

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 28th September 2009 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – The Mayor – Cllr M Joy

COUNCILLORS

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

OFFICERS

The Clerk – Mrs A Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

The Mayor's Chaplain – Reverend B McQuillen
Devon and Cornwall Constabulary – Sergeant R Hall
Looe Community School Representative – J Thompson
Cornwall Council – Mr S Besford-Foster
Mr C Creswell
Admiral Boscarn – Mr A Stone
Barbican Hill Resident Representative – Mr B Dan
Cornish Times Reporter – Carrie Garrard
Cornish Guardian – Emma Haines

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As there were numerous residents in attendance to make representation regarding the Admiral Boscarn the Mayor asked Mr Dan to state his case.

Mr Dan spoke on behalf of some of the residents present stating that the rowdiness, drunken behaviour and vandalism after the Admiral Boscarn closes is totally unacceptable and he asked Council to restrict the licence to midnight rather than 2am.

Mr Stone – Landlord of the Boscarn – was then invited to respond. Mr Stone read out a pre-prepared statement to Council (See Attached Appendix 'A').

The Mayor then asked Councillor Toms, as Cornwall Councillor for East Looe and St Martin's, to respond.

Councillor Toms has received a petition with 61 names on requesting the restriction of the Admiral Boscarn's licensing hours which he will pass to the Police and Cornwall Council's Licensing Department. He stated that, in his opinion, the best way to resolve this issue is by mediation and Mr Stone would be quite happy to liaise with any complainant. He hoped that as a Community we could work together to

resolve this issue but for those who felt strongly enough any further complaints should be made in writing to the Licensing Department at Cornwall Council. Councillor Toms stated that he is willing to talk to anyone who wishes to do so and he asked Sergeant Hall to contact the complainants. Sergeant Hall conveyed his disappointment that he, personally, had not been contacted over this issue and assured the residents that police foot patrols do take place on Friday and Saturday nights and recently there has been an increase in policing on those nights. The Mayor brought the discussion to an end at this stage and all members of the public left the meeting.

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The Mayor welcomed Cornwall Council Officers Steve Besford-Foster (Area Localism Manager) and Colin Creswell (Community Network Area Manager). Mr Besford-Foster gave a short introduction speech and invited Council to meet with him to discuss any specific issues that Looe has, such as the problem with the Admiral Boscarn. Mr Creswell then gave a short presentation explaining the way in which the Community Network Area is proposed to work. (See Appendix 'B'). Mr Besford-Foster stated that a consultation is being held and a questionnaire has to be filled in and returned by 29th October. All Council's should have received this but it appears that Looe Town Council has not so the Mayor asked for a copy to be sent. In response to Councillor Galipeau's question Mr Besford-Foster stated that the devolution of powers to Town Council's will come with financial backing. Councillor Dingle expressed his dissatisfaction with Cornwall Council regarding licensing and planning decisions made recently. The Mayor thanked Mr Besford-Foster and Mr Creswell and they then left the meeting.

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The Mayor congratulated Looe Gig Club on attaining 5th place out of 96 entrants at the recent South West Championship. The Traffic Consultation day appears to have been a great success. The Mayor reminded all Councillors of Councillor Carolyn Rule's visit to Looe on 13th October with a lunch being hosted by Looe Town Council. Finally, the Mayor made a statement regarding the Bowling Club/Putting Green in response to information received. (See attached Appendix 'C').

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63. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bryan, Mrs King and Rothwell.

64. PRAYERS

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

- 65. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETING**
Councillor Toms proposed that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 17th August 2009 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Dingle it was:
RESOLVED
Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 17th August 2009.
- 66. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
.1 Personal Interests
Councillors Mrs Hannaford and Scarah declared an interest in the planning application for the Bungalow, Barbican Hill, East Looe.
Councillors Dingle, Smith and Scarah 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 Cornwall Council.
.2 Prejudicial Interests
Councillor Toms declared an interest in the accounts for payment.
- 67. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY**
Sergeant Hall gave his report of the crime figures since the last Full Council Meeting. (See attached Appendix 'D').
Sergeant Hall also stated that the report given by Inspector Turner at the last meeting had been very misleading and that the reported 900% increase was inaccurate. He stated that from 1st January 2008 – 28th September 2008 the number of reported crimes was 370, for the same period in 2009 the number of reported crimes was 369.
Sergeant Hall also stated that he was very concerned at what he had heard tonight regarding the Admiral Boscarn and considered some of the comments about the Admiral Boscarn to be unfair. He is happy for his e-mail address to be circulated and is willing to work towards a resolution.
In response to Councillor Dingle's concerns raised at a previous meeting regarding cyclists without lights, Sergeant Hall informed Council that the PCSO's are conducting cycle-wise training.
Looe Community School Representative James Thompson, raised concerns over issues surrounding a party that had been held in Kilminorth Woods on the previous Saturday evening. The intention apparently had been to camp overnight but that was abandoned because of the cold. Some possessions were left until the following morning and were found to be burnt or damaged. James asked what the police were doing about this, Sergeant Hall stated that investigations are being made as the incident has been logged. The Mayor thanked Sergeant Hall for his report and he left the meeting.
- 68. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR EAST LOOE AND ST MARTIN'S**
Councillor Toms gave his report as follows:
.1 Traffic Consultation Day
This had been well attended with some good ideas.
.2 Care for the Future
A Green Paper debate on this subject is opening this week.

