

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC PROTECTION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, East Looe on
Monday 11th January 2010 at 7pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Chairman – Cllr M Gregory
Cllrs D J Bryan, E B Galipeau, J Hoskin, M Joy,
C Rose, C Lambert, A Toms and D Welch

IN ATTENDANCE

The Clerk – Mrs Anne Frith
Cllr Mrs E Hannaford
Devon and Cornwall Constabulary – PC Helen Libby
Chief Fire Officer – Mr J Bowden
Looe Harbour Master – Mr G Penhaligan
Looe Festivals – Mr and Mrs Powell

28. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs B King and K Smith

29. **ABSENT**

Cllr J Rothwell

30. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Bryan and Galipeau declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust.

Councillor Toms declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Looe Harbour Commission and Cornwall Council

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

31. **TO DISCUSS THE CAR PARKING CHARGES CONSULTATION**

Cornwall Council's proposal to increase parking charges and remove the residents parking concession card has been put out for consultation with the response required by 13th January 2010.

Councillors Galipeau and Mrs Hannaford, amongst others, had responded to this via e-mail all stating that the proposed increase was unacceptable and the removal of the residents parking card would be very detrimental.

This matter was discussed at length by the Committee and it was unanimously agreed that Looe Town Council's response should be as suggested by Councillors Galipeau and Mrs Hannaford strongly opposing the proposals (see attached Appendix).

32. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service – Consultation of the Service Planning Process

A consultation document outlining the proposals for the next three years had been received.

Councillor Joy offered to respond on behalf of Looe Town Council and the offer was unanimously accepted.

.2 Volunteer Cornwall

This organisation is trialling schemes for a shop mobility service. This has been discussed by Looe Town Council before and not considered suitable for Looe.

.3 Chamber of Trade

An e-mail has been received raising concerns over the lack of litter bins in Looe with the removal of those owned by East Looe Town Trust and Looe Harbour Commission.

Mr Penhaligan and Councillor Bryan, on behalf of Looe Harbour Commission and East Looe Town Trust, both stated that this issue is to be reviewed before the commencement of the tourist season.

The Clerk was asked to respond to the Chamber of Trade and put this matter, along with dog bins and salt bins, on the Agenda for the next meeting.

33. TO REVIEW NEW YEAR'S EVE

Mr and Mrs Powell stated that, as organisers of the event, everything had gone well.

Councillor Joy thanked them both for all their hard work and congratulated them on the firework display. He also thanked the Police for their attendance and hard work on the evening.

The issues that were raised were the problems in the Boscarn and the Decker, the pubs allowing re-entry after midnight and bottles being brought into the town by coach visitors.

Councillor Galipeau suggested that a work plan be drawn up to make sure all requirements for smooth running of future New Year's Eve events be drawn up. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Mrs Powell.

34. TO REVIEW THE LANTERN PROCESSION 2009

The Chairman reported that the Lantern Procession had been a great success and well attended.

Councillor Joy thanked the Harbour Commission for allowing the use of the Fish Market.

Improvements to the procession were discussed, such as a marching band, LED lanterns etc. The Clerk was asked to source both.

35. TO DISCUSS CCTV QUOTES

This matter was referred to the CCTV Sub-Committee.

36. TO DISCUSS SEAGULL CONTROL 2010

Two quotations had been received:

.1 Kernow Aerials – the cost to be the same as 2009 ie £1178 excluding VAT.

.2 Andrew Austin – MITIE Pest Control, Cheltenham – the cost for approximately 40 properties would be £1248 plus VAT. Although there is little difference in the quotations it was agreed that Kernow Aerials continue, however, it was proposed by Councillor Gregory that the quotes be referred to the Finance and Works Committee, seconded by Councillor Joy it was unanimously agreed.

37. TO DISCUSS THE SOUTH WEST WATER WEST LOOE ROAD CLOSURES

Councillor Mrs Hannaford reported that Cornwall Council are paying for flyers to be done to support the West Looe businesses and residents providing information.

