

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Tourist Information Centre,
The Guildhall, East Looe on Monday 22nd February 2010 at 7pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Chairman – Cllr C Rose
Cllrs D J Bryan, M Joy, J R B Dingle,
C Lambert and K Smith

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk – Mrs A Frith
Cllrs Mrs E Hannaford and A Toms

83. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs B King and D Welch.

84. ABSENT

Cllr M Gregory

85. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

.1 Personal Interests

Councillor Bryan declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust.

Councillor Dingle declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust and West Looe Town Trust.

Councillor Lambert declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Looe Development Trust.

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

86. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

.1 Min No 78.1 – Jelf Group PLC

The Chairman reported that Jelf Group PLC cannot help us with the Council Insurance. A new company called WPS is visiting us on Tuesday 23rd February 2010.

.2 Min No 79 – Mileage allowance

The Clerk had ascertained that the official allowance for Cornwall is at the moment 40p per mile. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that our travel allowance, currently 45p per mile, remain unchanged.

.3 Min No: 80 – Staff Pension Scheme

The Chairman informed the Committee that Legal & General Insurance will be dealing with this on our behalf, there is a minimum of £20 per person per month and the cost to the Council will be 3% of their salary. The Chairman will write to the eligible staff offering them the option.

.4 Ref Min No: 77.1 – Looe Town Council Donation Policy and Application Form

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had checked these documents with CALC and they had been approved.

87. TO DISCUSS THE CASHFLOW FOR 2009/10

The Clerk had prepared up to date financial information which was discussed by the Committee. The Council finances are in line with the budget proposals for 2009/10.

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At this point Cllr Smith left the meeting

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88. TO DISCUSS DONATION APPLICATIONS

.1 WRVS

The Chairman read out the application for funding to the Committee, after discussion Councillor Joy proposed that a donation of £100 be made, seconded by Councillor Lambert it was unanimously agreed.

.2 Sue Field

The Chairman read out the application for funding to the Committee, after discussion Councillor Joy proposed that a donation of £100 be made, seconded by Councillor Dingle it was unanimously agreed.

Although not on the Agenda Councillor Mrs Hannaford requested permission to request the following:

a) May Fair – West Looe

See attached Appendix 'A'

Councillor Mrs Hannaford explained that she proposes to organise a street fair to "re-launch" the businesses in West Looe after the current works have been completed and to instil a sense of community in West Looe.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford asked the Committee for a donation of £500 towards the cost of the Maypole and ribbons etc and requested that Looe Town Council be the "lead" organisation.

Councillor Bryan proposed that the requested donation of £500 be made, seconded by Councillor Lambert it was agreed with a vote of 4/2 abstentions.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Chamber of Trade requesting a donation of £400 towards the cost of flags and bunting for the event.

b) Seasonal Evening Bus Service – Looe - Polperro

Councillor Mrs Hannaford made her presentation of the proposals to provide a seasonal evening bus service between Looe and Polperro, which will stop at the various holiday parks between Looe Bay and Killigarth Manor starting at 6.15pm and continuing until 11.45pm from May to the end of October.

A meeting had been held with Steve Nicholson (Cornwall Council), Councillor Rose and Councillor Mrs Hannaford at the end of January and Mr Nicholson had agreed to give £5,000 out of his budget towards the cost of this service. The total cost is estimated at £10,000 and

Lansallos Parish Council have agreed to give £1,000 leaving £4,000 to be found which Councillor Mrs Hannaford asked the Committee for.

The intention of providing this service is to promote the businesses of both Looe and Polperro and to provide a service for the residents. Tenders for the service have been invited and the decision as to who takes it on is up to Mr Nicholson, Looe Town Council and Lansallos Parish Council. The route and the timetable are still to be debated. Councillor Lambert raised concerns that this may affect the taxi companies and Councillor Bryan asked if the buses would be suitable for disabled persons. These are both issues to be addressed. Councillor Joy seconded Councillor Mrs Hannaford's proposal that Looe Town Council fund the service up to £4,000 on condition that all efforts are made to gain other funding, this was unanimously agreed. NOTE: As items a) and b) were not formally on the Agenda for this meeting they will have to be formally ratified by Full Council.

89. TO APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

.1 Deltor

This invoice for £1,450 has been received for the printing of the Looe Guide.

Councillor Joy proposed that the invoice be paid, seconded by Councillor Rose it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to pay the invoice to Deltor for £1,450.

.2 East Looe Town Trust

The Chairman explained to the Committee that the invoice for £2,226.28 had increased from the usual monthly rental payment due to East Looe Town Trust having overlooked the increase in rent from 1st October 2009. The invoice was therefore for the rent for March and back rent owing. Councillor Rose proposed that the invoice be paid, seconded by Councillor Joy it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 3/2 abstentions to approve the payment of £2,226.28 to East Looe Town Trust.

The Meeting closed at 8.25pm