



LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EVENTS AND FESTIVALS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Held in the Portbyhan Hotel, The Quay, West Looe

On Tuesday 11th November 2014 at 2.30pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Chairman – Mrs M Sadler – Old Sail Loft Restaurant and Simply Fish
Mr M Camp – Tourist Information Centre Manager (Minute Taker)
Cllr D J Bryan – Mayor of Looe
Cllr A Toms – Cornwall Council and Looe Town Council
Cllr Mrs M Powell – Looe Town Council
Cllr Mrs E Graham-Jones – Looe Town Council
Ms T Hicks – Chief Executive, Looe Harbour Commission
Ms A Lines – Portbyhan Hotel
Mr M Tolley – Tudor Players/Arts in St Martins
Mrs S Brock – Sheila’s School of Dance
Mr P Kingham – Looe Lions
Mrs J Deakin – RNLI
Mr R Bennett – Town Crier/LOCS

		ACTIONS
14.	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Spreckley (Looe Development Trust), Mr M Robinson (NYE Fireworks Organiser 2015), Mr D Gill (Looe Food Festival), Mrs D Doney (Devon & Cornwall Driving Carriages). Mr P Sedgbeer (Looe Sailing Club) and Mrs B Tregear (Looe Rowing and Gig Club).	
15.	<u>TO DISCUSS THE FORTHCOMING COCA-COLA CHRISTMAS TRUCK VISIT AND INFORM OF ARRANGEMENTS SO FAR</u> Councillor Bryan informed all that the Christmas Coca Cola Truck was coming to Looe on Monday the 15 th December and will be parked in the Harbour car park, Buller Quay. Councillor Bryan thanked Looe Harbour Commission for hosting this event.	

Councillor Bryan asked Ann Lines of the Portbyhan Hotel if they might be able to supply a coach to act as a shuttle bus during the day.

Ms Lines replied that she would ask Edwards Coaches as they had a coach arriving that day at 3pm.

Mr Kingham informed all that it had already been agreed that the Lions Minibus could be used as a shuttle bus.

Councillor Bryan continued by saying that several holiday parks had agreed to open for parking.

Much discussion took place and it was agreed by all that this was a great thing for Looe and it was hoped as many shops and businesses as possible would stay open into the evening to make the most of it. Councillor Bryan stated that Councillor Dingle had agreed to supply prizes for a Best Dressed Business competition. It was also discussed as to how to get homeowners in the town to decorate external areas. Councillor Mrs Graham-Jones asked how this could be done.

The Chairman replied stating she was happy to distribute info to locals and suggested we use social media as well. Councillor Bryan informed all that the local businesses had already been supplied with flyers asking them this.

Councillor Toms asked if Looe Lions would be available to marshal on the day and Mr Kingham responded that he would bring this matter up at their next meeting to be held on 12th November. Councillor Toms informed all that Fore Street would be closed for traffic from 3.00pm on Monday 15th December.

Ms Hicks informed the group that Looe Harbour office had been contacted by Pirate FM, Radio Cornwall and Plymouth Sound.

There will be market stalls set up on the quayside and a local choir had asked to perform in the Rose Garden, Ms Hicks had directed them to East Looe Town Trust.

Ms Hicks also suggested that it might be nice to have something going on at the seafront.

Ideas about what else could be done on the day came from around the room, these included:

Polperro Fishermen's Choir singing in the pubs

U3A Dickensians

Singing waitresses at the Old Sail Loft

Stalls in the Lifeboat Station

Roger Bennett and Viv to busk in the street

Councillor Mrs Powell said she had a friend in the circus.

The Chairman stated that it was important for us to get the message out about parking and other forms of transport that could be used to get into Looe. Ms Lines enquired if the shuttle bus, should it happen, could drop off at West Looe.

	<p>Councillor Mrs Powell stated that we need to keep traffic down to a minimum. Councillor Bryan reiterated that this was why we need marshals. Councillor Toms said the AA should be contacted about signage and that he had spoken to the police about extra cover that day.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested contacting Bakers Coaches at Duloe. Mr Kingham suggested that barriers could be needed along the quayside.</p> <p>Councillor Bryan said we would need another meeting to discuss matters before the 15th December.</p>	
<p>16.</p>	<p><u>ROUND THE TABLE CALENDAR/EVENTS UPDATE</u></p> <p><u>.1 Festive Weekend 5th to 8th December 2014</u></p> <p>Councillor Toms informed the group that there had been a great turnout at the lantern making workshop which was held on Saturday 8th November at the Millpool Centre, ready for the lantern procession on Friday 5th December.</p> <p>Ms Hicks informed the group of all that would be happening over this weekend. See attached Appendix 'A'.</p> <p>Councillor Bryan stated that Cornwall Council legislation was creating problems with road closures and that someone or a group is needed to take over such things.</p> <p>Ms Hicks suggested that perhaps the Town Forum or Looe Development Trust might be willing to do this.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Powell re-iterated that it needed to be an organisation not the Council and said that it was an easy job.</p> <p><u>.2 St Piran's Day</u></p> <p>Mr Bennett said he was having concerns with walking the school children from the Rose Garden to the Quayside Centre on St Piran's Day. Particularly if there is now a problem with road closures. He was advised to talk to the school about risk assessments and keeping children on the pavements.</p> <p><u>.3 Looe Raft Race</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that the raft race will take place on Sunday 28th June. This is the same day as the Looe Food Festival and not seen as a good idea by many at the meeting.</p> <p><u>.4 Looe Food Festival</u></p> <p>Mr Camp informed all, in Mr Gill's absence, of information for the Food Festival 2015. Dates for the Food Festival – Saturday 27th June – Sunday 28th June to be held on the Millpool car park, West Looe. Free entry to Festival Pavillion. Leading Westcountry food and drink suppliers and producers, chefs demonstrations and hot food. See attached Appendix 'B'.</p> <p><u>.5 New Year's Eve Fireworks Fundraiser</u></p> <p>Mr Camp informed all, in Mr Robinson's absence, of an Auction night to be held at 8.00pm on Saturday 28th February 2015 at the Salutation Inn, Fore Street. All proceeds will go towards the 2015 New Year's Eve fireworks display.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 3.45pm.</p>	

Appendix 'A'

West Looe Quay

Friday 5th December

- 5pm to 9pm Market – Craft and Produce and local fund raising stalls
- 7pm Lantern procession arrives at the Quayside Centre. Christmas lights switch on.
- Carol singing followed by soup and rolls provided by SECTA.

Saturday 6th December

- 2pm to 5pm local Choirs/Dance Schools performing in the Quayside Centre
- 2pm to 9pm Market – Craft and Produce and local fundraising stalls. Food and drinks outlets.
- 2pm to 7pm Live Reindeer with Santa's Sleigh for petting and photographs
- 5pm to 7pm Children's Entertainer, bouncy castle and Colouring competition for the kids
- 5.30pm – late Santa's Grotto
- 7pm to 9pm Bar and live band 'The Huckleberry Finns'

Sunday 7th December

- 12 noon Churches Together Service in the Quayside Centre, West Looe
- 2pm to 4pm Local Choirs/Dance Schools performing in the Centre
- 4.30pm Grand Raffle Draw (proceeds to Christmas Festivities 2015)
- 2pm to 5pm Market – Craft and Produce and local fund raising stalls



LOOE FOOD FESTIVAL 2015 is to be held on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June, again in and around an even bigger pavilion in a picturesque setting on the banks of the East and West Looe rivers, in the Millpool Car Park, West Looe.

Visitors, will as always, be treated to a whole plethora of high quality food and drink from almost fifty top producers and suppliers from throughout the Westcountry, but in particular Cornwall.

In 2014, well over ten thousand people visited our pavilion and outside street food village. Our successes in the first three years, have now made us one of the major summer food events not only in the Duchy, but beyond.

Such events create an enormous amount of interest drawing many visitors into areas with the knock on effect of boosting local economies from people that would not normally visit our area.

Through feedback, we have found that our festival gives great pleasure to the local community through their involvement.

Certainly, with the diversity of quality food traders on show, we without doubt stimulate the growth of awareness of the environment, food culture, production and nutrition, thus appealing to the wider audience.

This in turn will promote further awareness of the extent and quality of locally and regionally produced food and drink, in order to sustain our rich food heritage from

`The Moor to the Shore`.

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