

MINUTES OF THE EVENTS AND FESTIVALS WORKING GROUP MEETING

held in the Portbryan Hotel, Quay Road, West Looe
on Tuesday 16th September 2014 at 2.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT

Chairman – Mrs M Sadler – Old Sail Loft and
Simply Fish
Cllr D J Bryan – Mayor of Looe
Cllr A Toms – Cornwall Council and Looe Town
Council
Ms T Hicks – Looe Harbour Commission
Mrs S Brock – Sheila's School of Dancing
Mrs J Deakin – RNLI
Mr P Kingham – Looe Lions Club
Mrs D Doney – Devon & Cornwall Driving Carriage
Mrs E Coles – SECTA
Ms A Lines – Portbryan Hotel
Ms C Barwell – Looe Valley Singers
Mr C Cotton – Looe and Liskeard H H Harriers
Mr M Camp – Tourist Information Centre Manager
Mr M Tolley – Arts in St Martins
Mr R Bennett - LOCS

IN ATTENDANCE

The Clerk – Mrs A Frith

7. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Ms T Brittain (Looe Music Festival), Mrs B Tregear (Looe Rowing Club), Mr D Gill (Looe Food Festival).

8. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 24TH JUNE 2014**

There were no matters raised.

9. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON ALL SUMMER EVENTS**

The Chairman stated that, from her point of view, it has been a very good and very busy summer.

.1 **Sheila's School of Dancing**

Mrs Brock reported that she has had a very busy summer with the dancing school, they had a break in August but have now started again.

.2 **Lions Club of Looe**

Mr Kingham reported that the Lions have had a very busy summer, the car boot sales have been excellent with only two cancellations due to

the weather, the boot sales are taking place on 21st September and 28th September and will continue as long as the weather remains good.

.3 Devon and Cornwall Driving Carriages

Mrs Doney thanked the town for their support with the pony and carriage service during the summer, their first year has been very good and they will be back next year.

.4 SECTA

Mrs Coles informed that the Caradon in Bloom results will be announced shortly and she complimented everyone on the fantastic displays this year.

Mrs Coles also reported that self catering accommodation has suffered this year due to the Governments ruling on children being taken out of school during term time.

.5 Councillor Toms

Councillor Toms reported that he had been gauging the summer trading and some businesses reported being down by 20% but in general it has been the best summer since 2009 despite the slow start, the weather has helped and most businesses appear to be happy.

.6 Ms Hicks – Looe Harbour Commission

Ms Hicks informed the Committee that the craft markets are over-subscribed but the produce markets are struggling, both markets have now been combined and the effectiveness of this will be reviewed for next year, they are open to ideas.

The Quayside Centre is getting busy but further community events are needed.

.7 Mr Camp – Looe Tourist Information Centre

Mr Camp reported that the events list is going well and most people are now informing him of their events to be included on the monthly list.

Mr Camp asked for information of all 2015 events as soon as possible.

10. TO UPDATE THE CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

.1 Sheila's School of Dancing

The Dancing School is 20 years old this weekend, to celebrate this there will be a big show, to include former dancers, on 19th and 20th December at Looe Bay.

.2 Fashion Show

The next fashion show in aid of Ellie's Haven will be held on 28th November at Looe Bay.

.3 RNLI

21st November – a fish and chip supper

14TH November – a Status Quo tribute band at the Harbour Moon

14th October – "Call my Bluff" event

.4 Lions Club of Looe

6th December – Santa's arrival at RNLI and Procession to West Looe.

.5 Looe and Liskeard Hash House Harriers

Mr Cotton informed that the Harriers do not advertise anymore and would welcome more members, they have been going for 32 years and the 2000th run will be in November, there are 6000 people all over the world who participate in two runs every year, it is non-competitive and open to all ages. Mr Camp agreed to promote the Harriers.

Other events were reported, all of which will appear on the Tourist Information Centre events list.

11. TO DISCUSS A “BEST DRESSED PREMISES” CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

The Chairman stated that, as a lot of investment has been put into the Christmas lights, we need to encourage the businesses to dress up their windows and stay open later.

It was suggested that a flyer asking for support be circulated.

Councillor Toms and Bryan agreed to deliver the flyers.

A Certificate and a prize (yet to be determined) will be given to the winners.

The Clerk was asked to write to Dolphin Holidays, John Fowler and Parkdean to ask for a prize.

Action: The Clerk to write and request prize.

12. MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AS DETERMINED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

.1 Munchtime Express

This train will run on every Tuesday in November. Ms Lines will talk to the Chairman to see how the Portbyhan Hotel can become involved.

.2 Portbyhan Hotel

Ms Lines informed that the hotel will be closing on 2nd January 2015 for refurbishment but the restaurant will remain open.

13. TO ARRANGE A DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting be held in mid January, the actual date to be arranged nearer the time.