.3 Bid for Region of Culture

A bid has been submitted and, if achieved, will be a big boost for the economy of Cornwall.

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

Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave her report as follows:

.1 Traffic Consultation Day

A lot of constructive comments and solutions had been forthcoming. The results will be referred to the Traffic Working Party. The previous Traffic Warden, Anna, was very keen to help.

.2 Millpool Public Conveniences

The new public conveniences should be open in the next two weeks.

.3 Councillor Rule's visit

This is an opportunity to influence tourism in Looe.

.4 Bass Hill

This is causing problems and there is no opening date yet. Cornwall Council will assist in any way possible to resolve the complicated problems.

.5 Drainage Works, West Looe

There will be road closures in place on West Looe Hill and in Princes Square for this drainage work. Councillor Mrs Hannaford has arranged for a consultation caravan to be in West Looe in the next two weeks for those residents who have concerns and to inform them of what is taking place.

Councillor Toms asked that, if the press are to report these road closures, could they also report the closure of Higher Market Street next week.

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

Mr Thompson stated that most of his report had already been discussed with the Police.

He has been talking to the Head Teacher and has asked for changes to be made to School Council Meetings ie to be more in line with Looe Town Council meetings and changes to the times their meetings are held.

The Mayor asked Mr Thompson to ask if any school member would be interested in joining a Looe Brass Band after being approached by a lady wishing to set this up. Mr Thompson will let the Clerk know.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford asked if the school was aware of Local Democracy Week and suggested that Mr Thompson asks Tom Saddler, the Deputy Head.

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

There were none raised.

72. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 Community Network Area Meeting

A meeting is to be held in the Guildhall on 28th October at 7.30 pm. The Mayor asked all Councillors to make a note in their diaries.

.2 Cornwall Council Newsletters 6 & 7

These will be available in the office.

.3 CALC

A general meeting is to be held on 29th September if anyone wishes to attend.

.4 CPRE Cornwall

A Planning Workshop is being held on 31st October in Truro. Anyone wishing to attend should inform the Clerk.

.5 Signpost Newsletter

This will be available in the office.

.6 Interlink Newsletter

This will be available in the office.

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

The Chairman gave his report of the Meeting of 19th August 2009 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Dingle it was: RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 19th August 2009.

In response to issues raised by Councillor Galipeau regarding the provision of a PCSO the Clerk stated that she had been informed that PCSO's can have traffic powers but the Police did not want to do this as it would blur the role of the PCSO.

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

No Meeting had been held.

75. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman gave his report of the Meeting of the 1st September 2009 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Rose it was: RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 1st September 2009.

76. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Chairman gave his report of the Meeting of 21st September 2009 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Smith it was: RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 21st September 2009. The Chairman thanked Councillor Smith for taking the Minutes of the Meeting.

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

The Chairman reported that although no meeting had been held he, Councillor Rose and Tourist Information Manager Mark Camp, had been working hard on a new Looe Guide which is progressing well.

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

.1 East Cornwall Local Action Group (ECLAG)

Councillor Mrs Hannaford reported that East Cornwall Local Action Group are progressing three schemes – sustainability – skills training - Environmental projects – and are inviting expressions of interest. There is £300,000 available each year over the next three years.

Money has also been ring-fenced for refreshing MCTi and Parish Plans.

.2 CCTV

Councillor Rose reported that an informal meeting had been held with the Harbour Commission and Perspective CCTV. The Council system will be linked with the Harbour Commission system and housed in a dedicated room

to be provided by the Harbour Commission. This matter is now referred to the Environment and Public Protection Committee.

.3 Cornwall Council

Councillor Rose reported that a meeting had been held that morning with Mr Charlie David, Cornwall Council, to move forward our request to take over the responsibility of street cleaning and the public conveniences.

A proposal has been made for Looe Town Council to take over the line-management of the services for a period of 12 months, all costs to be borne by Cornwall Council.

.4 Community Action Through Sport (CATS)

Councillor Gregory reported that all nominations are in and the Award Ceremony will take place on 22nd October in Liskeard. Invitations will be sent out.

.5 Planning Liaison Group

Councillor Smith reported that, at the last meeting, it had been decided to expand the group to include smaller Town and Parish Councils to provide fairer representation.

.6 Police Liaison Meeting

Councillor Smith had attended this meeting and provided crime figures for 1st April – 31st August 2009, (see attached Appendix 'E') which represent an increase of less than 10% on 2008 figures.

79. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Galipeau had requested the attached Notice of Motion be put to Full Council.

Councillor Galipeau proposed that the Motion be referred to the Finance and Works Committee, seconded by Councillor Joy it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 7/4 abstentions to refer the Motion to the Finance and Works Committee.

Councillor Dingle stated that East Looe Town Trust has already discussed this matter and a Committee has been set up to discuss it with Looe Town Council.

80. TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £5,171.02 and for the transfer of £9,000.00 to the Wages Account for August 2009.

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £1,979.25 and for the transfer of £9,100.00 to the Wages Account for September 2009.

Councillor Rose proposed that the accounts for payment for August and September be approved, seconded by Councillor Smith it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the accounts for payment as listed for August and September 2009.

The Meeting Closed at 9pm.