

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, East Looe
on Monday 18th January 2010 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – The Mayor – Cllr M Joy

COUNCILLORS

D J Bryan	C Lambert
J R B Dingle	J Rothwell
Mrs E Hannaford	C Rose
J Hoskin	A Toms
E B Galipeau	D Welch

OFFICERS

Town Clerk – Mrs A Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

The Mayor's Chaplain – Reverend Brian McQuillen
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary – Sergeant Russ Hall
Cornish Times Reporter – Carrie Garrard

125. PRAYERS

Prayers were given by the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend B McQuillen. A minute's silence was held in respect for the people of Haiti after an earthquake has devastated their lives. Reverend Brian McQuillen also informed Council that the Church is collecting for the Charity Shelter Box.

126. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Gregory, Mrs B King, W Scarah and K Smith. Also from the Cornish Guardian reporter Emma Haines.

-----00000-----

The Mayor opened the Meeting by thanking the Police and Michala Powell for the part they played in a very successful New Year's Eve. (see attached Appendix 'A').

-----00000-----

127. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

.1 Personal Interests

Councillor Toms declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Looe Harbour Commission and Looe Development Trust.

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

Councillor Galipeau 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.

Cllr Mrs Hannaford declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Cornwall Council.

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

.2 Prejudicial Interests

There were none declared.

128. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor Bryan proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 7th December 2009 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Galipeau it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 7th December 2009.

129. 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 'B').

Councillor Dingle asked for clarification of the incidents on New Year's Eve following a report in the Cornish Guardian which indicated that the evening had been marred by violence. As the information had been the view of Inspector Turner, Sergeant Hall will investigate and report to the next meeting. Councillor Galipeau stated that, from PC Libby's point of view, the evening had gone well with only minor incidents.

The Mayor concurred with Councillors Dingle and Galipeau and asked Sergeant Hall to convey Council's thanks to his officers. He also asked the press to help get the message out that people should ring 999 to report incidents.

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

Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave her report as per attached Appendix 'C' and proposed that:

.1 Economic Development Progress be referred to the Procedures Committee, seconded by Councillor Rose it was unanimously agreed.

.2 Delivery of Projects Progress be referred to the Procedures Committee, seconded by Councillor Rose it was unanimously agreed.

.3 Develop an Implementation Plan for Marketing and Promotion of Tourism be referred to the Town Tourism Sub-Committee, seconded by Councillor Rose it was unanimously agreed.

The Mayor requested that the Contractors working in West Looe for South West Water liaise with Council as to how the road closure is managed overnight and at weekends.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford reported that she is meeting with Mr McKay, Cornwall Council Street Works Supervisor, on 20th January at 9am to discuss problems arising from these works.

Councillor Galipeau stated that he is pleased to note that Cornwall Council have held any decision about the Bowling Club until negotiations with Looe Town Council are complete and hopes that Councillor Mrs Hannaford will

continue the fight. Councillor Mrs Hannaford reported that she has requested the time sheets for last year's opening hours.

The Mayor informed Council that a letter had been sent to Cornwall Council asking when the negotiations are likely to be resolved and have also lodged a complaint against any attempt to remove the Covenant on the Putting Green.

131. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR EAST LOOE AND ST MARTIN'S

.1 Re: Cornwall Council Budget

This is the first budget that has been upfront and open, the budget for 2010/11 has been set at 2.9% increase, still to be ratified. This has been through a long scrutinising process as areas like Adult Social Care require a good budget.

.2 Cornwall Council Administration

There have been rumours that all administration for Cornwall East will be moving to Bodmin. Councillor Toms stated that in his opinion this is a political battle as nothing has been determined yet. The cost/savings ratio has to be clarified and before anything happens there has to be a consultation process.

.3 Previous County Council Administration

The budget left by the previous administration was minimal, the lack of decision regarding the proposed waste incinerator could result in millions of pounds in compensation which is causing great concern.

A balance needs to be found between what the Unitary Council was left and what it can now do.

.4 Housing

The number of applicants requiring housing has been reduced from 19,000 to 7,000.

.5 Richard Burningham – Looe Valley Line

As it is the 150th Anniversary of the Looe Valley Line Mr Burningham is looking to re-instate the flower bed at Looe Station.

Councillor Toms asked for suggestions to the design of the flower bed and arrangements need to be made with the Police for access and Looe in Bloom for maintenance.

.6 Polean

Councillor Toms is trying to get the proposed Anaerobic Digester on the local waste plan which will have economic benefits.

Councillor Toms stated that, from now on, he will inform Council what is happening within Cornwall Council, there has to be a local hub for serious decisions to be made.

The Mayor suggested that the public be asked to have input into the station project.

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

There was no report given.

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

.1 Ref: Min No 119.3 – Quality Town Status Sub-Committee

Councillor Galipeau reported that the first edition of the newsletter incorporated in the Community News will be out at the beginning of February.

134. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 Boundary Commission for England

The final report of the boundary review will be held in the office.

.2 Boundary Commission Survey

The Mayor asked for permission to complete this survey on behalf of Looe Town Council which was unanimously given.

