

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe
on Monday 12th November 2012 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Mayor – Cllr D J Bryan

COUNCILLORS

T Crane	C Rose
P Crossley	T Stacey
E B Galipeau	A Toms (Deputy Mayor)
M Gregory	
Mrs M Powell	

OFFICERS

Town Clerk – Mrs A Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

Sgt R Hall – Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Rev P Sharp – Mayor's Chaplain
Mr S Townly – Looe Community Officer
Miss E Gregory – Looe Community Academy Representative
Mr G Heeley

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Prayers were given by the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev Sharp.

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100. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J R B Dingle,
Mrs E Hannaford, K Smith and D Welch.

ABSENT

Councillor W Martin.

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

There were no questions raised.

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At this point the Mayor made a short address as attached, Appendix 'A'. He also informed Council that Mr Jon Hoskin had resigned as a Councillor and the advertisement for a replacement was on our notice boards and website enabling an election to be called for, which hopefully it won't.

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102. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 1ST OCTOBER 2012

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 1st October 2012 be accepted, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 1st October 2012.

103. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

.1 Prejudicial Interests

There were none declared.

.2 Personal Interests

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

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

104. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

Sgt Hall gave his report as attached Appendix 'B'.

Councillor Toms congratulated Sgt Hall on the detection rate and thanked all concerned.

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

Councillor Mrs Hannaford's report, as attached Appendix 'C', had been circulated. There were no questions raised.

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

Councillor Toms report had been circulated, Appendix 'D'. Councillor Toms added to his report as follows:

.1 Weed Ripper

Councillor Toms suggested purchasing this machine, the cost to be shared with East Looe Town Trust and West Looe Town Trust and to provide training for one person.

.2 New Year's Eve Fireworks

Councillor Toms informed that the fund-raising curry night on 9th November had raised a total of £3,667 which secures the fireworks for this year.

.3 East Looe Town Trust – Second Beach Steps

Councillor Toms stated that the Trust Manager had found three letters from Caradon District Council which states their responsibility for the maintenance of the steps. Councillor Toms will refer these letters to the relevant Cornwall Council Officers.

.4 Bridge Grill

Cornwall Council have granted these premises a licence until 1.00am which will be strictly controlled.

.5 Shutta Hill

Cory will be undertaking the cleaning of this area tomorrow.

107. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM LOOE COMMUNITY ACADEMY REPRESENTATIVE

The Mayor welcomed the new Academy Representative, Elysia Gregory. Elysia gave her report as attached Appendix 'E'.

Councillor Rose congratulated Elysia.

108. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 1ST OCTOBER 2012

There were no matters raised.

109. CORRESPONDENCE

There had been none received.

110. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Councillor Gregory gave his report of the Meeting 15th October 2012 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 15th October 2012.

Councillor Toms updated on the situation with the Traffic Regulation Order and stated that the one objector had arranged to meet both him and Councillor Mrs Hannaford but did not turn up. Councillor Toms will now push for the Traffic Regulation Order to be implemented.

111. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE AND WORKS COMMITTEE

Councillor Gregory gave his report of the Meeting of 29th October 2012 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, Councillor Galipeau stated that the running order of the Minutes was not correct and requested an amendment to reflect the late arrival of himself, Councillor Crossley and Councillor Martin and queried the unanimous vote to elect a Chairman. Councillor Gregory explained and accepted the requested amendment.

Councillor Galipeau seconded the proposal and it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 29th October 2012 subject to the agreed amendment.

112. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

.1 Meeting of 2nd October 2012

Councillor Bryan gave his report of the Meeting of 2nd October 2012 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Stacey it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd October 2012.

.2 Meeting of 30th October 2012

Councillor Bryan gave his report of the Meeting of 30th October 2012 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Stacey it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 30th October 2012.

113. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Councillor Rose gave his report of the Meeting of 3rd October 2012 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted with the exception of the Code of Conduct and the Part Two Procedure, seconded by Councillor Galipeau, who congratulated Councillor Rose on his excellent work, it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the 3rd October 2012 as proposed and seconded.

114. TO APPROVE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Councillor Bryan explained the progress so far and that we had asked The Glebe if an alternative entrance to the site from the B3253 could be used instead, however, the Glebe had refused so we now have to accept the original site.

The Terms of Reference had been circulated to all Councillors.

Councillor Toms proposed that the Terms of Reference be approved, seconded by Councillor Bryan it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the Terms of Reference as circulated.

115. TO APPROVE THE PART TWO PROCEDURE

Councillor Rose explained the criteria for referring matters to Part Two is largely to do with the Freedom of Information tests.

Councillor Rose proposed that the Draft Part Two Procedure be approved, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the Draft Part Two Procedure.

