

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY SUB-COMMITTEE (PART
OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE)
MEETING**

held in the Tea Room, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe on
Thursday 2nd July 2009 at 4.00 pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Cllrs M Gregory, M Joy, Mrs B King,
C Rose and John Hoskin

OFFICERS

The Clerk – Mrs Anne Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

Cornwall Councillor for West Looe – Mrs E Hannaford
Sgt R Hall and P C H Libby
Chief Fire Officer – J Bowden
Cornwall Highways – Rebecca Dickson
Various members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D J Bryan,
K Smith and A Toms.

2. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

•1 Chairman

Cllr Joy proposed that Cllr Gregory be elected as Chairman for the
coming year, seconded by Cllr Rose it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously that Cllr Gregory serve as Chairman for the coming year.

•2 Vice-Chairman

Cllr Joy proposed that Cllr Hoskin be elected as Vice-Chairman for the
coming year, seconded by Cllr Rose it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously that Cllr Hoskin serve as Vice-Chairman for the coming
year.

3. TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

For the benefit of all present the Chairman explained the current Traffic
Regulation Orders and then handed over to Rebecca Dickson for an
update of the current situation.

Rebecca explained how things will move forward and also explained that the financial budget for this year has not yet been allocated, the small budget that County Highways do have is purely for urgent maintenance of the highways. Information is being collated now for when the budget is allocated.

In response to Cllr Joy's question Rebecca informed the Committee that the yellow lines around West Looe will be done in the next couple of weeks. Cllr Joy also stated that the markings on Quay Road need urgent attention as the current situation will cause problems at the height of the season.

Cllr Joy also raised concerns at the narrowing of the junction of Quay Road and Polperro Road, West Looe by Newlyn. This is causing traffic chaos and could restrict the Fire Services when called to an emergency. Rebecca explained that permission had been given to the contractors working on Newlyn as the work was necessary to stabilise the land and make it safe. This has been done in accordance with Traffic Management Regulations. Rebecca will ask for Civil Enforcement Officers to be present at extra times whilst this work is carried out.

Numerous other issues were raised and after much discussion it was decided that a complete audit of traffic problems should be done through public consultation and put all requirements into another Traffic Regulation Order which could possibly be paid for by the town.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 Cornwall Council

The removable bollard in Fore Street, East Looe is to be replaced with a fixed bollard at the correct distance to allow emergency vehicles through.

.2 Armand Toms - Shutta

Councillor Toms has requested an alteration to the start of the restricted zone on Shutta as the current one is causing confusion.

5. TO DISCUSS ISSUES RAISED BY THE POLICE

.1 Parking Offences

P C Libby stated that the police can no longer deal with parking offences unless the vehicle is causing an obstruction.

The West Looe residents present stated that they are unable to access their own properties due to illegal parking and are becoming very frustrated and upset.

Sgt Hall informed them that they must write to Cornwall Council and provide photos, if the Civil Enforcement Officers are not providing the level of service previously provided by the Traffic Warden then action needs to be taken.

The Clerk was also asked to write to Kate Dixon, Cornwall Council as the promised level of cover does not appear to be happening.

.2 Fore Street, East Looe signage

The Chairman informed the police that the correct signage will be in place shortly. This will assist the police with enforcement.

6. MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

Various other road/traffic problems were raised as follows:-

- 1 North View – damage to road surface – this is in hand.
- 2 Craigside – rubber on roadside – this is in hand.
- 3 West Looe Hill – being used as a shortcut – this should be included in the Town Plan.
- 4 St Martin's Hill – when this road is closed for any reason, Barbican Hill becomes grid-locked – there is no real solution.

The Meeting closed at 5pm.