

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

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

held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, East Looe on
Wednesday 21st July 2010

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor M Gregory
Councillors D J Bryan, J R B Dingle,
E B Galipeau, C Lambert, A Toms and
D Welch

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk – Mrs Anne Frith

13. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Hoskin,
K Smith and Mrs E Hannaford.

ABSENT

Cllr J Rothwell.

14. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors Bryan, Dingle and Galipeau 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.

15. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

.1 Ref Minute No: 6.5 – Saltash Regatta

Councillor Galipeau reported that, although Looe had come second this
year, they had done well. It was agreed that some training is needed
and could be arranged through the Gig Club around the end of
April/beginning of May.

.2 Ref Minute No: 5 – Downs View Road

Councillor Galipeau reported that a residents meeting had been held
with Councillors Mrs Hannaford and Toms.

.3 Ref Minute No: 11 – CCTV

Councillor Welch reported that he and former Councillor Chris Rose
had visited the head office of Securiguard in Plymouth expecting a
demonstration of their CCTV, unfortunately they had only been shown
round the office.

The Chairman stated that we need to see the cameras working to
ascertain the quality of the images. It was agreed that a visit to
Falmouth to see their installation working was needed.

The Clerk was asked to arrange this for one evening mid-September
and to make it very clear that we need to see the cameras working.

16. TO DISCUSS AN EXTREME WEATHER EMERGENCY PLAN

Councillor Galipeau stated that this could be linked in with suggestions made by Mr Holford and would be akin to a neighbourhood watch scheme.

The Clerk provided a booklet which had been compiled by Oxford City Council and their partners which the Deputy Clerk had obtained from a presentation she had attended whilst on holiday.

The Chairman suggested that a small working party be set up to progress this to include Mr Holford and Stephen Foster, the Community Network Manager, as this also ties in with the CNA programme.

It was agreed that this meeting be held mid-September and the Councillors involved would be Gregory, Smith, Galipeau, Toms and Bryan.

The Clerk was asked to circulate the Oxford City Council document and to thank the Deputy Clerk for providing it.

17. TO DISCUSS CIVIL ENFORCEMENT

Councillor Dingle reported that he and Councillor Mrs Hannaford had attended a meeting with Peter Moore from Cornwall Council in response to all the letters written to the Cornwall Council Chief Executive regarding Civil Enforcement by the previous Mayor to which no response had been received.

The Civil Enforcement Officers are apparently supposed to be in Looe for 4½ hours a day, seven days a week, they “clock in” at the One Stop Shop and it was agreed that Looe Town Council would be e-mailed when the Civil Enforcement Officers are here, this has so far not happened.

It is possible for Looe Town Council to put polite notices on offending vehicles and shadowing the Civil Enforcement Officers can also be arranged but Looe Town Council cannot employ their own Civil Enforcement Officer.

Councillor Galipeau suggested that perhaps this service could be provided under an Active Partnering Agreement. The Clerk was asked to investigate this possibility.

Councillor Gregory asked Councillor Toms to ascertain whether a Town Warden would be able to issue tickets if one was to be employed.

18. TO DISCUSS WATER QUALITY

Councillor Lambert raised concerns over recent reports in the media regarding the water quality in Looe. In his opinion this Council should respond to these reports.

Councillor Toms stated that South West Water plan to carry out upgrading work in 2011, this work has been brought forward from 2012 due to the ALT16 (Barrett Homes) development.

There was much discussion about the EU Regulations due in 2015, most of which relates to beaches etc, Looe Beach is already part of the Environment Office research pilot plans.

The Chairman requested that Councillor Lambert draft a letter to South West Water inviting them to come and give a presentation and to address specific concerns.

19. TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF SALT BINS

The Chairman reported that there are proposals by Cornwall Council to remove the salt bins or to pass this responsibility to the Town and Parish Councils.

The cost of purchasing and filling the salt bins had been provided by Councillor Mrs Hannaford, a full bin costing £120.

After much discussion it was agreed that the first thing to do would be to ascertain the number of salt bins and their location.

It was also agreed that Town and Parish Councils do not have the manpower, vehicles etc required to keep the salt bins full and that the cost of this would have to be added to the Councils precept.

The Clerk was asked to write to Cornwall Council stating Looe Town Council's objection to this proposal.

20. TO DISCUSS THE POLICING PLEDGE

Councillor Galipeau reported that he had spoken to Acting Inspector Howe regarding policing levels, it seems that the three command units currently in operation will be amalgamated into two units.

It had been suggested that this matter be deferred until a new inspector is appointed.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 Cornwall Council – Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – Dog Control Order

The Chairman informed the Committee that new legislation is now in place, this unifies the whole of Cornwall and applies to all areas open to the public, it is far more wide reaching than previously.

Councillor Galipeau requested this information be sent to East Looe Town Trust, West Looe Town Trust and Looe Harbour Commission.

A letter regarding dog fouling had been received and the Chairman asked for a copy of this complaint to be sent to Cornwall Council Environment Protection Department.

.2 Harford Properties

A letter received from a Mr Tosh regarding noise from the Bullers Arms in the early hours was read to the Committee.

The Clerk was asked to send a copy of this letter to Cornwall Council Licensing Department and also Environmental Protection at Cornwall Council and also highlight problems with noise from the Portbyhan Hotel. The Police should also be made aware of these problems.

.3 Over 60's Facilities

An e-mail received from a Mrs Daphne Dan was read to the Committee. Mrs Dan was suggesting exercise facilities for the over 60's similar to a childrens play park.

It was agreed that this matter be put on the Agenda for the next meeting, the Clerk was asked to respond to Mrs Dan.

22. MATTERS FOR FURTHER OR URGENT DISCUSSION

.1 Seats

Councillor Dingle reported that the seats under the responsibility of Looe Town Council are all in need of some maintenance and asked for this matter to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed **Date**

**Chairman of Environment and
Public Protection Committee**