Councillor Gregory stated that the Freedom of Information varies depending on circumstances and we need to be mindful of this when determining matters to be referred to Part Two.

116. TO ADOPT THE OUTSIDE BODY NOMINATION POLICY

This document had been circulated to all Councillors for review.

As there were no questions Councillor Rose proposed that the Outside Body Nomination Policy be adopted subject to the ratification of East and West Looe Town Trusts, seconded by Councillor Gregory it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to adopt the Outside Body Nomination Policy as proposed and seconded.

117. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN TOURISM COMMITTEE

There had been no meeting since the last Full Council Meeting.

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

.1 Looe Valley Line

Councillor Rose gave a report of the meeting held in October. The usage of the line is down by 3% compared to last year but still on target to reach 100,000 passengers, these figures are in line with the usage on other holiday lines.

The current tenders for the franchise are on hold due to central government problems but the Looe Valley line is safeguarded and improvements to the line are to be made.

.2 Looe Marine Conservation Group

Councillor Gregory gave a report of the Meeting held last week. This meeting had been well attended, there had been some good speakers present including the Environment Agency.

The official launch of the Group is on 5th December. The grant money received is being spent on equipment and employment of two people, one for operational purposes and one to build a website. The calendar of events for next year is being put together now.

119. TO ADOPT THE CODE OF CONDUCT 2012

This document had been circulated for review. As this document had been prepared by Comwall Council specifically for Town and Parish Councils Councillor Rose proposed that the Code of Conduct 2012 be adopted, seconded by Councillor Gregory it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to adopt the Code of Conduct 2012.

Councillor Galipeau stated that this document is clearly written and has some interesting content and he suggested that discussion on the document be put on the Procedures Committee Agenda, Councillor Rose agreed to this suggestion.

Councillor Toms stated that, in his opinion all Councillors should undertake training.

120. MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

There were no matters raised.

121. TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £26,590.47 and for the transfer of £11,000.00 to the Wages Account for October 2012.

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Accounts for payment for October 2012 as listed be approved, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the Accounts as listed for October 2012 for payment.

The Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Appendix 'A'

This report can be viewed in the Council Office.

LOOE NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Sergeant 3561 Russ HALL
Constable 3442 Helen LIBBY
PCSO 30281 BILLING PCSO 30211 COCKS PCSO 30170 Tom BARNES
Telephone: 101 e-mail: looe@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk
Website: neighbourhoodpolicing.devon-cornwall.police.uk

POLICE REPORT TO LOOE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER
2012

37 CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE OF WHICH 27 HAVE BEEN DETECTED OR THERE ARE SUSPECTS/PERSONS ARRESTED GIVING A POTENTIAL DETECTION/ARREST RATE OF 73%.

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

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

A TOTAL OF 61 CRIMES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE LOOE SECTOR WERE REPORTED

SEPTEMBER 2011 FIGURES

26 CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE OF WHICH 7 WERE DETECTED OR PERSONS ARRESTED GIVING AN ACTUAL DETECTION RATE OF 27%.

2 OF THESE OFFENCES WERE FOUND BY POLICE.

157 INCIDENT LOGS WERE RAISED DURING THIS PERIOD.

A TOTAL OF 38 CRIMES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE LOOE SECTOR WERE REPORTED.

SUMMARY

30% RISE IN CRIME IN LOOE TOWN OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR

46% DROP IN INCIDENT LOGS OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR

38% RISE IN CRIME IN THE WHOLE OF THE LOOE SECTOR

REPORTED CRIME BY PARISH

SEPTEMBER 2012 (SEPTEMBER 2011)

LOOE TOWN

37 crimes reported (26 crimes reported in 2011)

St MARTIN

0 crime reported (2 crimes reported in 2011)

LANREATH

2 crimes reported (1 crime reported in 2011)

DULOE

4 crimes reported (2 crimes reported in 2011)

PELYNT

0 crime reported (1 crime reported in 2011)

MORVAL

1 crime reported (2 crimes reported in 2011)

LANSALLOS

4 crimes reported (1 crime reported in 2011)

St WINNOW

1 crime reported (0 crime reported in 2011)

St VEEP

2 crimes reported (0 crime reported in 2011)

LANTEGLOS

5 crimes reported (1 crime reported in 2011)

BROADOAK & BOCONNOC

5 crimes reported (2 crimes reported in 2011)

TOTAL 61 crimes (TOTAL 38 in 2011)

38% rise in crime compared with SEPTEMBER 2011

**COUNCIL REPORT
CLLR MRS EDWINA HANNA FORD
WEST LOOE AND LANSALLOS**

Appendix 'C'

Looe Marine Conservation Group

I attended with Cllr Gregory the Looe Marine Conservation Group user group meeting last week. Which has some very interesting talks about gull ringing and mapping and from the Cornwall Seal Group.

