

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MULTI AGENCY WORKING GROUP

held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe on
Monday 18th July 2011 at 7.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Chairman – The Mayor – Cllr D J Bryan
Cllrs T Crane, J R B Dingle, E B Galipeau,
M Gregory, W Martin, Mrs M Powell, A Toms and
D Welch

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk – Mrs A Frith
Mr L Kennedy – Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Cornwall Council
Mr D Parker – Crime and Disorder Reduction Team – Cornwall Council
Mr S Foster – Community Network Manager – Cornwall Council
Miss M Brooking – Licensing – Cornwall Council
Sergeant R Hall – Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
PC H Libby – Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
Mr J Penhaligan – Looe Harbour Commission
Mr J Warne – East Looe Town Trust
Mrs L Stone – Licensee
Mr S Kenny – Licensee
Mr C Clements – Resident
Mr G Morris – Resident
Various members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies given.

2. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none at this stage.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bryan 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.

Councillor Galipeau declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust and Looe Boat Owners Association.

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

4. **TO DISCUSS AND IDENTIFY A COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN FOR LOOE TO COMBAT NOISE AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

The Chairman passed the meeting to Councillor Toms who explained the problems Looe has regarding noise and anti-social behaviour. The Newquay Safe scheme set up to combat Newquay's problems is working well but Councillor Toms emphasised that Looe's problems do not compare with Newquay. The idea of this meeting is to work together to work out a situation for Looe.

Mr Kennedy and Mr Parker both explained the Newquay scheme, both stated that Looe has completely different issues to Newquay but that does not mean that a solution cannot be found.

Mr Parker stated that East Cornwall has a much lower crime rate than the rest of Cornwall and Cornwall's crime rate is much lower than the rest of the country, he encouraged people to report incidents as obtaining a log number creates a record on which policing levels are based.

There was much discussion surrounding the cause of this problem, Sergeant Hall stated that the licensees are not the problem it is people themselves. He also supported the reporting of incidents, no log number equals no crime.

Sergeant Hall suggested that some solutions could be:

- .1 Efficient town wide CCTV system
- .2 Engaging with the Street Pastors
- .3 Adopting the "what will your drink cost" campaign
- .4 Adopting the "shhh" scheme
- .5 The Amendment Bill, currently in the House of Lords, to the Licensing Act 2003.

Mr Kenny, the licensee of the Salutation, is also a Fire Officer and he suggested that the Fire Brigade may be able to help with raising awareness of the dangers of drink and drugs when undertaking their current work with the youngsters. The Fire Brigade are highly respected by the youngsters and this sort of initiative could work well.

After much further discussions the Mayor proposed that a formal working group be set up consisting of: himself, Councillors Toms, Gregory, Smith and Dingle, Mr Parker, the police, two licensees, two members of the public, one representative of the Street Pastors, Stephen Foster and Cornwall Council Licensing. This was agreed.

Mr Foster agreed to obtain information from the Newquay Safe Chairman for the next meeting.

Sergeant Hall requested a target time limit on agreeing solutions, the Mayor agreed and this will be determined at the next meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.25pm.