

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

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

held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, East Looe on
Thursday 13th January 2011 at 7.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor M Gregory
Councillors J R B Dingle, E B Galipeau,
J Hoskin, Mrs E Hannaford, Mrs M Powell
and D Welch

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk – Mrs Anne Frith
Sergeant Hall – Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Mr P Gibson and Mr J Warne – East Looe Town Trust
Mr J Penhaligon – Looe Harbour Commission
Mr G Powell
Mr A Brown

65. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D J Bryan and
Councillor Mrs Hannaford for later arrival.

ABSENT

Councillor J Rothwell.

66. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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**67. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS
OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions asked.

68. TO REVIEW NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

The Chairman congratulated Councillor and Mr Powell on a
spectacular display.

The Chairman stated that the evening had gone well but there had
been a problem with the clean-up of the seafront area on New Year's
day. Cornwall Council had agreed to clean the area but unfortunately
had forgotten to programme it into the work schedule. A letter of
apology has been received from Mr David, Operations Manager,
Environment Service. Mr David also confirmed that Cornwall Council
will carry out the clean-up next year.

The Chairman also commented that an e-mail received from Mr Cotton, Chairman of East Looe Town Trust, on the matter was rather rude. Sergeant Hall reported that from the police point of view the evening had gone well but there were quite a number of under-age drinkers. He had hoped to target this problem with extra staff that were booked to be in Looe for 6.30pm but, unbeknown to him, these staff had been rescheduled to arrive at 8.30pm and the opportunity was missed. There were 17 staff on duty over the course of the evening with only a couple of minor incidents despite the arrival of 9 coaches of revellers. The Chairman stated that on the whole it had been a good evening. Looe Town Council are not and should not be involved, the fireworks were organised by members of the community for the community. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Inspector Jocelyn.

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At this point Sergeant Hall, Mr Gibson and Mr Warne left the meeting.

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69. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

.1 Reference Minute No: 50 – Winter Service Policy Cornwall Council

The Clerk reported that Dave Peat Waste would be willing to take on the servicing of the salt bins but a quote cannot be requested until the exact number and location of salt bins in East Looe has been ascertained.

Councillor Galipeau suggested that areas be drawn up for East Looe Councillors to obtain this information. This was agreed.

The salt bins in West Looe have been counted and located by Councillor Welch.

.2 Reference Minute No: 51 – Mr Brown's proposal for the Looe Valley Line

Mr Brown gave an update report on the progress he has made so far. (See attached Appendix 'A'). Councillor Gregory suggested setting up a small working group when Mr Brown is ready, probably during March. Councillor Galipeau stated that the meeting Mr Brown had had with Cornwall Council appears to have been very positive and supports Councillor Gregory's suggestion to form a small working group. Mr Brown will enforce the premise that Looe Town Council will play a major role in this project.

The Chairman thanked Mr Brown for his report and Mr Brown then left the meeting.

70. TO REVIEW THE LANTERN PROCESSION

The Chairman stated that, despite the cold weather and the postponement of the event, the evening had gone well. However, it was agreed that a better venue should be found as although the Harbour Commission had been generous enough to allow the use of the Fish Market and surrounding area, it was not ideal.

It had been suggested that the service and number of carols could be reduced and confusion had arisen with two sets of carol sheets due to the short service in West Looe.

It was agreed that the carol service in West Looe needs to compliment the whole event.

The Clerk stated that she had been very disappointed at the number of Councillors willing to be involved and it had been a struggle to reach the required number of Marshalls resulting in asking members of the public to assist. The Chairman supported these concerns.

Mr Penhaligon suggested that a letter be sent to Looe Harbour Commission to ask if part of Buller car park could be used as a venue for the Carol Service. The Clerk was asked to write to Looe Harbour Commission.

Councillor Galipeau congratulated the Chairman on making the right call to postpone the event on 16th December 2010.

71. **CORRESPONDENCE**

.1 Cornwall Council – Mr S Foster – Civil Enforcement Officers

A reply had been received regarding our enquiry about the number of tickets issued in Looe.

Mr Foster had supplied figures for Cornwall East but apparently the exact figures for Looe cannot be supplied as a whole, only street by street. The Clerk was asked to request specific information as indicated.

