

## LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Looe Town Council  
held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, East Looe  
on **Monday 26<sup>TH</sup> October 2009 at 7.00pm**

### PRESENT

The Mayor - Councillor M. D. Joy.

### COUNCILLORS

D.J. Bryan	J. Rothwell
J. R. B. Dingle	C. Rose
Mrs E. Hannaford	C. Lambert
B. Galipeau	

### OFFICERS

The Clerk – Mrs A Frith

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81. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors  
A. Toms, D. Welch, Mrs. B. King, J. Hoskin and M. Gregory.

**ABSENT** Cllrs. K Smith and W. Scarah.

82. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  
Councillor J.R.B. Dingle declared an interest in any matter concerning East Looe  
Town Trust and West Looe Town Trust.  
Councillor D. Bryan declared an interest in any matter concerning East Looe  
Town Trust.  
Councillors Mrs. E. Hannaford and B. Galipeau declared an interest in any  
matter concerning Looe Development Trust and Looe Area Partnership.

83. **TO DISCUSS THE QUALITY TOWN STATUS.**  
The Mayor explained that Looe Town Council quality town accreditation was due  
to expire in 01/2011 and therefore we have to have our re-accreditation  
submission prepared and ready for 09/2010. Cllr Galipeau has been asked to  
and has agreed to Chair a special committee tasked with achieving our continued  
quality town status. Cllr. Galipeau explained the importance in ensuring that the  
Town Council demonstrated on going progress and competence both to the  
public and other public bodies by maintaining its status as a quality Town  
Council.

The measurement criteria was explained in detail and Cllr Galipeau confirmed that he was happy to chair and act as co-ordinator for this project but it was also important for all present to note that every member has ownership on this project and fellow Councillors would need to share the workload as it was in all our interests that this process was completed on time. The following Cllrs volunteered to serve on the Quality Town Status Committee:-

Cllrs C. Lambert, J. Rothwell, Mrs. E Hannaford, J. Dingle, J. Hoskin, D. Welch, M. Joy and D. Bryan.

Cllr. Galipeau to liaise with Town Clerk as soon as possible to arrange the first meeting of the new committee.

**84. LOOE AREA PARTNERSHIP (LAP) – LOOE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT**

The Mayor stated that the very successful visit by Cllr Rule to the Town had proved that the Town can and is willing to work together to improve the Town for future generations. The Harbour Commissions and Looe Development Trust have already demonstrated their commitment in this respect and this has been very welcomed by Looe Town Council. As part of our Quality Town Status we have to demonstrate our position of Leadership in the Town and our ability and willingness to consult with the general public and other town bodies and organisations. The Mayor then handed over to Cllr Galipeau who then updated the Council on the current status of MCTi steering group which had not met for sometime due to the recent County Council election campaign. The last key decision made by the group was that Looe Development Trust managed the Looe Area Partnership which also included other Parishes around Looe. We need to find a way that is acceptable to all for Looe Town Council to give more support to Looe Area Partnership as this will also help our Quality Town Council application. Cllr Hannaford said that Community Network Area programme is relevant to all this discussion and how all groups link in, If a way forward could be indentified it would strengthen our hand for finances and would present a big advantage for Looe. Cllr Galipeau explained that in our recent informal meeting with the Mayor, himself and Justin Spreckley its was confirmed that Justin is committed to calling another meeting of Looe Area Partnership and he would very much like to be able to say that Looe Town Council would like to give more tangible support for the Looe Area Partnership. I would therefore like to formally ask what position the Town Council could propose to take this matter forward.

The Mayor stated that that there are many ways that Looe Town Council could help with the Looe Area Partnership by providing administration support, funding meeting venues, having regular updates from Looe Area Partnership Chairperson on the Council agenda etc; Cllr Mrs. Hannaford suggested that Town Clerk contacted the following Councils (Saltash/Fowey/Padstow) to see how they managed the equivalent organisations in their Towns.

Councillor Joy proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hannaford that Looe Town Council empowers Cllr. Galipeau to go back to Looe Development Trust with a message of support along the lines discussed above and it was:

**RESOLVED**

With a vote of 7 in favour and 1 abstention that Looe Town Council offers administrative and financial support for meetings to Looe Development Trust and Looe Area Partnership and that the Chairperson of the Looe Area Partnership gives regular updates on progress at Looe Town Council Meetings.

**The meeting closed at 7.45pm.**