I have also been pleased to support from my community chest the Looe Voluntary Marine Conservation Group with a grant to support their Looe's Inspiring Seashores project. They will be buying rock pooling equipment, microscopes, sail flags, T Shirts, Gazebo, walking trails and developing their website.

Its clear that the environment is a strong economic and tourism lever and should be supportive.

Bathing Water Quality

At the same meet Ron Torr from the environment Agency talked about the reason why Looe failed the bathing water standards this year. Out of 20 samples taken there were 2 failures. One was due to a heavy rain event and the other from an unidentified pollution event.

This topic is extremely important for Looe as an closures or even warning signs on the beach could have a sever effect on our tourism offer.

I have been working with Manda Brookman of COAST, the sustainable tourism organisation to work with the EA and local businesses to further mitigate run off and FOG Fats, oils and grease that is clogging up Looes drains. The other approach is to lobby hard for SWW to make the investments in Looe that we need to combat the issue of salt water ingress and removing combined sewers. Indications are the Looe Beach will be classified as inadequate in 2015 when the more stringent guidelines come into force.

Sewer relining

On sewer lining, work starts next week on Quay Road to reline the sewers. This is will on lights so there is no road closure and I have requested additional Businesses Open as Usual Signs. This work is essential to ensure we do not have further failures.

Core Strategy

Full Council will be considering the core strategy on 28th November. This was approved for consultation prior to submission to the Secretary of State by Cabinet this week.

The proposed headline number for Cornwall is 49,000 with the Liskeard & Looe CNA numbers slightly increased from Liskeard 1,250 (Rest of CNA) (700) To 1,500 (Rest of CNA) (1,000) with 320 built or with permission and (Rest of CNA) (667) This leaves 337 allocation for the rest of the CNA. There is also a piece of work being undertaken to try and come up with an allocation per village. In the 'rest of CNA', the settlements of Looe, Dobwalls, Downderry, St Cleer, Polperro, Pelynt, Menheniot, Polruan, St Neot, East Taphouse, Widegates, Trewellard, Lerryn and

Quethiock are identified as being able to accommodate an appropriate level of growth which will help maintain their sustainability.

The sooner we can start our Neighbourhood plan the better so the appropriate level for Looe can be established.

West Looe Business Community

The group is starting to come together nicely with 2 new businesses opening in West Looe. The group are working on signage at the Ferry steps and West Looe end of the bridge, a west Looe leaflet with map and outside leaflet dispensers. I have also secured £300 in sponsorship for West Looes Christmas tree and lights from Balfour Beaty (who are doing the sewer relining) and west Looe Businesses have already clubbed together to raise a further £200. We are engaging with the local play groups and primary schools to decorate stars for the tree. The next meeting is 14th November.

Cory street cleaning

I recently had a walk about with the Cornwall Council compliance officer and impressed on her the inadequacies of the street cleaning in West Looe despite being in Zone 1. East Looe's Zone 1 is pretty good but the standards in West Looe fall way below what I believe Cory should be undertaken and Cornwall Council should be enforcing. At long last after months of complaints Gina Varcoe issued a 7 days notice to improve and from what I have seen so far this has now been done, even Hannafore Lane which was the worst. In my view West Looe was being treated as second class and this is just not good enough. I have now programmes in regular walkabouts with the compliance office to ensure they keep on top of this. The joint working group we have set up will hopefully ensure we can keep in top of issues.

Dog Mess

During our walkabout I was disgusted with the amount of dog mess particularly on Hannafore Lane and Pennyland. I have therefore fixed the Scoop the Poop signs to the bins and have asked Cornwall Council if they will stock a little bone bag dispenser. In the meantime I have fixed the poo bag dispense to the bins on Pennyland in the hope that the antisocial owner who is allowing their dog to mess there will desist.

Appendix 'D'

COUNCIL REPORT ARMAND TOMS CC LOOE EAST AND ST MARTINS

ALLOTMENTS

As members will know that the current location of the allotments means that the council needs to have a long costly road into the site. I am very happy that Councillor Bryan and Rose are in negotiations with Smith Gore the Glebe solicitors to bring about a better location with added benefits for the church. Can I thank them for their efforts in this matter.

WEED RIPPER

Recently I attended a demonstration with members of the Council, Cory and Ben from ELTT of a Weed Ripper machine in the back streets. The machine did a trial area in one of the worst parts of the back streets and the difference was immediate, not only removing the weeds from the sets but also cleaning them. Having since spoken to Ben over this issue I agreed to ask the council if it would lead in asking the four main organisations in the town to purchase one for combined use. The cost would be about £3100 but having one would mean that problems could be solved immediately, councillors thoughts appreciated.

HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

You will have seen that a number of the Social Houses on the Barratts site have come up for allocation and advertised in the Western Morning News last Saturday. I have had a lot of representation from families and individuals in need of housing in the area. Clearly these new homes will make a difference but it is clear that it will not solve the problems of social housing in Looe.

BUSINESS MEETING

This coming Friday the 16th November, 2012 I will be having the second meeting with businesses in the town, I ask councillors to attend if possible as it is important that we keep the towns economy in good shape. I will be asking them to support a town wide clean up and have got support from a local builders merchant for a discount and Cory for skips and removal of rubbish. With Simon presenting ideas for signage in the town and looking at any funding available to help.

FLOODING

Because of the recent flooding event, I have written to Councillor Phil Parsons and Nick Ely of the Environment Agency for a meeting to discuss this issue in the near future. A further question I have asked is about the water quality and if it would be possible to have this issue discussed at the same time and have SWW attend this meeting also. This is another issue that needs to be discussed on a town wide basis and I know that the Harbour Commission have already started looking at both issues and ways forward.

FIREWORKS

As a late addition to this report I would like to thank Anne, Simon and Annette for organising the curry night and dance at the Hannafore Point which was a stunning success and raised a lot of money. With the two Katherine's from Barclays Bank helping with the raffle and auction and match funding also adding to the funds and the donations from so many of the towns businesses making it a night to remember. A special thank you should go to the Mayor and Mayoress for raising money with the Hamper raffle going around the town is above and beyond the call to duty, thank you David and Annette. With Val Pengelly's coffee morning adding to the fund it was a special week of fundraising for the fireworks and Sue Pengelly behind making sure that T's were crossed and I's dotted (thank you Sue for the support). On the night we had a further donation to the fund from David Rowlands the owner of Rowlands Fair of £1000 which further boosted the funds, the displays are now secure for this year but there is still more to do.

Report form Looe Community Academy

Good evening, I'm Elysia Gregory, student councils newly elected Chairperson. The secretary is Codie Pearce and Treasurer is Rhys Dawson.

Uniform

From the consultation of students, staff, parents and governors, the academy has adopted a new school uniform which has been taken up by a majority of the students. As you can see the uniform consists of a black blazer, black tailored trousers or a pleated skirt, a striped tie, with a blue shirt for the lower school and white shirt for the upper school. The uniform has gone down well for both students and teachers, with most loving the new look. Also the behaviour in the academy seems to have improved as we now look ready to learn.

To go on the blazer a new logo was designed: it bears the 4 house colours and has "be the best you can be" written in Cornish " Bydh gwella gylli".

Examination results 2012 - the best ever!

Our GCSE results this year are the best ever in the history of the school!

The Academy's results exceeded the expectations and targets set by the staff. A record 80% of students obtained 5 or more higher grades of A* to C which is excellent, given the challenging nature of our academic curriculum. Our 5+ A*- C GCSE passes including English and maths has risen steadily to 58%, and pending appeals following this year's debacle over examination boundaries could rise to 62%.

In total 122 students were in the year group and between them they achieved a record 229 grades at either A or A*. A special congratulation should go to the 38 students who achieved 10 or more A*- C GCSE passes. This is yet another school record! We have worked very hard at putting into place strategies to raise standards across the whole ability range and are delighted with these outstanding results.

Not only did this year's year 11 students excel, but a record 54 students in year 10 (45% of the year group) achieved top grades a year early in GCSE Mathematics.

Particular congratulations should go to the following for outstanding results: Josh Bolger, Adan Currey, Tristan Gillett, Connor Kelley, Rosie Kelly, David Orford, Joe Rickards, Michael Slater, Liam Stradling and Katie Willcock who led the way by all achieving at least 12 A*-C passes. Other notable results included Jonathon Coles with 10A/A*s Tom Olver 9A/A*s, Tom French achieved 8A/A*s, Jessica Lee 8A/A*s. Once again, almost a third of students achieved 10 or more A* to C grades.

You may have heard in the news regarding English GCSE results, our academy was also unhappy with the grade boundaries and believed that the papers were unfairly marked. A Selection of papers were returned for remarking, but unfortunately the marks did not change, these students affected will have to re-sit the exam.

Building

The new building behind the music block has now been completed and lessons are held there along with family counselling meetings. It is equipped with televisions and a smart board and will soon have laptops.

Building works which started in the summer are still continuing after unexpected problems.

The academy has bought 2 new minibuses.

Staff

In September the academy welcomed some new staff: Mr Rogerson, head of P.E., Miss Lawless science teacher, Miss Beacroft English teacher and Mrs Earley a teacher of mathematics.

Finally, this year's production will be Peter Pan, which will be performed on 12th, 13th and 15th of February 2013. Rehearsals are already underway.

Thankyou for inviting me to your meeting.