

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FINANCE
AND WORKS COMMITTEE

held in The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe
on Monday 28th February 2011 at 7.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Chairman – Cllr K Smith
Cllrs D J Bryan, T Crane, J R B Dingle, J Hoskin
M Gregory, W Martin and Mrs M Powell

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk – Mrs A Frith

80. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Welch,
A Toms and E B Galipeau.

ABSENT

Councillors P Crossley, Mrs E Hannaford (until 8.30pm) and Rothwell.

81. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Bryan and Dingle declared an interest in any matter raised
concerning East Looe Town Trust.

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West Looe Town Trust.

**82. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
24TH JANUARY 2011**

.1 Reference Minute No: 73.1 – East Looe Town Trust

The Clerk was asked to re-arrange this meeting as soon as possible.

.2 Reference Minute No: 73.4 – Central Ticketing

The Committee agreed that an alternative method of ticketing should
be looked at.

.3 Reference Minute No: 72.1 – Looe Allotment Society

The Clerk reported that the hardcore had been ordered from Dave Peat
Waste at a cost of £120 plus VAT which Looe Town Council will pay
for.

The Committee discussed the request for water butts but agreed that
these could not be funded. It was suggested that the Allotment Society
apply for an “Awards for All” grant.

.4 Reference Minute No: 79.1 – Public Works Loan

This is an agenda item for discussion.

.5 Reference Minute No: 79.2 – Chamber of Trade

A response had been received advising that all records will remain with
the Secretary.

.6 Reference Minute No: 79.5 – Public Convenience Consultation

As the response to this consultation has to be made by 7th March 2011 (before the next Environment and Public Protection Meeting) the Chairman of that Committee had drafted a response. The Clerk was asked to circulate the response for approval.

83. TO DISCUSS REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

.1 Looe IT Centre

A letter and statement had been received requesting the second half of the second tranche of pledged funds.

The letter explained that funding had been secured from the LAP, a marketing strategy put in place and a statement of usage figures.

The Committee still felt that some questions we asked are still unanswered but, after discussion, Councillor Dingle proposed that the requested £1,500 be paid but advised that the Council will be reviewing the situation, seconded by Councillor Gregory it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 7/1 abstention to pay the £1,500 with the above advisory.

.2 Salt Bins

Requests for Looe Town Council to purchase two further salt/grit bins had been received, one for Rame View and one for the Millpool.

The Committee decided that as Rame View was a private road it would not be appropriate to provide a salt bin as it would not be serviced by Cornwall Council and in the case of the Millpool they felt that Cornwall Council have responsibility to maintain access for the Ambulance Service situated in the Millpool.

.3 Winter Ferry

A request from Looe Development Trust for funding for the Winter Ferry service was received.

The Chairman pointed out that the ferry is a business as is the seasonal bus that Looe Town Council part funded last year and that, in his opinion, both or neither should be supported.

After much discussion Councillor Dingle proposed that £100 be donated, seconded by Councillor Hoskin it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to donate £100.

84. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 Mrs P Gyles – Town Band

Mrs Gyles had written requesting the Council's support to use the Guildhall Chamber as a venue for a recruitment open day for the proposed band.

This matter was discussed and it was felt that the tea-room may be a better venue. The Clerk was asked to respond suggesting that a letter be sent to East Looe Town Trust requesting the use of the tea-room free of charge.

.2 Pennon Group

A dividend notification had been received.

.3 Cornwall Blind Association

A letter received thanking Council for their recent donation was read to the Committee.

85. QUOTATIONS

.1 Kernow Aerials

A quote received for the annual seagull egg cull was discussed. The cost is the same as 2010 - £1,406 plus VAT.

Councillor Dingle proposed that the quote be accepted, seconded by Councillor Bryan it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the quote.

.2 Portrayal

A quotation for a new colour photocopier had been received amounting to £103 per month leased.

The Clerk stated that, although this quote had been received it had not been requested and the current copier is adequate for the office needs.

Councillor Dingle proposed that the quote be rejected, seconded by Councillor Bryan it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to reject the quote.

86. TO DISCUSS THE MAYORAL ALLOWANCE

The Chairman explained that the current Mayor, Councillor Dingle, had requested this matter be discussed.

Councillor Dingle proposed a decrease in the Mayoral allowance from £6,000 to £2,000 and an increase of the donation to Looe in Bloom from £3,000 to £4,500 explaining that he had carried out all Mayoral duties that he considered relevant within the £2,000 he had so far received from the budgeted amount. (See attached Appendix 'A').

There were many arguments against this proposal during which the Chairman stated that the extra funds for Looe in Bloom could be found from Stakeholders pensions allowed for in the budget and not taken up, also that Looe in Bloom had been paid extra last year to bring the Mariner's Garden up to standard.

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Mayoral allowance be kept as it is for review when setting the next budget, ask CALC whether accounting procedures are required for expenditure of the allowance and that Mayoral Duties should be referred to the Procedures Committee for defining, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 7/1 abstention to accept the above proposal.

NOTE: The Clerk pointed out that any proposed diversion of budgeted funding agreed by Resolution of Council at the Full Council Meeting of December 7th 2009 Minute Number 120 must be put to Full Council as a Notice of Motion for further Resolution.

87. TO DISCUSS CAR PARK CHARGES

The charges for the permit holders for the Health Centre Patients car park were discussed, as we still have some vacant spaces Councillor Gregory proposed that the charge remains the same for 2011/12, seconded by Councillor Bryan it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously that there be no increase for 2011/12.

The Clerk was asked to advertise the vacant spaces.

88. TO DISCUSS THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION

Councillor Gregory explained that the loan would be for the purpose of purchasing the Lighthouse Cafe and for the refurbishment of the property and explained that a maximum of £500k can be applied for over up to 50 years on a fixed interest basis for the term of the loan through the Public Works Loan Board.

A quotation for essential legal requirement upgrading had been obtained and amounts to approximately £30k.

There is a potential for income other than the Tourist Information Centre with the possibility of an internet type cafe and accommodation rental.

This matter was discussed at length with most agreeing that this would be a good opportunity to give the Tourist Information Centre high profile and be an asset for the Council.

Councillor Gregory proposed that an application for £500k over 15 years be submitted to CALC for permission and that an offer of £280k to a maximum of £350k be made on the property, subject to all necessary surveys seconded by Councillor Martin it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 7/1 abstention to accept the above proposal.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed Date
Chairman of Finance and Works Committee

Appendix 'A' can be viewed in the Council Office.