

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe
Monday 26th September 2011 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Deputy Mayor – Cllr A Toms

COUNCILLORS

P Crossley	Mrs M Powell
J R B Dingle	K Smith
E B Galipeau	T Stacey
Mrs E Hannaford	D Welch
J Hoskin	

OFFICERS

Town Clerk – Mrs A Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

Sergeant Russ Hall – Neighbourhood Beat Manager
Ms Jade Farrington – Cornish Guardian Reporter
Mr G Healey – Member of the Public

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Councillor Toms explained that he was taking the Meeting as the Mayor has family illness and he wished Councillor Bryan and his family all the best.

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86. TO INSTALL A NEW MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN AND RECEIVE PRAYERS

The Chairman explained that, due to the absence of the Mayor, the installation of the Mayor's Chaplain would take place at the next Full Council meeting. No prayers were given.

87. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bryan, Crane, Gregory and Martin, also from the Looe Community School Representatives, Joe Rickards and Tom Olver.

88. **TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**
Ms Farrington, Cornish Guardian, congratulated all involved in the Making Waves Festival.
89. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 15TH AUGUST 2011 AND 7TH SEPTEMBER 2011**
.1 15th August 2011
a) Reference Minute No: 70 – Concessionary Bus Fares.
The Chairman stated that the reduction in funding is £2.2 million not £30,000 as stated.
b) Reference Minute No: 73 – Finance and Works Report
Councillor Smith requested a correction of the spelling of Councillor Crossley's name.
Councillor Mrs Powell proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 15th August 2011 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Hoskin it was:
RESOLVED
Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 15th August 2011.
.2 7th September 2011
Councillor Mrs Hannaford declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No: 85.2.
Councillor Galipeau proposed that Part Two of the Minutes be moved to the public domain, after clarification from the Clerk Councillor Mrs Hannaford seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.
Councillor Galipeau stated that the Draft Management structure provided by the Clerk indicated the need for an extra member of staff which, in his opinion, would not be required. Councillor Toms stated that his interpretation of the Minutes is that Looe Town Council have accepted the Head of Terms subject to clarification of various points and this approval is for accuracy only.
Councillor Galipeau proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 7th September be accepted, seconded by Councillor Crossley it was:
RESOLVED
With a vote of 9/1 abstention to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 7th September 2011.
90. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Councillor Dingle declared an interest in any matter raised concerning West Looe Town Trust.
Councillor Mrs Hannaford declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Cornwall Council, Making Waves and SECTA.
Councillor 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, Looe Harbour Commission and Looe Development Trust.
91. **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY**
Sergeant Hall gave his report as per attached Appendix 'A'. He also apologised for his previous absences due to his shift pattern and informed Council that, after a visit from the Chief Constable, it has been agreed that shifts can now be more flexible.
The Chairman thanked Sergeant Hall for his very favourable report.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford thanked Sergeant Hall for the huge police coverage for the Making Waves Festival and asked if it had been needed, Sergeant Hall responded that there had been no increase in crime.

Councillor Toms informed Council of the launch of the "Silent Streets, Happy Homes" campaign on 8th October and he hopes that Councillors will join the police in distributing posters and beer mats. He also suggested that this Council could provide some funding to extend the campaign through the winter.

Sergeant Hall agreed to get costings for beer mats and will inform the Clerk.

Sergeant Hall then left the Meeting.

92. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR WEST LOOE AND LANSALLOS

Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave her report as per attached Appendix 'B'.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford also thanked all Councillors, Town Council and particularly the Tourist Information Centre staff for their help and support during the Making Waves Festival, there has been fantastic feedback on Facebook and the formal evaluation will follow.

There is also a fundraising buffet at the Hannaford Point Hotel on 7th October with "Company B" playing to raise funds for next year.

Councillor Hoskin stated that he had received many good comments about the festival and congratulated Councillor Mrs Hannaford and Councillor Martin and all the rest of the organisers. There are some brilliant photographs on the "I Love Looe" website.

93. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR EAST LOOE AND ST MARTINS

Councillor Toms gave his report as follows:

.1 Proposed Tesco Development

Councillor Toms stated that there is a lot of misinformation circulating, this has yet to go through the formal Planning process and he will keep everyone informed. There is a possible social housing benefit with the proposal.

.2 Cornwall Council Budget

Cornwall Council are looking at all elements of the budget with a very thorough process, it must be fit for purpose and should be reasonable again this year.

.3 Empty Homes

Councillor Toms agreed with Councillor Mrs Hannaford's statement and this issue is being scrutinised.

.4 Making Waves Festival

This has been very enjoyable, the volunteers were brilliant and he had met many new people.

.5 Traffic Regulation Order

This is due to go out for consultation in December.

