning SECTA.

.2 Prejudicial Interests

There were none declared.

48. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

Inspector Turner gave his report of the six weeks since the last Full Council Meeting.

There had been 43 crimes, most offences due to alcohol related incidents but some drug offences and burglaries. These are the worst figures since Inspector Turner came to Liskeard

As there were no questions for Inspector Turner the Mayor thanked him for his report and he left the meeting.

49. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR EAST LOOE

Councillor Toms thanked the Mayor for his kind comments at the beginning of the meeting and reported as follows:

.1 Your Cornwall

This publication, set up by the previous County Council, will no longer be printed. All information and announcements will be done through the local press which is more cost effective.

50. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR WEST LOOE

Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave her report as follows:

.1 Millpool Play Area

The problem with the bark around the area is to be resolved by planting low maintenance shrubs.

.2 Traffic Management Consultation

Although there is no budget for this year if the plan is costed and prioritised Looe will be better placed for the future.

.3 Community Network Areas

Cabinet is looking at the makeup of the panels at the moment and Looe Town Council will be consulted.

When approved there will be “cluster” meetings held.

.4 Councillor C Rule

The impending visit from Councillor Rule will be a good opportunity for Looe.

51. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LOOE COMMUNITY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

There was no report given.

52. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETING

.1 Reference Minute No 30.9 – Surgeries

Cllr Mrs Hannaford informed Council that she and Councillor Toms are now holding a surgery in the afternoon on the last Friday of every month which coincides with the Police Surgeries.

.2 Reference Minute No 40 – East Looe Town Trust

Councillor Dingle, nominated as a Trustee at the last meeting, has attended one meeting of East Looe Town Trust so far.

53. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 The Boundary Commission for England

A further consultation has been received which proposes the joining of Lanteglos with West Looe and Lansallos.

The Mayor asked Councillor Mrs Hannaford if she, as Cornwall Councillor for West Looe and Lansallos, had any comment to make. Councillor Mrs Hannaford declined stating she felt it inappropriate at this stage to comment.

As no objections to the proposal were raised a letter of support will be sent.

.2 Voluntary Marine Conservation Area Group

A letter informing of the date of the next meeting, on 22nd October 2009, was read to Council.

.3 Signpost

This newsletter will be held in the office.

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A letter informing that the B3254, Lodge Hill area, will be closed from 21st September 2009 to 11th December 2009 was read to Council.

54. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that an informal meeting with Devon and Cornwall Constabulary had been held to discuss the provision of a PCSO. The cost to the Council will be in the region of £25,000 and the Police will provide the uniform and training. There is some research to be done but a decision needs to be made by September 2009 to give time for recruitment before the next training in January 2010.

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

.1 Meeting of 13th July 2009

The Chairman gave his report of the meeting. Councillor Galipeau asked for clarification of Minute No 25 – CCTV and Minute no 28 –Traffic Regulation Order, which was given by the Chairman who then proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 13th July 2009 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Welch it was:

RESOLVED

To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 13th July 2009 with a vote of 9/3 abstentions.

.2 Meeting of 10th August 2009

The Chairman gave his report of the meeting and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Bryan it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 10/2 abstentions to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 10th August 2009.

56. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman gave his report of the meeting of the 3rd August 2009 and proposed the minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Toms it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 10/2 abstentions to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 3rd August 2009.

57. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Chairman gave his report of the Meeting of 20th July 2009 and asked that Minute no 28 be amended to read “that this Committee should be made up of the Chairmen of other Standing Committees, the Vice-Chairman of this Committee and Cllr Bryan – an ex Mayor”.

.1 Reference Minute no 23 – Issues raised by Councillor Mrs Hannaford

This matter was deferred to the Meeting of 4th August 2009 and subsequently to a mediation panel on 12th August 2009. It will now be taken back to the next Procedures Meeting on 21st September 2009. The Chairman will provide minutes of all these meetings for ratification at the next Full Council Meeting. With reference to the Civic Sunday procedure it was agreed that this should be dealt with from now on by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Bryan. The Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 20th July 2009 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Welch it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 10/2 abstentions to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 20th July 2009.

- 58. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN TOURISM SUB-COMMITTEE**
The Chairman gave his report of the Meeting of the 9th July 2009.
.1 Reference Minute no 4.2 Looe Brochure 2010
Quotations for printing a Looe Guide had been obtained and Councillors Dingle and Rose had held a meeting with the Tourist Information Centre Manager to progress the production of this guide ourselves thus creating revenue for the Tourist Information Centre/Council.
.2 Claremont Hotel, Polperro
The Chairman reported on an incident involving a German tourist which had incurred him a fine of £40. The Town Council have refunded this and thanks have been received from a very grateful gentleman, however, this matter will be taken further.
The Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 9th July 2009 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Rose it was:
RESOLVED
With a vote of 10/2 abstentions to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 9th July 2009.
- 59. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE SUB-COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**
.1 Community Action through Sport - CATS
Councillor Gregory gave a report of the Meeting of 14th July 2009. Applications for nominations are being sent out to youth organisations, schools etc and the presentation of awards will take place in mid October. A letter received was referred to the Finance & Works Committee for consideration of a donation.
.2 Licensing Panel Meeting – Little Pizza House
Councillor Dingle reported that he and Councillor Toms had attended this hearing for an extension of hours. Although, they had both put a good case against this proposal the application was approved, partly due to the lack of objections from the Police and Environmental Office.
- 60. TO APPROVE A PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION**
The Chairman of the Finance & Works Committee explained why approval in principal is being sought. (See attached Appendix 'A'). The Chairman proposed that the approval in principal be sought from CALC, seconded by Councillor Smith it was:
RESOLVED
With a vote of 11/1 abstention to apply for approval in principal.
- 61. MATTERS FOR URGENT OR FURTHER DISCUSSION**
.1 Newsletter
The Mayor thanked the Clerk for the professional production of this quarter's newsletter.
Councillor Dingle reported that two people had contacted the Clerk to advertise in the newsletter and he and Councillor Rose are working out advertising prices.
.2 Franking machine
Councillor Dingle asked the Clerk to explore the options on a franking machine due to the amount of post being sent.

62. TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Councillor Bryan declared a personal interest in the payment to Mrs Annette Bryan.

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £8,054.48 and for the transfer of £9,800.00 to the Wages Account for July 2009.

Councillor Toms proposed that the accounts as listed be approved, seconded by Councillor Smith it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the accounts as listed for payment.

The Meeting closed at 8pm

Appendix 'A'

The Finance and Works committee have been working on a 5 year financial plan which will be linked with the proposed Town Plan. This 5 year plan allows us to become more proactive in our involvement with future community projects.

Whilst we have already indicated to Cornwall Council our interest in taking over from them the Bowling Club, public conveniences, grass cutting, street cleaning and provision of bins, we have also identified future community projects such as the skateboard park and a possible leisure centre.

So that additional funds would be available to Looe Town Council, we need permission to request preliminary approval from CALC for a capital projects loan of £75000 over 10 years. Once approval is granted, the loan does not necessarily have to be taken up if Looe Town Council find that it is not needed.

I therefore propose that preliminary permission is requested of CALC for a loan of £75000 over 10 years for capital projects.