.2 Cornwall Council – Health and Social Care Hubs

The Chairman will read this information and the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

.3 Councillor Mrs Hannaford – Podcast – Harbourside Walks

Councillor Mrs Hannaford had provided this podcast and briefly explained that three “village” type signs are needed to deter visitors from walking along the Polperro Road and St Martins Road into town and to inform people of the West Looe shops and facilities by placing a sign in the Millpool car park. Councillor Mrs Hannaford will be taking pre-planning application advice and asked the Committee for support in principle to include this in the traffic proposals. This was unanimously given.

The Clerk was asked to circulate the podcast to all members.

.4 Mrs Gyles – Town Band

This letter had been referred from Full Council. The Chairman read the letter but it is not clear what Mrs Gyles is asking for.

The Committee were in agreement that a letter of support be sent to Mrs Gyles and to ask for clarification of the reason for her letter.

72. **TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND CORNWALL COUNCIL’S ROAD CLOSURE POLICY**

The Chairman informed the Committee that correspondence had been received informing us that it is now a requirement to have trained marshalls and accredited contractors for road closures for any processions.

Cornwall Council are offering free traffic management training at Notter Bridge on various dates.

Sergeant Hall expressed the view that a pool of trained volunteers are needed as police cover can no longer be guaranteed.

The Committee discussed this matter and it was agreed that as many Councillors and volunteer groups as possible be encouraged to take up this training.

The Clerk was asked to circulate the information to all Councillors, Looe Harbour Commission, East Looe Town Trust, Lions Club etc and ascertain suitable dates for training.

73. TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A TOWN WARDEN

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

74. TO DISCUSS THE TOWNS GUTTERING

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

75. MATTERS FOR FURTHER OR URGENT DISCUSSION

.1 CCTV – CDA Solutions

Councillor Welch explained that CDA Solutions had been put in touch with Looe Town Council by Mr Clements (Old Bridge House) and their representative had visited the office and the current CCTV camera sites with him. A quotation had been received but as it had not been done according to the specification requirements supplied for Securiguard comparisons could not be made.

The Clerk was asked to provide CDA Solutions with the required specification and request another quote.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Welch for his time and effort.

The Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed **Date**

**Chairman of Environment and
Public Protection Committee**

Looe Valley Line Project

Update to Environment and Public Protection Committee – Looe Town Council
13/01/11

Interaction with stakeholders to date;

DfT

There is a major review underway of UK Railway funding to identify opportunities to reduce costs and improve business performance sponsored by the Coalition, being carried out by a team lead by Sir Roy McNulty

His interim report is critical of the substantial rise in costs since privatisation, (X3). Key recommendations are;

- Regional railways (e.g. Looe Valley Line) account for 61% of the costs and attract high subsidies. Action is needed to reduce these costs and subsidies
- To reduce the costs there needs industry reform
- A need for better relationships between Train Operators and Network Rail
- Reform of franchising arrangements
- Route or area based alliances to improve performance

DfT have been given details of our vision, advised of the feasibility review project and given access to the two papers previously presented to the Committee. This information has been passed to the McNulty review team to input into final considerations of industry reform

This has been taken as an agreement to carry on with the feasibility assessment. Further discussions will be progressed to facilitate getting access to industry data not in public domain

Cornwall Council (CCC)

Met with Councillor Hicks –cabinet responsibility for Transport – and Councillor Toms

It was confirmed that the Council is responsible for Transport policy and deployment in the County

Presently activity is biased toward bus rather than rail, but CCC recognised that this needs to change in future

CCC generally considers the vision as an opportunity but need to have more detail on scope and costs of options to achieve the vision

Connecting Cornwall 2030 is very bus orientated which is accepted taking account of rural population but is light on Rail with only minor service development plans around St Austell, Truro and Newquay.

CCC consider the project is in line with principles of Connecting 2030 plan and Localism

Agreed that a more detailed presentation will be given to other CCC Cabinet members and Officers to facilitate more detailed discussion, particularly on grant aid availability to support achieving the vision

Others Stakeholders

Awaiting meeting with Liskeard Council (Brian Galipeau actioning)

Presented vision to Looe Development Trust. - considering how this organisation could assist if project progresses. Awaiting response from Trustees

Arranging to meet with FGW to give outline of feasibility study post article in Cornish Guardian and discuss involvement as project progresses, particularly business data

Presenting to Rail Partnership Looe Valley Line group with Network Rail on project and feasibility study

Progressing initial discussions with other stakeholders and private rail operators – e.g. Bodmin and Wenford, Seaton Tramway