

**LOOE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Special Full Council Meeting  
held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 6.30pm  
in Looe Harbour Commission Conference Room, Buller Quay, East Looe

**PRESENT**

Chairman – Mayor – Cllr D J Bryan

**COUNCILLORS**

T Crane	Mrs E Hannaford
P Crossley	W Martin
JRB Dingle	Mrs M Powell
E B Galipeau	T Stacey
M Gregory	A Toms (Deputy Mayor)
	D Welch

**OFFICERS**

Town Clerk – Mrs A Frith

**143. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Rose and K Smith. Apologies for early departure were also given by Councillor Galipeau and Mrs Hannaford.

**144. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Bryan and Galipeau declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust.  
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.  
Councillor Toms declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Cornwall Council, Looe Harbour Commission and Looe Development Trust.

**145. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public present.

**146. TO DISCUSS THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE WEST LOOE SHELTER AS REQUESTED BY LOOE HARBOUR COMMISSION AND MAKE RESOLUTION**

The Chairman reminded Councillors that they had all attended the presentation by Ms Hicks at the last Full Council Meeting and we now need to make a decision, £37,000 has been asked for. Councillor Gregory stated that he had identified where the funds could come from without raising the precept, this could be done by using £12,000 from the Community Chest and £15,500 from the buildings fund.

Councillor Martin asked for clarification of how much we can spend under the LGA1972 S137, the Clerk informed that the allowance is £6.44 per head of electorate, this equates to £27,273 (4235 electorate).

Some discussion followed and Councillor Mrs Hannaford informed Council that the £10,000 shortfall will be made up by funds from the Regional Growth Fund and she is giving £1,000 from her Cornwall Council Community Chest.

Councillor Martin queried the lack of support from East Looe Town Trust and he was informed by the Chairman that East Looe Town Trust are having the presentation on 11<sup>th</sup> December, Councillor Martin proposed that East Looe Town Trust should provide 50% of the £27,000 needed as Looe Town Council has no property or income.

After further discussion Councillor Gregory proposed that Looe Town Council pledges to give Looe Harbour Commission £27,000 maximum less any monies donated by East Looe Town Trust, seconded by Councillors Mrs Hannaford it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to accept Councillor Gregory's proposal.

There was no seconder or vote for Councillor Martin's proposal.

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At this point Councillor Galipeau left the meeting.

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**147. TO DISCUSS THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

The Chairman informed Councillors that some of the previously requested information had been received from Cornwall Council but not all, we had asked for the refurbishment costs and what the specification is for the refurbishment, we had also asked what the capital works fund amounted to.

Cornwall Council had written to Looe Harbour Commission regarding leasing the seafront land and Guildhall gents convenience land, Looe Harbour Commission have agreed to lease both to Looe Town Council on a 3 year rolling lease at a £1 a year for each, legal fees to be paid by Cornwall Council which amount to £750.

There was much discussion and frustration at the lack of all information from Cornwall Council especially as they are pushing for a decision and we have held up our Precept request.

Councillor Dingle stated that it would be more cost effective if Looe Town Council could have the capital works fund paid to us and we spend it on the refurbishments needed.

He also suggested that Looe Town Council should take on the Guildhall ladies building as this area is much better for potential development. The Clerk explained that East Looe Town Trust, who own the land, have been asked if we could lease the land but they will only offer a twelve month licence with no guarantee of renewal. Councillor Dingle expressed the opinion that East Looe Town Trust are not helping at all and suggested that the Trustees be told to take notice of Looe Town Council's wish to take over this facility or there should be a vote of no confidence in the Trust, Councillor Gregory agreed stating that we are "brick-walled" in every direction by East Looe Town Trust.

Councillor Dingle also considered that, whether rent had been paid or not, a tenant ie Cornwall Council has a right of ownership and Cornwall Council should have full rights. Councillor Gregory suggested that Cornwall Council Legal and Member Services be asked for their opinion if this is legally correct.

Councillor Gregory proposed that we all agree in principle to take over the public conveniences subject to agreement of the capital costs, the refurbishment to an agreed standard and conversion of the Guildhall and West Looe gents facility to unisex, seconded by Councillor Dingle it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to accept the above proposal.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford left the Meeting.

**148. TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE PRESS RELEASE AS COMPILED BY COUNCILLOR GALIPEAU**

Councillor Rose had added comment to the bottom of the original press release and this had been circulated.

Councillor Bryan stated that he felt that this Council was being blackmailed into agreeing to Councillor Galipeau's press release, Councillor Gregory agreed.

Councillor Gregory stated that he had gone through Councillor Galipeau's alternative budget paper provided last year, we under-estimated the eventual out-turn for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 but so had Councillor Galipeau as he had not accounted for £92,500 (Localism Bill, Capital Fund and Community Chest) but Councillor Galipeau has argued that this is irrelevant and he will not back down.

Councillor Gregory reminded Councillors of the advice given by Cornwall Council Legal and Member Services as read out by the Clerk at the last Full Council Meeting and he also stated that he would like Councillor Rose to amend his statement. Councillors Crane and Martin both stated that this is all wasting valuable Council time and should be resolved. Councillor Gregory stated that we either issue a joint press release or let Councillor Galipeau issue his own, he feels that, as no member of the public has contacted any other Councillor over this matter or raised any concerns, the joint press release will do no harm.

Councillor Dingle agreed, an error has occurred whosever fault it was and there are too many other more important things to deal with, all this extra work regarding the press release is unfair on Councillor Gregory.

Councillor Dingle proposed that a joint press release, with an amended quote from Councillor Rose, be issued, seconded by Councillor Crane it was:

RESOLVED

With a vote of 6/4 against (Councillor Bryan, Welch, Martin and Mrs Powell) to issue a joint press release with an amended quote from Councillor Rose.

**The Meeting closed at 7.25pm.**