

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 November 2011 at 7.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Chairman – Cllr K Smith
Cllrs D J Bryan (Mayor), T Crane, B Galipeau,
M Gregory, Mrs E Hannaford, J Hoskin,
W Martin, Mrs M Powell, C Rose, A Toms
and D Welch

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk – Mrs A Frith
Ms Jade Farrington – Cornish Guardian
Mr G Healey - Resident

71. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Crossley,
J R B Dingle and T Stacey

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The Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming Chris Rose to the
Council.

The Mayor also stated that the ensuing discussions should be
reasonable, measured debate with no personal comments regarding
the papers to be discussed.

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

Mr Healey asked for sight of the discussion papers. The Mayor
responded that this request would be dealt with when that part of the
Agenda was reached. Ms Farrington stated that, having spoken to her
legal department, there is no requirement to keep the relevant
documents confidential as it is an open meeting.

73. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bryan declared an interest in any matter raised concerning
East Looe Town Trust.

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

Councillor Mrs Hannaford declared an interest in any matter raised
concerning Cornwall Council and SECTA.

74. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 24TH OCTOBER 2011

There were no matters raised.

75. TO APPROVE THE INCLUSION OF FUNDING IN THE BUDGET TO KEEP THE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE OPEN LONGER HOURS

The Chairman explained that the October half-term had been very busy and had stayed open extra hours. This matter had been discussed at the last Town Tourism meeting and it was agreed that having the facility to stay open longer, especially during high season, could be beneficial for the Council and visitors.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford stated that the income for October had been particularly high, as had the footfall and suggested that having the option to stay open longer could be of benefit. Councillor Mrs Hannaford also informed the Committee that Visit Cornwall had, for the first time ever, given a grant of £4,190 to the Tourist Information Centre and stated that this money should go to the Tourist Information Centre, another possible way of increasing income could be to work with SECTA now that they have established Quality in Cornwall which is cheaper to join than the Visit Cornwall Quality in Tourism accreditation. Councillor Toms proposed that an extra £780 be budgeted for to enable longer opening hours, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hannaford it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to include an extra £780 in the budget.

76. TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT PROPOSALS FOR 2012/13 AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

The Mayor explained that an informal meeting had been held on 25th November with Councillors Smith, Hannaford and Crossley to work through the proposals provided by the Clerk. This had been very necessary to enable the best possible proposal to be put forward.

The bottom line is that Looe Town Council will have to take on services with no guarantee of funding from Cornwall Council and the issue of the TUPE relating to their existing staff is of great concern.

There will be two draft proposals for discussion (see attached) one prepared by the Clerk, in conjunction with the above Councillors, showing an 8% increase in the precept and one prepared by Councillor Galipeau which suggests a decrease in the precept of 27%.

Both proposals were discussed at great length and the merits of both considered and explanations given when requested.

After due consideration of both proposals Councillor Gregory proposed that the paper produced by the Clerk representing an 8% increase in the Precept be put to Full Council with the recommendation for acceptance, seconded by Councillor Martin it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 8/2 against (Councillors Galipeau and Toms) and two abstentions to accept the above proposal.

The Meeting closed at 10.15pm