She also stated that, to avoid confusion and conflicting reports, Looe Town Council should be the hub for enquiries and information. The Contractors will provide Looe Town Council with a weekly update. Councillor Joy suggested that people should be invited to provide Looe Town Council with e-mail addresses to enable us to build up an information database.

Councillor Galipeau requested that all enquiries in the Tourist Information Centre are logged to ascertain the merit of the Tourist Information Centre opening extra hours because of these works. Councillor Mrs Hannaford requested that she will be organising a street fair at the end of the works to “re-launch” West Looe businesses.

38. TO ARRANGE A DATE FOR A TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY MEETING

It was agreed to defer this matter until the received results of the Traffic Consultation Day held in September have been put into a more readable format.

39. MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

.1 Road Closures

At the request of the Police the Clerk will organise a road closure for Fore Street/Buller Street, East Looe for the Lantern Procession. PC Helen Libby informed the Committee that all processions require road closures, this would include the Carnival and the arrival of Santa which the Looe Lions organise. The Clerk was asked to inform the Looe Lions.

.2 The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Councillor Joy reminded the Committee that these celebrations will take place in 2012 and should be considered this year.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.



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13th January 2010

Dear Kate

Re: Cornwall Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2010

Please find following Looe Town Council's response to the above consultation.

Due to the very limited time scale we are e-mailing our response today to meet the closing date and will post the hard copy to you.

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL CABINET PARKING PANEL RESPONSE

I have been asked to put the views of Looe Town Council which are as follows;

These views are based on a comprehensive town wide consultation day, surveys and questionnaires conducted through October – November 2009

Retention of residents parking scheme

- Highly popular and an 'offset' to higher charges for longer stays in a highly seasonal car park (Millpool)

- A recent town wide parking & traffic consultation rated low cost short stay as important especially for residents from surrounding villages to access town facilities
- If removed seen as penalizing SE Cornwall residents
- Higher charges impact on workers who have no choice but to park all day, tourism industry employees often minimum wage & split shifts

Retain low cost 1 hour or half hour banding (10p/20p)

- Parking charging policy should promote the sustainability of market and coastal towns ie signage, marketing opportunities
- Recognise that there are economic and social consequence that need to be taken into account when setting parking charges, car parks should not be seen as a 'cash cow'
- Encourage use of town centre shops and facilities to aid viability, alternative may be increased travel to out of town stores and subsequent increase in carbon footprint
- Encourage use of One Stop Shop/Library on Millpool for residents to make a quick visit
- Additional allocated short stay spaces at town end of Millpool
- Consider allocating zones for charging on Millpool Short stay, med stay and long stay to address long walk from one end of the car park to the town.
- Consider standardised annual parking permit costs across Cornwall so tourist areas are not unfairly prejudiced against

Flexibility of charges

- Recognise the need for flexibility between car parks to allow for local conditions ie Tourist resorts need to encourage sale of all day tickets and promote night time economy

Update ticket machines

- Allow sale of weekly tickets from One Stop Shops and Tourist Information Centre. A weekly ticket now costs £26, the machines will only take max 25 coins
- Machines constantly out of order, leading to lost revenue
- Promote use of technology ie mobile phones, internet purchases in advance
- Consider 'pay as you leave' to minimise 'over runs', enabling enforcement staff to be diverted to off street park enforcement duties

On street parking/other traffic issues

- Acknowledge local traffic management plans including projects and strategies contained in the Looe MCTI community plan
- Reinstate local members highways fund to enable delivery of local schemes
- Consider Pay and Display on Station Road (no return within 2 hours) to encourage town centre use

Blue Badge Holders

- Review issuing and enforcement of badge holders, evidence they are being misused

Alternative traffic management schemes

- The Looe MCTI plan acknowledges that traffic congestion is a major problem for the town. Therefore Looe Town Council requests that other options are proactively explored to minimise carbon footprint and alleviate congestion ie park and ride, car sharing schemes etc.
- Looe Town Council are unhappy that a 5% blanket increase was decided before any consultation took place.
- Looe Town Council request that Cornwall Council enter into immediate negotiations for the Millpool car park to be returned to local management by Looe Town Council.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Anne Frith

Clerk to Looe Town Council