

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTREME WEATHER WORKING GROUP MEETING

held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe on
Wednesday 9th November 2011 at 7.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor M Gregory
Councillors T Crane, D J Bryan,
E B Galipeau, Mrs M Powell and A Toms

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk – Mrs Anne Frith
Mr S Foster – Cornwall Council CNA Manager
Carol Edwards – St John's Ambulance
Chris Burt – St John's Ambulance
Mrs T Goldthorpe
Mrs S Foster and Miss L Foster
Mr and Mrs T Simms – West Looe Neighbourhood Watch
Mr J Penhaligon – Looe Harbour Master

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Welch.

2. **TO ESTABLISH A PLAN OF ACTION AND DETERMINE THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN FOR EXTREME WEATHER**

The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting. The severe weather last year highlighted the need for establishing groups in all areas of the town to help the vulnerable and elderly in adverse weather conditions, the Neighbourhood Watches being a starting point.

The Chairman asked for suggestions as to how to formulate a workable plan, Mr Foster stated that Cornwall Council can help with this and provided an example of a Community Emergency Plan which could be tailored to meet the requirements of Looe.

The main concern appeared to be the lack of road gritting and the need for extra salt bins particularly up West Looe Hill and Hannafore Road. The Chairman explained that Looe Town Council will be taking on responsibility of re-filling the salt bins and could possibly sell salt to the public as we will be buying in bulk.

Councillor Bryan suggested that it may be possible to store some salt in the Watch Tower, owned by East Looe Town Trust and Mr Penhaligon may also have storage space.

Councillor Crane suggested that perhaps the best way would be to "grid" the town and identify a co-ordinator in each area to make sure every area is covered.

Councillor Toms suggested putting together a fact sheet giving information such as contact telephone numbers, 4 x 4 owners, trades

people (plumbers etc), WRVS, Age UK etc. Mr Foster agreed to help with this so that it can be circulated as soon as possible.

It was also agreed that a central co-ordination point for very extreme emergencies is needed and it was suggested that the Guildhall appears to be the most appropriate place.

Councillor Bryan also suggested that the Heath Centre and the Chemists be contacted for assistance.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and summed up by stating that Looe Town Council will now put together the leaflet for distribution and the Community Emergency Plan with the help of Mr Foster and then call another meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.