

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 7th December 2009 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Deputy Mayor – Cllr W Scarah

COUNCILLORS

D J Bryan	C Lambert
E B Galipeau	K Smith
M Gregory	A Toms
Mrs E Hannaford	D Welch

OFFICERS

The Clerk – Mrs A Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

The Mayor's Chaplain – Reverend Brian McQuillen
Cornish Times Reporter – Carrie Garrard
Cornish Guardian Reporter – Emma Haines

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103. PRAYERS

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

104. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J R B Dingle, J Hoskin, M Joy, Mrs B King, C Rose and Sergeant R Hall.

105. ABSENT

Councillor J Rothwell and J Thompson – Looe Community School Representative.

106. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

.1 The Meeting of 9th November 2009

Councillor Bryan proposed that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 9th November 2009 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Smith it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 9th November 2009.

.2 The Informal Full Council Meeting of 24th November 2009

Councillor Smith proposed that the Minutes of the Full Council Informal Meeting of 24th November 2009 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Lambert it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Informal Full Council Meeting of 24th November 2009.

107. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

.1 Personal Interests

Councillors Bryan and Galipeau declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust.

Councillor Toms declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Cornwall Council and Looe Development Trust.

Councillor Mrs E Hannaford declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Cornwall Council.

.2 Prejudicial Interest

There were none declared.

108. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

As the Police had been unable to attend a written report was provided which was read out by the Chairman. (See Attached Appendix 'A').

109. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR EAST LOOE AND ST MARTIN'S

Councillor Toms gave his report as follows:

1) Information regarding service personnel killed in action since 1945 is being sought to enable the War Memorial to be updated.

2) Regarding the planning application for 'Solimar', Listowel Drive, he had attended the planning meeting and was disappointed at the outcome, in his opinion the planning system failed in this case.

3) The Traffic Consultation is going through the process and the results should be known soon.

4) He had attended the funeral of Sam Bassett in Plymouth, the service was very moving and very well attended.

5) The arrangements for free parking over Christmas and New Year are now in place.

6) He had attended a "walkabout" meeting with Councillor Graham Hicks (Portfolio Holder for Highways) with Councillor Mrs Hannaford and visited all the problem areas of Looe.

7) The road traffic accident at Saltash on Sunday had resulted in the death of Ollie Naismith who was the friend of young people in Looe who are now distraught. Councillor Toms hopes that this tragic accident will be a wake-up call for all youngsters when driving.

The Chairman stated that Sergeant Naismith had worked in Looe as a Police Officer and is now working in Plymouth and he suggested that letters of condolence be sent to Ollie's parents. It was agreed that the Mayor should write.

8) Councillor Toms had visited Ron Overd, former Councillor and Mayor of Looe, over the weekend. He is taking his illness in his stride and is in good spirits.

110. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR WEST LOOE AND LANSALLOS

Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave her report as follows:

1) The full Christmas and New Year parking had been overlooked but thanks to Graham Hicks and his team it was sorted out within a day.

2) Regarding the West Looe Pumping Station Works, there is to be an open meeting for the residents in the bottom bar of the Social Club from 6.30pm – 9pm on 16th December.

A promotion of the businesses in West Looe is also being organised with the Chamber of Trade around Mayday. It will probably be a “Spring Fair”.

3) There is a meeting of the Liskeard and Looe Community Network Panel of 12th January 2010 in Liskeard Public Hall.

4) There had been a Cornwall Council budget setting meeting held today, going through the process which will be difficult.

5) Councillor Mrs Hannaford has secured a meeting with Malcolm Bell, Head of Tourism on 28th January 2010 to put the case for Looe with SECTA.

6) The meeting with Graham Hicks had gone well and the Polean project had been highlighted as a priority for Looe together with the Skateboard Park.

7) The Caradon area residents parking concession looks like it will be withdrawn in January.

A 5% increase in parking charges is being proposed but still has to be ratified by Cornwall Council at its next Full Council Meeting.

8) A Community Chest, given to all Cornwall Councillors, of £2,200 will be distributed in amounts of £250 to worthy causes with children and pensioners being priority. Councillor Mrs Hannaford will work with Councillor Toms and would like Looe Town Council to be involved in the decision making process.

a) There is to be a spring extravaganza at St Martin’s Church on 31st May 2010 and it is hoped this will become an annual event.

Councillor Galipeau raised the question of parking in West Looe whilst the pumping station works are carried out. Councillor Mrs Hannaford stated that she has requested that Cornwall Council re-instate the 30 minute parking restriction outside the West Looe shops and the Clerk has written to Looe Harbour Commission to ask for reduced rate parking on West Looe Quay for the duration of the works, the difference between the normal and reduced rate to be picked up by South West Water.

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

There was no report given.

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

There were none raised.

113. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 Cornwall Council – Town & Parish Information

This newsletter will be held in the Office.

.2 Cornish Lugger Association

A letter thanking Looe Town Council for providing the brass plaques for the Lugger Race was read to Council.

.3 The Signpost

This newsletter will be held in the Office.

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

The Chairman gave his report of the Meeting of 2nd December 2009 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Lambert it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd December 2009.

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

The Deputy Mayor explained that Councillor Rose had resigned as Chairman of this Committee and, in the absence of the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Bryan would give the report.

Councillor Bryan gave the report of 16th November 2009 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Gregory it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 8/1 abstention to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 16th November 2009.

116. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman gave his report of the Meeting of the 23rd November 2009 and proposed the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Toms it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 23rd November 2009.

117. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE STANDARDS & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

No Meeting had been held.

118. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN TOURISM SUB-COMMITTEE

No Meeting had been held.

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

.1 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Lambert had attended the Annual General Meeting on behalf of Looe Town Council. The new elected Chairman is Mr Allan Vaughan.

The Chamber are now active with various events organised.

.2 Local Area Partnership

Councillor Mrs Hannaford reported that the next meeting is arranged for 7th January 2010 and East Cornwall Local Area Group will be making a funding opportunities presentation.

.3 Quality Town Status Re-accreditation Sub-Committee

Councillor Galipeau reported that Looe Development Trust have offered to incorporate Looe Town Council's newsletter into the Community News. This offer would save the Council a considerable amount of money and the Clerk a lot of time.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford proposed that we take up Looe Development Trust's offer, seconded by Councillor Gregory it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to incorporate the Looe Town Council newsletter into the Looe Development Trust's Community News.

.4 Committees

Councillor Mrs Hannaford requested that all Committees, both formal and Informal, be formalised to clarify who is on which Committee.

120. TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2010/11

Councillor Bryan proposed that the draft Budget and Precept 2010/11 proposals as presented be accepted, seconded by Councillor Gregory it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 6/2 abstention and 1 against to accept the Budget and Precept 2010/11 as presented.

121. TO APPROVE THE DRAFT STANDING ORDERS

The draft up-dated Standing Orders had been presented to Council.

Councillor Galipeau expressed the opinion that, as the original recommendation had come from the Standards and Procedures Committee and an extra section entitled "Accountability" had been added it should now be referred to the Quality Town Status Sub-Committee for further discussion.

Councillor Bryan stated that he saw no reason for this and, after discussion, it was agreed with a vote of 4/3 against and 2 abstentions to refer the matter to the Standards & Procedures Committee for recommendation.

122. MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

There were no matters raised.

123. TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £9,324.33 and for the transfer of £6,500 to the Wages Account for November 2009.

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

RESOLVED

With a vote of 8/1 abstention to approve the accounts as listed for payment.

The Chairman proposed that the Meeting now move to Part Two, thanked the press for their attendance and asked them to leave.

The Meeting adjourned at 7.55pm