

**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 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT**

Chairman – The Mayor – Cllr M Joy

**COUNCILLORS**

D J Bryan	Mrs B King
J Hoskin	W Scarah
J R B Dingle	C Rose
M Gregory	K Smith
Mrs E Hannaford	D Welch

**OFFICERS**

The Clerk – Mrs A Frith  
Deputy Clerk - Mrs A Keen

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary – Inspector J Turner  
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary – Sergeant R Hall  
Looe Community School Representative – James Thompson  
Cornish Times Reporter – Carrie Garrad  
Cornish Guardian Reporter – Emma Haines

**23. PRAYERS**

There were none given.

**24. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Rothwell and Reverend B McQuillen.  
Councillor Toms arrived late and was unable to gain access to the Council Chamber.

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**25. THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

The Mayor warmly welcomed Annette as the new Deputy Clerk and explained Sue Petipher had left the Council due to her husband's ongoing illness. He also welcomed Inspector Turner and Sergeant Hall and especially James Thompson, the new Looe Community School Representative.

**.1 Elections**

The Mayor started the meeting by congratulating Councillors Mrs Hannaford and Armand Toms on their respective election victories stating that Looe

Town Council should help and support them as much as possible and it is time to move forward.

-2 The Five Towns Challenge

The Mayor also congratulated Councillors Gregory, Hoskin and Rothwell and Councillor Rothwell's two sons on winning the Saltash Regatta Five Towns Challenge for the second year running and thanked Councillor Rose for taking the photographs.

-3 Veteran Day

The Mayor thanked Councillors Rothwell, Rose and Welch for their attendance at this service on 6<sup>th</sup> June. The request for Lance Corporal Paul Upton's name to be put onto the War Memorial is being dealt with by the Royal British Legion and is a complicated process.

-4 Civic Sunday

The Mayor thanked Councillor Mrs King and her husband for providing an excellent buffet, Councillor Smith and his family for their assistance and the Clerk for the organisation. The day was well attended and successful.

-5 Procedures Committee

The Mayor informed Council that the next meeting of this Committee will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009 not 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009 as stated on the Council calendar.

-6 Town Council Vacancies

The Mayor informed that an election has been called for to fill the two current vacancies. The election will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

The Council has been asked if Polling Cards will be required at an extra cost of £1300, as the Mayor considers that voting must be encouraged he proposed that Polling Cards should be sent out, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hannaford it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 9/3 against that Polling Cards should be sent out at an extra cost of £1300.

**26. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Smith it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009 be accepted.

**27. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Bryan, 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.

**28. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY**

Sergeant Hall introduced himself to the Council as the new Neighbourhood Team Leader for Looe. He has been an Officer for 22 years, 20 years of which have been in East Cornwall so is very familiar with the area.

Sergeant Hall gave his report of the crime figures since the last Council Meeting (See attached Appendix 'A').

Councillor Dingle asked Sergeant Hall to investigate the number of pushbikes without lights, Sergeant Hall will do.

James Thompson asked Sergeant Hall to pass on the school's thanks to the PCSO's for all their help which has been valuable to the school.

The Mayor thanked Sergeant Hall for his report, he and Inspector Turner then left the meeting.

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

There was no report given.

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

Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave her report as follows:

**-1 Hannafore Beach**

After intense investigation of the smell it has been ascertained that this is seaweed NOT sewage (see attached Appendix 'B').

**-2 Millpool Play Area**

This had a good launch. The bark around the trees is causing problems on the safe play area. A weekly sweep is being done but a solution needs to be found.

**-3 Street and Toilet Cleaning**

Mr C David is meeting with Councillors on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009 to conduct a "walkabout" of the various issues in the town.

**-4 Chapel Ground**

A petition from the residents in the area had been received regarding the amount of weeds. These will be sprayed but a long term solution needs to be found.

**-5 Flower Beds – Hannafore**

Investigations will be made to ascertain if there are any budgets for planting and maintaining the beds.

**-6 Looe Bowling Club**

A recent meeting had been held with the Bowling Club, Cornwall Council and Looe Town Council to discuss the problems of opening the putting green at the weekends. Although Councillor Mrs Hannaford had not been able to attend it is understood this matter is being resolved. Negotiations for Looe Town Council to take on the lease of the Bowling Club have also re-opened.

