

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, East Looe
on Monday 1st March 2010 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – The Mayor – Cllr M Joy

COUNCILLORS

D J Bryan	C Lambert
J R B Dingle	C Rose
M Gregory	W Scarah
Mrs E Hannaford	K Smith
J Hoskin	

OFFICERS

Town Clerk – Mrs A Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

The Mayor's Chaplain – Reverend Brian McQuillen
Cornish Guardian Reporter – Emma Haines
Cornish Times Reporter – Rhianna Morton

146. PRAYERS

Prayers were given by the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend B McQuillen.
One minute's silence was held in for the victims of the recent earthquake in Chile.

147. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E B Galipeau, Mrs B King, J Rothwell, A Toms, D Welch and Sgt R Hall, Devon & Cornwall Constabulary.

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The Mayor thanked all those who had attended the Memorial Service for L/Cpl Paul Upton and in particular Reverend Brian McQuillen, Mr Louis Portman (RBL), the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, Army Cadets, East Looe Town Trust and Mr Penhaligon (Looe Harbour Commission) for their assistance in the organisation of the service.

The Mayor also thanked Councillors Bryan and Smith for their part in the organisation of the recent Councillors social evening and Councillor Mrs Hannaford for the quiz. The evening had been a great success.

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

.1 The Meeting of 18th January 2010

Councillor Rose proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 18th January 2010 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hannaford it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 18th January 2010.

.2 The Special Meeting of 15th February 2010

Councillor Rose proposed that the Minutes of 15th February 2010 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Dingle it was:

RESOLVED

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

149. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

.1 Personal Interests

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

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

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

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

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

.2 Prejudicial Interests

There were none declared.

150. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

See attached Appendix 'A'.

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

Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave her report as follows:

.1 South West Water works in West Looe are on schedule and she has written to BAM Nuttall and South West Water to thank them for the way they are working.

.2 West Looe Mayday Street Fair

BAM Nuttall have agreed to donate £500 toward the cost of the street fair which is intended to "relaunch" West Looe when the works are finished.

.3 St Piran's Day

A celebration is to take place in the One Stop Shop with an exhibition of old photo's and information from the County Records Office. All Councillors are invited to attend.

.4 Libraries

Following a recent report in the media Looe Library appears to be under threat. Cornwall Council are reviewing all libraries.

.5 Looe Bowling Club

The next meeting with Cornwall Council to discuss this issue is on 10th March 2010.

.6 Skateboard Park

Councillor Tom Flannagan is to be invited to Looe to view the proposed site as there are concerns over centralised decision-making.

South East Cornwall Councillors are not happy at the perceived idea that South East Cornwall is not receiving the same funding as other areas and this issue needs to be addressed.

The Mayor endorsed this statement and stated that there is a “golden triangle” for funding and in particular the budget for the roads.

.7 Shoreline Management Plan

There is to be a consultation held on 29th March in the Guildhall. It is very important to attend as sea defences etc will be discussed.

.8 A30 and A38

There is a proposal to de-trunk these roads which will mean that the maintenance of the roads would be handed to Cornwall Highways from the Highways Agency.

Councillor Lambert queried the role of the Community Network Area, Councillor Mrs Hannaford responded that the reorganisation of this is on-going and information is sporadic. Looe Town Council need to make sure that we say what we feel the role of the Community Network Manager is.

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

There was no report given.

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

There was no report given.

154. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 18TH JANUARY 2010

.1 Reference Minute No: 135 – Councillor Dingle's request

Councillor Dingle asked if the requested letter had been sent to the Police. The Clerk replied that it had not. Councillor Dingle requested this be done.

.2 Reference Minute No: 135 – Higher Market Street Litter Bin

Councillor Dingle asked if it had been ascertained why this litter bin had been removed, Councillor Mrs Hannaford explained that it had been removed as it was being used for domestic rubbish.

Councillor Dingle requested this information in writing.

The Mayor informed Council that all holiday let properties are to receive letters from Cornwall Council reminding them of their responsibilities.

There were no matters raised from the Minutes of the Special Full Council Meeting of 15th February 2010.

155. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 Rev Brian McQuillen

Reverend McQuillen had written a letter thanking Councillors for allowing him to attend the social evening on 19th February 2010.

.2 Wootton Bassett Town Council

A letter received thanking Looe Town Council for their letter of support was read to Council.

.3 Inspector Turner – Devon and Cornwall Constabulary

A letter received in response to concerns raised over the reported events of New Year's Eve was read to Council.

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

The Chairman reported that there had been no meeting of this Committee but gave his reports of the Sub-Committee Meetings as follows:

.1 CCTV Sub-Committee Meeting of 27th January 2010

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Minutes of this Meeting be accepted, seconded by Councillor Bryan it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the 27th January 2010. 2

.2 Traffic Working Party Sub-Committee

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 17th February 2010 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hannaford it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 17th February 2010. The Mayor stated that the Cornwall Council Officers that had attended this meeting had been very negative.

.3 Meeting with Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

Councillor Joy proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 27th January 2010 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Rose it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 27th January 2010.

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

Councillor Rose gave his report of the Meetings of 25th January 2010 and 22nd February 2010 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, Councillor Bryan seconded the proposal for the Meeting of 25th January 2010 and Councillor Dingle seconded the proposal for the meeting of 22nd February 2010 and it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meetings of 25th January 2010 and 22nd February 2010. The Mayor congratulated the Committee on their efforts to bring the finances of the Council back on track.

158. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman gave his reports of the Meetings of 21st January 2010 and 1st February 2010 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Rose it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meetings of 21 January 2010 and 1st February 2010.

159. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

No Meeting had been held.

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

Councillor Rose gave the report of the Meeting of 8th February 2010 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hannaford it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 8th February 2010.

Councillor Dingle reported that he has sourced LED lights for the Lantern Procession this year.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave a short report on the perceived bias towards West Cornwall, Malcolm Bell has produced a discussion paper and there is a mini-conference on 29th March in Wadebridge which she will be attending to support South East Cornwall.

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

.1 Community Network Area Panel Meeting

The Mayor reported that this meeting had been very unsatisfactory and he had written to Collin Cresswell to make suggestions as to how the panel should work as, at the moment, it is very “top down” and should be “bottom up”.

Councillor Rose concurred with this view.

.2 Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership

Councillor Rose reported that there had been a meeting last week to discuss the 150th Anniversary of the Looe Valley Line and many suggestions had been put forward for the celebrations which will take place in Mid-September.

.3 U3A

The Mayor reported that he had been invited to speak to the morning group of the U3A, he had informed them of the projects the Council hopes to achieve and this had been well received.

162. TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A SEASONAL EVENING BUS SERVICE

Councillor Mrs Hannaford explained the background and reasons for this proposal as previously outlined in the Minutes of the Finance and Works Meeting of 22nd February 2010. It had also been ascertained that Looe Town Council could make their financial contribution at the end of the season.

There was much discussion and concerns raised, Councillor Mrs Hannaford responded to all questions.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford proposed that Looe Town Council underwrite the cost of this service up to £4,000, seconded by Councillor Rose it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 7/2 against and one abstention to underwrite the cost of the service up to £4,000.

Councillor Gregory and Councillor Smith requested that it be recorded that they were against the proposal.

163. MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

.1 Bowling Club and Putting Green

The Mayor informed Council that the indication at the moment is that Cornwall Council are offering a five year lease which is not acceptable when taking into account the expenditure involved investing in the upgrading of facilities. He proposed that we stand firm on our request for a 25/30 year lease and if this is not forthcoming we walk away. Councillor Rose supported this proposal and Council was in agreement.

.2 Policing Levels

Councillor Bryan raised concerns about the reports in the media that suggest that policing levels will be reduced due to budgetary constraints and requested that a letter be sent to the Chief Constable to seek reassurance.

164. TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £7,410.93 and for the transfer of £7,300 to the Wages Account for January 2010.

Councillor Smith proposed that the Accounts as listed for January 2010 be approved, seconded by Councillor Lambert it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Accounts for payment as listed for January 2010.

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £3,963.79 and for the transfer of £7,500 to the Wages Accounts for February 2010.

Councillor Smith proposed that the Accounts as listed for February 2010 be approved, seconded by Councillor Hoskin it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Accounts for payment as listed for February 2010.

The Mayor then asked for a proposal to move to Part Two. Councillor Mrs Hannaford proposed that the Meeting move to Part Two, seconded by Councillor Dingle it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to move the Meeting to Part Two.

The Press were asked to leave the Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm