

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Looe Town Council
held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, East Looe
on **Wednesday 14th July 2010 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT

The Mayor – Cllr J R B Dingle

COUNCILLORS

D J Bryan	K Smith
E B Galipeau	D Welch
M Gregory	

OFFICERS

The Clerk – Mrs A Frith

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45. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Hoskin, M Joy and C Lambert

ABSENT Councillors Mrs E Hannaford, J Rothwell and A Toms

46. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

.1 Personal Interests

Councillors D J Bryan, J.R.B. Dingle and E B Galipeau declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust.

.2 Prejudicial Interests

There were none declared.

47. **TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF POLLING CARDS FOR THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION**

The Mayor handed the meeting over to Councillor Smith who explained that the last election had cost an extra £1300, and this time will be £1300-£1400, due to providing polling cards for the electorate and, in his opinion, was an expense that could not be justified at this time.

Councillor Gregory expressed concerns that there would be a very low voting turnout if polling cards were not issued as people do not realise that they can still vote without a card.

Councillor Galipeau was in agreement with this and pointed out that the most expensive part of an election is the staffing, polling stations and postal voting and feels that it is necessary to provide polling cards.

The Mayor stated that turnout for voting depends largely on the candidates' leaflets and campaigning and suggested that the election could be advertised by this Council, on the Council notice boards, in the Community News and also by providing a dedicated notice board exclusively for the candidates to use.

In summing up Councillor Smith asked that the legality of the Mayor's suggestions be ascertained by the Clerk and proposed that Polling Cards are not issued for the election on 12th August 2010, seconded by Councillor Bryan it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 5/1 against (Councillor Galipeau) not to issue Polling Cards for the election of 12th August 2010.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

NOTE

The Clerk has ascertained that it is legal to advertise the election in the Community News and on the Council notice boards provided that there is no bias to any one candidate.

It is also legal to provide a dedicated "Election" notice board for the exclusive use of the candidates provided that **ALL** candidates wish to use it. If one candidate does not wish to use the notice board then none of them can.