.6 Housing Needs

There are 307 houses needed for Looe and an update of the Town Plan is needed to determine how things can be implemented for the better.

Councillor Toms asked for this matter to be referred to the Procedures Committee for urgent attention.

Councillor Hoskin asked how far advanced the ALT 16 Site is, Councillor Toms responded that there had been a few hiccups with the S106 issues but these are being ironed out.

94. **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM LOOE COMMUNITY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE**
There was no report given.
95. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**
.1 Meeting of 15th August 2011
There were no matters raised.
.2 Meeting of 7th September 2011
Councillor Galipeau stated that he felt that the issue of the extra member of staff was being “smuggled” through for approval without proper discussion. Councillor Smith took great exception to this remark and informed Council that the whole issue of staffing levels is to be looked at at the next Finance and Works meeting. Any extra member of staff would NOT be dedicated to the Bowling Club, this would be only part of their duties. He informed Council that the Deputy Clerk works up to 30 hours and only contracted to work 24 hours and the Clerk works many extra hours not charged.
Councillor Hannaford stated that staffing does need looking at as the Council has ambitions and there is a whole range of opportunities coming up to Town and Parish Councils.
Councillor Dingle raised concerns about Cornwall Council’s devolution plans and the cost to this Council.
Councillor Galipeau apologised if Councillor Smith had taken offence to his remark.
96. **CORRESPONDENCE**
.1 Cornwall Council – Community Network Panel Meeting
The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 27th September at St Pinnock Hall, East Taphouse.
.2 Mr Jim Rothwell
Mr Rothwell’s letter of resignation as a Looe Town Councillor was read to Council.
.3 Mr Tom Saddler
Mr Saddler’s letter of thanks to the Mayor, who had made Mr Saddler an Honorary Burgess, was read to Council.
97. **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**
There had been no meeting held.
98. **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MULTI-AGENCY WORKING GROUP**
The Chairman gave the report of the Meeting of 24th August 2011 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Crossley it was:
RESOLVED
Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 24th August 2011.
.1 Minute No: 8 – Community Safety Plan
Councillor Galipeau asked for this matter to be referred to the Environment and Public Protection Committee.
99. **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE & WORKS COMMITTEE**
Councillor Smith gave his report of the Meeting of 22nd August 2011 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 22nd August 2011.
Councillor Toms thanked those Councillors involved in the recent seat survey.
Councillor Welch reported that the seats only require refurbishment and some possibly only painting rather than replacement.

100. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor Smith gave the report of the Meeting of 30th August 2011 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Hoskin it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 30th August 2011.

101. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

There had been no meeting held.

102. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN TOURISM COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave her report of the Meeting of 6th September 2011 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Galipeau it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the minutes of the Meeting of 6th September 2011.

103. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM WORKING PARTIES, SUB COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

.1 Looe Valley Line Forum

Councillor Mrs Hannaford reported that the usage of the Looe Valley Line is up 13.5% on January – August 2010 and has nearly reached 100,000 passengers. New franchise invitations are being sent out in December for a 15 year contract from 2013 Improvements to stations are planned and new poster boards will be in place.

The Looe Valley line will be closed during the October half term for repairs to the boarding on the Liskeard bridge.

The Sunday Service will run until mid-October and there are plans for an all year round Sunday service.

There are plans for more promotion days, one at Waterloo Station in March hopefully.

The University Students Union Volunteers are continuing work at Sandplace, new leaflets for the Rail Ale trail and Great Scenic Railways are being produced and website is being updated.

The Cornwall economy appears to be better than Devon and suggestions for improvement will be welcomed.

.2 Parochial Church Council

Councillor Galipeau reported that he had attended this meeting, the first for the new Vicar, and he had been surprised at the level of money needed for the upkeep of the Churches. He also informed that St Nicholas Church has damp problems, probably caused by the gents public convenience building, and negotiations with Cornwall Council are under way. This is something to be noted when Looe Town Council consider taking on the responsibility of the Public Conveniences.

.3 Street Pastors

Councillor Toms stated that the Street Pastors are doing a good job and it is appreciated by the youngsters.

104. TO ELECT A COUNCIL NOMINATED EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST TRUSTEE

Councillor Dingle proposed that this matter be deferred until the Council have a Policy in place, seconded by Councillor Smith it was unanimously agreed.

105. TO NOMINATE A COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE EAST CORNWALL LOCAL ACTION GROUP

Councillor Dingle apologised for having stepped down from this role due to other commitments.

Councillor Bryan had expressed a willingness to take on the role.

Councillor Smith proposed that Councillor Bryan be elected to serve as the Council Representative on the East Cornwall Local Action Group Steering Group, seconded by Councillor Galipeau it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to elect Councillor Bryan to serve on the ECLAG Steering Group.

106. MATTERS FOR FURTHER OR URGENT DISCUSSION

There were no matters raised.

107. TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £4,815.08 and for the transfer of £9,800.00 to the Wages Account for August 2011.

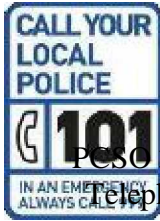
Councillor Dingle proposed that the accounts as listed be approved, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the Accounts as listed for August 2011.

Councillor Toms thanked all for their attendance.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm



LOOE NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Sergeant 3561 Russ HALL

Constable 3442 Helen LIBBY

PCSO 30281 BILLING PCSO 30211 COCKS PCSO 30170 Tom BARNES

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POLICE REPORT TO LOOE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 260911 FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2011

29 CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE OF WHICH 16 HAVE BEEN DETECTED OR THERE ARE SUSPECTS/PERSONS ARRESTED GIVING A POTENTIAL DETECTION/ARREST RATE OF 55%.

2 OF THESE OFFENCES WERE FOUND BY POLICE. (E.G. POSSESSION OF DRUGS/DRUNK & DISORDERLY/CRIMES IN PROGRESS FOUND BY PATROLS)

175 INCIDENT LOGS WERE RAISED DURING THIS PERIOD. (THIS INCLUDES ALL INCIDENTS E.G. LOST PROPERTY/STRAY ANIMALS/GENERAL CONCERNS ETC.)

A TOTAL OF 47 CRIMES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE LOOE SECTOR WERE REPORTED

AUGUST 2010 FIGURES

32 CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE OF WHICH 10 WERE DETECTED OR PERSONS ARRESTED GIVING AN ACTUAL DETECTION RATE OF 31%.

4 OF THESE OFFENCES WERE FOUND BY POLICE.

219 INCIDENT LOGS WERE RAISED DURING THIS PERIOD.

A TOTAL OF 60 CRIMES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE LOOE SECTOR WERE REPORTED.

SUMMARY

9% DROP IN CRIME IN LOOE TOWN OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR

20% DROP IN INCIDENT LOGS OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR

12% DROP IN CRIME IN THE WHOLE OF THE LOOE SECTOR

Arms length housing ALMO

Cornwall Council's cabinet has approved a recommendation to set up an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) to deliver its front line housing services.

A shadow board made up of six Cornwall councillors, six tenant representatives

Over the last year Cornwall Council has been consulting with tenants and staff to develop the proposal to provide a single service and point of contact. Tenants have been fully consulted on this proposal.

Empty Homes

Cornwall Council is considering using up to £2m to fund compulsory purchases in a bid to help ease the county's housing crisis.

It is estimated that there are about 4,000 unoccupied houses.

An incentive strategy over the past year has helped 131 be brought back into use.

There is at least one home in Looe that may be considered.

Bus services

The whole bus network is being retendered with a view to implementation in April rather than December as previously recommended by Cllr Hicks. Longer contracts will be let to help bus companies plan and invest with some security. Concessionary bus pass rebate will be cut from 72% to 50%. The bus companies have said they are unsure if all services will survive this cut as many are uneconomic and rely on the concessionary bus pass rebate. ALL services in and around Looe are subsidised by Cornwall Council, so there may be some major changes to the routes around Looe. Having said that Western Greyhound has told me that they are starting a 2-hourly Liskeard – Trago Mills – Bodmin – Newquay service on SUNDAYS, which will connect in with the 573 from Polperro, and also link in with the existing 592 to Plymouth.

There is also an improved service to Barbican for the winter, and broadly twice an hour between Looe and Polperro. It's really important for this to be supported!!

There will also be 6 busses going into the centre of the village in Polperro which Lansallos Parish Council are delighted about. This means there are some tweaks to the timetable after 28th October. This is a direct result of the investment that Looe Town Council and Lansallos Parish has made for the seasonal evening service.

Budget setting

Cabinet has been going through the star chamber process where broad budgets for each service area have been discussed. Cabinet will be considering this high level budget on 12th October and it will be scrutinised by Economy scrutiny over 2 days 3-4 November and recommendations passed back to cabinet

Cabinet will reconsider budget on 16th November with an all members briefing on 24 November before full council considers the budget on 29 November.

First indications are that there will be further cuts to 4 year budget that was approved last year.

Downs View

After a year of canvassing I am pleased to report that nearly all the residents have agreed to contribute £500 each and at long last work to resurface the road will be undertaken before October. This represents around £16k. Residents are also considering setting up a residents association to safeguard the future of the road.

West Looe Traders

The traders association is slowly coming together and we met last week to plan a series of Xmas events entitled Xmas in West Looe with West Looe Traders. This includes the 20ft tree, a tree decoration competition, enhanced Santa's arrival night and entertainment on the Saturday with window competitions, carol singing, roast chestnuts etc