

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY SUB-COMMITTEE (PART
OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE)
MEETING**

held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, East Looe, on
Monday 9th May 2011 at 7.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Chairman – Cllr M Gregory
Cllrs D J Bryan, J R B Dingle (ex officio),
T Crane, E B Galipeau and A Toms

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk – Mrs Anne Frith
Ms A Milner
Various members of the Public

15. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Crossley,
J Hoskin and Mrs E Hannaford.

16. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors D Bryan, J Dingle and E B Galipeau declared an interest in
any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust.
Councillor Toms declared an interest in any matter raised concerning
Cornwall Council.

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At this point the Chairman requested the Committee's permission to
alter the order of the Agenda which was unanimously agreed.

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17. TO DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT TRO

See attached results.

The Chairman explained that this had been part of an informal consultation
following comments from residents and businesses after the Cornwall
Council road closure earlier in the year.

As many residents as possible had been e-mailed with all information relating
to this proposal.

The Chairman proposed that Looe Town Council do not proceed any further
with the amendment, seconded by Councillor Dingle it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 4/1 against not to proceed with the suggested amendment.

The Chairman stated that, from the responses received, a good proportion of the residents agreed that some form of traffic restriction is needed and some good suggestions have been put forward, these will all be looked at and discussed to find a solution to non-essential access.

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

The members of the public present had nominated Mr Simon Kelleway to speak on their behalf.

Mr Kelleway stated that he was pleased with the Committee's decision but wants more transparency and honesty from this Council.

The Chairman explained that Looe Town Council were under no obligation to consult the residents as a formal consultation is carried out by Cornwall Council, Looe Town Council had done this to ascertain local feeling with no pre-conceived ideas or hidden agenda.

General discussion then followed regarding the height restriction on Barbican Hill and speeding, parking issues etc. Councillor Toms explained that the Traffic Order 1986 in place at the moment needs working on, he will also arrange for a speed check monitor to be placed on Barbican Hill.

Mr Holford asked if the Council could liaise with the police regarding the use of Special Constables for directing traffic to alleviate the problem on Fore Street.

The Chairman stated that all of these suggestions will be looked at and Councillor Toms informed all present that the current TRO application will be out for formal consultation in a couple of months.

The Mayor, Councillor Dingle, thanked all for attending and stated that this Council never had any intention of sweeping anything under the carpet or misleading the residents of Looe. He also stated that the Chairman is very well qualified to deal with this issue.

The Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed Date
Chairman of the Traffic Working Party Sub-Committee

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
APPLICATION SUBMITTED ON 8TH DECMEBER 2010

235 questionnaires returned plus a few general letters of 'observations'

47 expressed they were in business

About half had to use either Barbican Hill or Fore Street to access their property/business

1/ To prohibit access between Lascares and Castle Street

YES	60	NO	148
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Should access be prohibited between 10am and 6pm

YES	45	NO	141
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Should access be prohibited between 11am and 7pm

YES	23	NO	150
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There were deviations to times but seeing the overall response was NO that these seem irrelevant.

COMMENTS

Many thought it was a 'stupid idea', the full consequences had not been thought through, they knew that the work had to be done during the winter and using Barbican Hill was a nightmare at that time. The area would be a non-deliverable area and no go area for tradesmen, increase traffic on Barbican Hill and Barbican Road and to leave it as it is.

Other comments include that the traffic lights need to be sequenced better. Tamar Tag device was an option or a permit scheme. There has to be access for residents and deliveries. One way down Barbican Hill, better signage and install traffic lights on the Hill. Better signage at The Bridge End and to employ a traffic warden. Blue badge holders were worried about their gaining access.

2/ Height restriction at the top of Barbican Hill

YES 140 NO 44

COMMENTS

One person own a car wider than the bollards, it should be residents access only, why height and not by weight and the restriction should be at Klymiarvon.

3/ Access road between Kelly's and the Wishing Well

YES 140 NO 40

COMMENTS

The comments were mainly constructed about the parking in general in Fore Street that has already been proposed, but several mentioned that the space could be used for deliveries only. Others thought it was already in force, didn't know where it was and what has this got with the issue.