**-7 Traffic Regulation Orders**

Councillor Mrs Hannaford had met and walked round the town with Rebecca Dickson, County Highways to highlight problems.

**-8 Community Network Areas (CNA's)**

An informal meeting had been held for Cornwall Councillors which had been very positive. A cheese and wine evening had also been held last week.

There are concerns about the £17,000 budget allocated to each Community Network Area, this needs reviewing. Now is the time to shape what happens in our area.

**-9 Surgeries**

These are being held on Friday mornings (10am – 1pm) by Councillor Mrs Hannaford and Councillor Armand Toms.

-10 Wall to Wall TV

An approach has been made to use Looe as a possible venue for the production of a TV programme which aims to show the British 100 years of trading. Councillor Mrs Hannaford has already sent photo's of West Looe Quay as a suggested location.

**31. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LOOE COMMUNITY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE**

James Thompson introduced himself as the newly elected Chairman of the School Council. He had not prepared a report as he wasn't sure what was expected of him. He reported that the PCSO's had been working hard with the school which is proving to be very valuable.

He is heavily involved with music events throughout the County and apologised for any meetings he may miss because of this but hopefully the Vice-Chairman will be able to attend.

Councillor Scarah asked James if the School Council would ask the children who use the beach to take more care of the beach with regard to littering. James will pass this on.

**32. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

There were no matters raised.

**33. CORRESPONDENCE**

There were none to discuss.

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

There had been no meeting held but the Chairman gave a report of the Traffic Working Party Sub-Committee meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> July and proposed that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Rose it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to accept the minutes of the Traffic Working Party Sub-Committee meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009.

**35. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE & WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Chairman gave his report of the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and proposed that the minutes of the meeting be accepted, seconded by Councillor Hoskin it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

**36. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Chairman gave his report of the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 and proposed the minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Hoskin it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009.

The Chairman also gave his report of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and proposed that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Rose it was:  
**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

The Chairman reported that a press release is to be issued regarding the decision made by Cornwall Council about Newlyn, Quay Road, West Looe highlighting the fact that, despite our concerns and objections, permission was granted.

The Chairman also stated that, according to Phil Mason – Head of Planning Liaison, Town and Parish Councils have the right to “call in” any planning application they consider should go to a Committee decision.

**37. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PROCEDURE COMMITTEE**

There had been no meeting held.

**38. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN TOURISM COMMITTEE**

There had been no meeting held.

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

**.1 Looe Valley Line Forum**

Councillor Rose reported that there has been a 42% increase in the use of the Looe Valley Line in the first four months of this year. New guides are being issued to Tourist Information Centres and there will be no engineering works this year.

**40. TO NOMINATE A COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE AS AN EAST LOOE TOWN TRUSTEE**

The Mayor proposed that Councillor Dingle is nominated to serve as an East Looe Town Trustee, seconded by Councillor Gregory it was:

**RESOLVED**

With a vote of 7/5 abstentions that Councillor Dingle represents the Council as an East Looe Town Trust Trustee.

**41. MATTERS FOR URGENT OR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

**.1 Water Quality**

Councillor Scarah raised concerns about the recent report in the Sunday Times which rated Looe as one of the worst beaches in the Country. This was based on last year’s results and he considers it to be unfair reporting and an untrue report. Councillor Mrs Hannaford suggested that a complaint be made to the Press Complaints Commission. The Clerk and Councillor Scarah will look into this.

**.2 Wooldown**

Councillor Hoskin stated that he had been approached by numerous people who were unhappy that Looe Town Council were now not holding an “open meeting” to enable them to air their views on the proposed project. He proposed that, despite the results of the questionnaire, the open meeting still be held.

Councillor Dingle proposed that this matter be discussed in part two of the meeting, this proposal was seconded by Councillor Bryan and unanimously agreed.

**42. TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £4003.69 and for the transfer of £9,300.00 to the Wages Account for May 2009.

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £6,689.47 and for the transfer of £7,200.00 to the Wages Account for June 2009.

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

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to accept the accounts as listed for payment.

Councillor Dingle requested that he, Councillor Rose and the Clerk discuss the costs incurred by the Cornish Times.

At this point the Mayor requested that the press representatives leave the Meeting.