

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Tourist Information Centre, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe
on Monday 24th October 2011 at 7.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor K Smith
Councillors D J Bryan, P Crossley,
M Gregory, B Galipeau and W Martin

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk – Mrs A Frith
Councillor Mrs M Powell
Mr R Chase – Street Pastors

60. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Hoskin and D Welch.

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

There were no members of the public present.

62. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Martin declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Making Waves.

63. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10TH AUGUST 2011

.1 Reference Minute No: 51.2 – Election Costs

The Clerk had clarified that these costs relate to the 2013 elections.

.2 Reference Minute No: 51.3 – Looe in Bloom

The Clerk reported that a letter requesting suitable dates for a meeting had been sent but no response received so far.

64. TO DISCUSS REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

.1 Street Pastors

Mr Chase provided statistics of incidents dealt with in Liskeard and Looe since their work had started and he explained that approximately £8,000 has been spent on uniforms and equipment over the last eight months and £1,400 on three handsets which provide reasonably good coverage for their work in Looe. Another two handsets, with a repeater station would provide full coverage.

Mr Chase explained that the Street Pastors do not need another two handsets to carry out their work, the idea behind the request made was for community benefit. Councillor Gregory stated that the application form submitted had been misunderstood by the Committee, now that

this has been clarified the Committee agreed that they would prefer to approve a grant towards the costs incurred by the Street Pastors. Councillor Bryan proposed that a letter be sent to Mr Chase asking him to submit a request for a grant after the Christmas/New Year period and to provide statistics for Looe only, seconded by Councillor Galipeau it was unanimously agreed.

65. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 Spectrum

A letter thanking the Council for their donation was read to the Committee.

66. TO DISCUSS QUOTATIONS

.1 Gifts to Impress

The quotation previously discussed was discussed again as a sample coin had been received. The Committee considered the coin to be of suitable quality, the agreement being that design on the sample be on one side and the competition winning design on the other.

There were discussions regarding the number of coins to be ordered and Councillor Gregory proposed that 350 should be ordered, any remaining coins to be sold in the Tourist Information Centre, seconded by Councillor Bryan it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to order 350 coins.

67. MOSAIC BOARD PRINTERS - BEERMATS

The Clerk had supplied one example of costs to provide beer mats to support the Silent Streets, Happy Homes (SSHH) campaign which is being jointly run with Devon and Cornwall Constabulary. Councillors Crossley and Martin both stated that beer mats were not a good idea as they get torn up and their own licensed premises get through thousands every year.

Councillor Gregory suggested that alternatives be looked at, this was unanimously agreed and the matter was referred to the next Environment and Public Protection Committee meeting.

68. TO RECEIVE A FINANCIAL REVIEW OF THE MAKING WAVES FESTIVAL

Councillor Martin requested that this matter be deferred to the next meeting as the information is not yet available.

69. TO DISCUSS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET/PRECEPT PROPOSALS

The Chairman suggested these discussions be deferred until the implications of Cornwall Council's decision on public conveniences in Looe is fully known. A meeting has been arranged with Cornwall Council Officers for 23rd November when we will be informed of their decision.

70. MATTERS FOR FURTHER OR URGENT DISCUSSION

.1 Letter from the Mayor

The Mayor had requested a public consultation (as per attached Appendix) to ascertain what, if anything, the residents would like this Council to do with reference to the public conveniences and the Bowling Club.

The Committee discussed this request and agreed that the information needs to be highlighted to the residents but a consultation is possibly not the best way to do this.

The Chairman suggested an information day after our meeting with Cornwall Council but before the Special Finance and Works Meeting on 28th November. It was agreed that this be done on 26th November at the Community School if possible. It was also suggested that an interim day be held in the tea room and possibly the Social Club or Riverside Church, the date to be agreed.

.2 Precept

Councillor Galipeau expressed the opinion that this matter should have been discussed as he had questions regarding some of the expenditure. The Chairman stated that a note had been put on the bottom of the Agenda stating that any questions should have been made in writing to the Clerk by 21st October to enable the answers to be provided.

.3 Devolution

Councillor Galipeau requested that CALC be asked to write a collective letter to Cornwall Council on behalf of all Town and Parish Councils regarding the public conveniences, lack of funding and the impact on Council's precepts.

The Clerk was asked to deal with this matter.

.4 Archiving

Councillor Bryan reported that information had been received regarding archiving of Council records.

This matter was referred to the Procedures Committee.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm.



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The Chairman of the Finance & Works Committee

21st October 2011

Re: Budget & Precept Proposals 2012/13

The Mayor has requested that the following matter be discussed and approved as a matter of urgency:

That a public consultation be held urgently to ascertain whether this Council should:

- Take on the Public conveniences
OR
- Take on the Bowling Club/Putting Green
OR
- Neither
OR
- Both

All costings to be shown including the cost effect on residents Council Tax based on Band "D" properties.

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