.3 Street Pastors

A letter received requesting a Town Council representative on the steering group being set up was read to Council. Councillor Rose volunteered to be the representative for Looe Town Council. The first meeting is to be held on 11th March 2010.

.4 Interlink

The latest newsletter will be held in the office.

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

The Vice-Chairman gave the report of the Meeting of 11th January 2010 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Toms it was:
RESOLVED

With a vote of 9/1 abstention to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 11th January 2010. Councillor Dingle proposed that Council meet with the Police regarding the Boscarn on New Year's Eve, seconded by Councillor Toms it was unanimously agreed.

Councillor Dingle also requested that Looe Town Council write to Cornwall Council requesting the return of the litter bin in the Higher Market Street.

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

No meeting had been held since the last Full Council meeting but Councillor Bryan proposed that the Minutes of the Finance and Works Meeting of 30th November 2009 (which had been overlooked) be accepted, seconded by Councillor Lambert it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 30th November 2009.

Councillor Dingle reported that the £50 donation towards the New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Competition which had been agreed was to be returned to the Council as it had not been required.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Dingle for his hard work organising the Fancy Dress and Best Window Competitions.

137. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

.1 Pre-Planning Meeting of 14th December 2009

Councillor Joy proposed that the Minutes of the above meeting be accepted, seconded by Councillor Galipeau it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 14th December 2009.

.2 Meeting of 21st December 2009

Councillor Galipeau proposed that the Minutes of the above meeting be accepted, seconded by Councillor Hoskin it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 21st December 2009.

Councillor Dingle stated that the serious breaches of planning regulations need to be identified and inform the Clerk. Councillor Toms will keep the Clerk informed of the progress of any reported breaches.

.3 Delegated Decision Meeting of 5th January 2010

Councillor Joy proposed that the notes of the above be accepted, seconded by Councillor Galipeau it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the notes of the Meeting of 5th January 2010.

138. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE STANDARDS & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

No Meeting had been held.

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

There had been no meeting held but the Chairman reported that Certificates had been issued for the New Year's Eve Competitions and thanked the Mayor and his wife and also Councillor Smith for their help on the night. 500 trivia questionnaires had been handed out but no one won.

The Looe Guide is now complete and should be ready for distribution shortly and the Chairman thanked Mark Camp, Tourist Information Manager, for all his hard work in preparing the guide, it will be a very successful and profitable venture. The Chairman also thanked the Mayor for judging the Fancy Dress Competition at the Hannafore Point Hotel.

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

.1 Quality Town Status Sub-Committee

a.) Notes of 10th November 2009

The Chairman proposed that the amended Notes of the Meeting of 10th November 2009 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Lambert it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Notes of the Meeting of 10th November 2009.

b.) Minutes of the Meeting of 15th January 2010

The Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 15th January 2010 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Lambert it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 15th January 2010.

.2 Looe Valley Forum

Councillor Rose reported on the figures for the use of the train (see attached Appendix 'D') which are 18.3% up on 2008. It was disappointing to note that the specially re-organised trains for the Lantern Procession had not been used. Councillor Rose also reported that Richard Burningham had been awarded an MBE. Councillor Galipeau proposed that a letter of congratulations be sent to him, seconded by Councillor Rose it was unanimously agreed.

Councillor Toms reminded Council that this is the 150th Anniversary of the Looe Valley Line.

.3 East Looe Town Trust

Councillor Galipeau reported that a preliminary meeting had been held to discuss the future of the Guildhall. East Looe Town Trust now want to progress this and Council Representatives are needed for a joint sub-committee. Councillor Galipeau proposed that he, Councillor Lambert and Councillor Rose be the nominated members, seconded by Councillor Rose it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously that Councillors Galipeau, Rose and Lambert be the nominated Members on the joint sub-Committee.

141. NOTICE OF MOTION

“To formally ratify the Full Council decision made via e-mail and verbally on 5th January 2010 to extend the opening hours of the Tourist Information Centre” (see attached Appendix ‘E’).

Councillor Joy proposed that the Notice of Motion be carried, seconded by Councillor Rose it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 7/3 against to approve the decision to extend the opening hours of the Tourist Information Centre.

Councillor Dingle stated that this is a bonus for the Tourist Information Centre enabling us to start the season early.

Councillors Bryan, Galipeau and Toms expressed reservations as to the viability of this decision.

142. TO ARRANGE A DATE FOR SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

It is necessary to arrange a Full Council Meeting to discuss and approve the revision of the Council’s Standing Orders. It was agreed that this meeting should take place week commencing 8th March 2010.

143. MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

.1 War Memorial Update

Councillor Hoskin asked when Lance Corporal Paul Upton’s name may be added to the Memorial. The Clerk reported that we are still awaiting the family’s permission to do so.

144. TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £2,694.66 and for the transfer of £7,000 to the Wages Account for December 2009.

Councillor Rose proposed that the Accounts as listed be approved, seconded by Councillor Toms it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the Accounts for payment as listed.

Councillor Bryan proposed that the Meeting now move to Part Two, seconded by Councillor Lambert it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to move to Part Two. The press and public were asked to leave the Meeting.

PART TWO

145. TO RECEIVE A STATEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ROSE

Councillor Rose made his statement to Council as per attached Appendix 'F'.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Rose for his statement.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm