

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, East Looe
on Monday 24th May 2010 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – The Mayor – Cllr J R B Dingle

COUNCILLORS

D J Bryan	J Hoskin
E B Galipeau	C Rose
M Gregory	K Smith
Mrs E Hannaford	A Toms

OFFICERS

Town Clerk – Mrs A Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

Sergeant R Hall – Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Carrie Garrad – Cornish Times
Emma Haines – Cornish Guardian
Mr S Cox – Caradon Camping
Mrs Trerise – Looe in Bloom
Various other members of the Public

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The Mayor welcomed the members of the public and invited them to state their concerns. The concerns raised were as follows:

.1 Traffic Working Party Recommendations

The businesses and residents of West Looe have concerns about the proposals made in our Traffic Working Party minutes of 19th April 2010. Councillor Mrs Hannaford responded to their concerns stating that these proposals had been put together using the information received following the Traffic Consultation day last September and they were not set in stone.

Councillor Toms stated that Looe Town Council are trying to put together a request for one Traffic Regulation Order for Looe to minimise the cost, there are a lot of issues to resolve and some decisions will be unpopular.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave her personal assurance that, when Looe Town Council's final recommendations are complete she will arrange another public consultation before the final document goes to Cornwall Council with a request for a Traffic Regulation Order.

.2 Mr Stephen Cox – Caradon Camping

Mr Cox raised objections to the seasonal evening bus entering his caravan park during the evening as he fears it will affect his income revenue. He is quite happy for the bus to go into his park during the day but is adamant he will not allow access in the evenings. Councillor Mrs Hannaford pointed out that this idea came from Lansallos Parish Council supported by Looe Town Council and Cornwall Council and

apologised for the obvious misunderstanding that arose on the first evening of this trial service.

.3 Looe in Bloom

Mrs Trerise stated that, at the moment, Hannaford is a disgrace because the grass has not been cut and there is little point in the flower beds being planted up.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford agreed that this situation is a disgrace and she has been very frustrated with Cornwall Council. However, it has now been ascertained that grass cutting will commence on 25th May, the delays have been caused by staffing shortages and lateness of recruitment. Councillor Mrs Hannaford informed Mrs Trerise that Mr Mark East at Cornwall Council is in charge of this service and suggested that she ring him to add more weight to our concerns.

.4 Potholes – West Looe Hill

Concerns were raised about the potholes and damage to the road on West Looe Hill. Councillor Mrs Hannaford explained that these will be dealt with but all works were suspended whilst the South West Water works was being carried out.

The Mayor thanked the public for their attendance and invited them all to attend future meetings.

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PRAYERS

There were none given.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Joy, Lambert and Welch and the Looe Community School Representative.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

.1 Meeting of 12th April 2010

Councillor Galipeau proposed that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 12th April 2010 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Toms it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 12th April 2010.

.2 Annual Meeting of 10th May 2010

Councillor Rose proposed that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 10th May 2010 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Smith it was

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 10th May 2010.

.3 Town Meeting of 10th May 2010

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Minutes of the Town Meeting of 10th May 2010 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Bryan it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Town Meeting of 10th May 2010.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

.1 Personal Interests

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

Councillor Toms declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Cornwall Council, Looe Harbour Commission and Looe Development Trust. Councillor Dingle declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust and West Looe Town Trust.

.2 Prejudicial Interests

There were none declared.

5. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

Sergeant Hall introduced himself to the members of the public and urged them to talk to him if they have any problems. Crimes need to be reported to maintain a correct record of statistics which determine the level of officers needed. Sergeant Hall gave his report (see attached Appendix 'A'). Councillor Toms stated that the crime figures are very good and he considers himself lucky to live in Looe. With reference to the survey being carried out by the Constabulary he stated that the people of Looe should be more involved. Councillor Mrs Hannaford reported that she had been out with the police and it was very illuminating and interesting and urged members of the public to take up this offer, go out with the police and see how they work.

Councillor Bryan, referring to the recent temporary loss of the 02 network, asked how the police could be contacted in an emergency. Sergeant Hall stated that if there is no mobile signal or public phone available the telephone outside of the police station should be used.

The Mayor thanked Sergeant Hall for his report and attendance and he then left the meeting.

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

Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave her report to Council. (See Appendix 'B').

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR EAST LOOE AND ST MARTINS

Councillor Toms gave his report as follows:

.1 Mayfair

Councillor Toms congratulated Councillor Mrs Hannaford on a very successful event.

.2 Skateboard Park

Cornwall Council have now given permission to use the car parking spaces required for the park.

.3 Potholes

There are numerous pot holes in the roads due to the bad weather over the winter, particularly along Fore Street, East Looe which will all be repaired as soon as possible.

.4 Barrett Homes

The planning application will be submitted shortly, Councillor Toms has asked for his reservations regarding access to be put on record. Barrett Homes have been very good with communication and listening to the local residents.

.5 Millendreath

The planning application for this development is also to be submitted shortly, the first phase to be built being up near the main road, the rest will be phased in gradually. Benefits of the first phase will be provision of a car park, swimming pool etc.

.6 Convergence Funding

Councillor Toms stated that lack of funding for this area could be due to lack of provision of plans, other areas had plans for use of this funding in place before Cornwall Council became a Unitary Council. Both he and Councillor Mrs Hannaford will now be pushing for this European money.

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM LOOE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

There was no report given.

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

There were no matters raised.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service Plan 2010/13

This service plan will be available in the office.

.2 Cornwall Council

Acknowledgement of Councillor Joy's letter to Mr Lavery Chief Executive, Cornwall Council had been received but no response as yet.

.3 Mrs Ann Stevens

Mrs Stevens had asked for consideration of controlling seagulls using hawks as per a newspaper article she had supplied.

This matter was referred to the Environment and Public Protection Committee for consideration.

11. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

.1 Traffic Working Party of 19th April 2010

The Chairman gave his report of the meeting of 19th April 2010 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Hoskin it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the 19th April 2010.

.2 Environment & Public Protection Meeting of 17th May 2010

The Chairman gave his report of the Meeting of 17th May 2010 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Hoskin it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 17th May 2010.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford reported that she and Councillor Toms have a meeting with Cornwall Council on 25th May 2010 to discuss the problems on Downs View Road.

12. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE AND WORKS COMMITTEE

The Chairman gave his report of the Meeting of 26th April 2010 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Bryan it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 26th April 2010.

The Mayor informed Council that, after discussions with Councillor Rose, Councillor Galipeau (Deputy Mayor) and the Clerk, he had decided to take a reduced allowance but will carry out all Mayoral duties.

13. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

.1 Meetings of 7th April and 15th April 2010

The Chairman gave his reports of the meetings of 7th April 2010 and 15th April 2010 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Rose it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meetings of 7th April and 15th April 2010.

.2 Meeting of 4th May 2010

Councillor Rose gave the report of the Meeting of 4th May 2010 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Toms it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 4th May 2010.

Councillor Toms reported that, in his capacity as Cornwall Councillor, he had called in planning application no 10/00385/FUL – land adjacent to Glendower, East Looe for Cornwall Council committee decision as he feels this application needs to go through the due process, especially if the officers refuse the application and an appeal is lodged.

14. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

No Meeting had been held.

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

The Chairman gave his report of the Meeting of 18th May 2010 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Dingle it was:

RESOLVED

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

The Mayor explained that the profit made from the Looe Guide will be spent on promotion of Looe including the current big screen adverts in Drake's Circus in Plymouth.

16. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE WORKING PARTIES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

.1 Looe Valley Line

Councillor Rose reported that he had attended the Meeting held on 20th May 2010 and gave his report as per attached Appendix 'C'.

.2 Street Pastors

Councillor Rose reported that there have been problems setting up this project. (See attached Appendix 'D').

.3 University of Plymouth

The Mayor informed Council that the University of Plymouth students, working with Year 9 of Looe Community School, have published a childrens book of Looe. The official launch of the book will take place on Thursday 27th May at 12.30 in the Guildhall and all Councillors are invited.

17. TO ELECT TWO COUNCIL NOMINATED EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST TRUSTEES

The Mayor explained that the Term of Office as Council nominated Trustees of Councillor David Bryan and Mr Colin Cotton expires on 31st May 2010.

The Mayor proposed that Councillor Bryan and Mr Cotton be re-elected to serve as East Looe Town Trust Trustees for a further four year term, seconded by Councillor Rose it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously that Councillor Bryan and Mr Cotton be elected to serve as Council nominated East Looe Town Trust Trustees until 31 May 2014.

18. TO ELECT A COUNCIL NOMINATED WEST LOOE TOWN TRUST TRUSTEE

The Mayor informed Council that West Looe Town Trust have requested this matter be deferred until the next full Council meeting and asked for approval of this request which was unanimously given.

19. TO APPROVE THE INTERNALLY AUDITED ACCOUNTS

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Rose on his achievement for the last financial year.

Councillor Rose proposed that the Audited Accounts as presented (see attached Appendix 'C') be approved, seconded by Councillor Dingle it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the internally Audited Accounts as presented.

20. MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

There were no matters raised.

21. THE APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £12,257.49 and for the transfer of £8,600 to the Wages Account for April 2010.

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

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the Accounts for Payment as listed for April 2010.

The Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed:

Date:

Mayor of Looe – Chairman of Full Council

Copies of Appendices A, D, and E are available in the Council Office.

Appendices B and C are attached.

WEST LOOE & LANSALLOS DIVISION REPORT MAY 2010**West Looe May Fayre**

Thanks to all who made it a success?

Consensus is that it was a great success. It highlighted the fine businesses we have in West Looe, helped local groups and organisations fund raise and brought the community together in a fun day.

I do hope it will continue year on and have already suggested 30th April 2011 as next years date.

Particular thanks to Cllrs who assisted Cllr Rose & Toms traffic duty, Cllr Welch & Cllr Joy

Looe/Polperro seasonal evening bus service

Starts 24th May, monitoring and promotion to be undertaken, print timetable in Community News.

Traffic Management

Asked by Looe Community School to undertake a consultation in the school, as part of my regular citizenship activity days, other Cllrs are welcome to assist. Next date is 12th June.

Rebecca Dickson confirmed at CNA if a TRO required, there could be 1 for Looe to save money. CNA asking for clarity of when design of schemes proposed can go ahead.

If anyone knows of a sign that needs maintenance or cleaning please let me know.

I would like to propose we have another consultation day similar to previous to explain the proposals before proceeding. I have already briefed most businesses in West Looe.

The process for officers to implement our plans and take them forward to design and costing is imminent, as confirmed by Cllr Hicks at full Council last week.

Skateboard Park

Positive meeting with Parking Policy Panel on 7th May, they recommended to Cllr Hicks the portfolio holder that permission should be given for use of the Millpool car park. The skaters are organising fund raising events and the planning application is ongoing. I have indicated that should there be a recommendation for refusal I will call it in as there is so much public interest.

Mid term review of Convergence funding

As part of the Economy & Environment Scrutiny panel, I proposed a single issue panel that was accepted by the panel, we had our first meeting last week.

One of the issues in the terms of reference we are scrutinising is

To analyse the results of the Panel's reviews to identify geographic and thematic opportunities;

This is a reference to the perception that SE Cornwall has not received the same investment in the economy and jobs as other parts of Cornwall.

Local transport plan (LTP3)

This document is out for consultation. I stressed last week that we need to be mindful that SE Cornwall needs good transport to Derriford as the nearest general hospital. Cornwall is coordinating with Plymouth City who is going through the same process. Emphasis on integrating public transport, discouraging car use and focussing on bus services. Happy to coordinate Looe Town Councils response.

Waste leaflet

Coordinated co-operation between Looe Town Council, Lansallos Parish Council & Cornwall Council to produce a leaflet reminding residents and businesses of their responsibilities regarding waste and recycling, at a small cost to Looe Town Council.

Once printed I hope members will assist with distribution in the historic core in particular.

Toilet refurbishment

A sum of money has been identified for refurbishing toilets in Looe and Talland. Unlikely to start until winter. Plans to be coordinated through the town cleaning meeting as part of our active partnering scheme.

Shoreline management plan

Reminder that comments deadline is 17th June. I am preparing a possible response from Looe Town Council for approval on West Looe issues.

Web casting

You can now view Full Council proceedings live on the Internet. The archived web cast has a search facility with links to the agenda and speakers which might be useful. www.cornwall.gov.uk

APPENDIX 'C'

Looe Valley Line Forum

150th Anniversary and the return of steam.

Plans for the 150th anniversary of Looe's railway are well under way with the principle celebrations taking place on Saturday 11th September followed by the exciting news that steam will be returning to the line on Sunday September 19th and 26th respectively. It is hoped that two GWR Pannier Tank engines will run up to four trips on each of the two Sundays hauling four carriages. As more information becomes available, I will update you accordingly in the next Community News.

Line usage for 2009 was 17.4% up on 2008 and so far 2010 is up by 4.9% on 2009.

The Students Union had an action day on Sunday 27th February with one team painting the station building at Looe and the other team clearing and planting the bank at Sandplace Station. This team included a couple of students working under the Vinspired Project which has funded extra support to allow disabled students to take part. Many thanks to Rebecca and Claire and all the students who took part.

A "Days Out" promotion aimed at students and staff at the University of Plymouth was held on Tuesday 20th April with Mark Camp and Rebecca staffing a stall in the Roland Levinsky Building. The event was such a success that an even bigger event is planned Tuesday 5th October. A big thank you to all those involved.

A new Summer/Autumn line guide is in production for distribution in June and will be available in Looe TIC and First Great Western stations.

This is certainly going to be a very exciting year for the Looe Valley Line.

Looe Valley Line Forum are also open to joint promotions with the Tourist Information Centre in the future.

Cllr Chris Rose - Looe Valley Line representative for LTC