



LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND DEVOLUTION COMMITTEE

Held in the Tourist Information Centre, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe
On Wednesday 4th September 2019 at 7.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Councillors T Crane, M Gregory, J Lundy,
M Powell, B Richardson, V Sullivan, A Toms,
C Rose (ex officio)

IN ATTENDANCE

Environment and Devolution Manager – Mrs Laura Kellaway
Mr Simon Barker

		ACTIONS
40.	<u>APOLOGIES</u> There were no apologies received as the committee was fully represented. Cllr Sullivan proposed that Cllr Toms be co-opted onto the committee for the meeting, seconded by Cllr Powell, it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to co-opt Cllr Toms onto the committee for the meeting.	
41.	<u>TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u> There was one member of the public present, Mr Simon Barker.	
42.	<u>TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Cllr Toms declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Looe Harbour Commission and Looe Live. Cllr Sullivan declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Looe Live.	
43.	<u>TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND DEVOLUTION COMMITTEE MEETING OF 3rd JULY 2019</u> Cllr Sullivan proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 3 rd July 2019 be approved, seconded by Cllr Gregory it was:	

	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> 4/3 to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 3rd July 2019. There were 3 abstentions due to some Councillors not being present at the meeting of 3rd July 2019.</p>	
44.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND DEVOLUTION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3rd JULY 2019</u></p> <p><u>.1 Ref Min No 25 Mariners' Garden Regeneration</u> The Committee discussed in some detail the creation of a working group to assist Ms Butcher with the regeneration project. Mrs Kellaway advised that she had received an updated power point presentation from Ms Butcher that she would forward to Committee members for their consideration. Cllr Sullivan asked that the Committee review the presentation and let Cllr Lundy have any thoughts which he agreed to collate and circulate to all.</p> <p><u>.2 Ref Min No 28.2 Use of Looe in Bloom Vehicle/Alternative Transport Arrangements</u> Mrs Kellaway advised that she was yet to contact Looe in Bloom or Gig Club regarding use of transport. The Committee asked that it was added to the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p><u>.3 Ref Min No 30 Looe Pollinators Action Plan</u> Cllr Sullivan advised that she had submitted an article for Looe Community News regarding raising public awareness of pollinators and their importance in the environment. There had been no response but Cllr Sullivan was hoping that there would be more interest.</p> <p><u>.4 Ref Min No 31 Climate Change</u> Mrs Kellaway apologised that Cornwall Council's 10 pledges document had not yet been sent to Councillors and advised that this would be rectified as soon as possible.</p>	<p>LK to action</p> <p>LK to action</p> <p>LK to action</p>
45.	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p><u>.1 Email received re Millpool parking and Fore Street congestion complaint</u> Cllr Rose explained the background to the complaint received regarding issues with the Millpool car parking pay machines and also with congestion along Fore Street and that he had contacted the sender to advise it would be discussed at this meeting. Cllr Sullivan proposed that a letter be written to Cornwall Council highlighting the large number of complaints being received over parking problems at the Millpool car park and that the telephone parking system was also often not working. It was suggested that "no pay no park" signs might prove useful or alternatively CC cease parking fines until the issues are resolved or at least cover all of the ticket machines.</p> <p><u>.2 Email received re businesses selling plastic crab bait</u> The Committee discussed the issue raised but all agreed that LTC has no jurisdiction in this area. Cllr Rose suggested that the contents of the email be forwarded to Amelia Bridges at Plastic Free Looe and Looe Marine</p>	<p>LK to action</p> <p>LK to action</p>

	<p>Conservation Group to see if she can get involved. Cllr Rose also suggested that a reply be sent to the email sender.</p> <p><u>.3 Letter from CC re Public Spaces Protection Orders</u></p> <p>Cllr Sullivan proposed that the link to CC's questionnaire be publicised on Facebook and LTC website for members of the public to make comments directly to CC, seconded by Cllr Crane, it was:</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>Unanimously to publicise the link to CC's questionnaire on Facebook and LTC website for members of the public to make comments directly to CC.</p>	LK to action
46.	<p><u>TO DISCUSS THE MILLPOOL CAR PARK CHARGING LEVY</u></p> <p>The Committee discussed the proposed charging levy for the Millpool car park and that any levy revenue gained must be used towards facilities within the immediate area of the Millpool. Cllr Toms suggested offsetting any revenue against the running costs of the Millpool public conveniences. Cllr Sullivan asked that the matter be put on the agenda for the next Committee meeting and that Cllr Hannaford be invited to attend in order to discuss the next stages in the process.</p>	LK to action
47.	<p><u>TO DISCUSS CREATION OF MARINERS GARDEN PROJECT AND CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUPS</u></p> <p>The Committee discussed the creation of 2 separate working groups, one to work with Nicola Butcher on the regeneration of the Mariners Garden and another group to look at Climate Change. Cllr Sullivan proposed the setting up of the Mariners Garden working group with Cllr Lundy as lead and with Cllrs Powell and Richardson as members as well as Nicola Butcher. Cllr Gregory advised that he would bring up the creation of the group at the next Full Council meeting.</p> <p>The Committee decided to defer discussions on the creation of a Climate Change working group until the next Environment and Devolution meeting.</p>	LK/MG to action
48.	<p><u>TO DISCUSS FUTURE COUNCIL RELATIONSHIP WITH LOOE ENVIRONMENTAL FACEBOOK GROUP</u></p> <p>Cllr Sullivan advised the reasoning behind the creation of the Looe Environmental Facebook group. It was felt there needed to be a vehicle for members of the public to voice their concerns and to receive responses. Councillors felt that this group should be independent of any council business as could be seen as a pressure group. Cllr Toms felt that LTC should not be involved too deeply and remain objective to such matters, Cllr Sullivan advised that she wished to be nominated as the Council representative on this outside body. Cllr Toms proposed that Cllr Sullivan be nominated as Looe Town Council representative on the Looe</p>	

	<p>Environmental Facebook Group, seconded by Cllr Crane, it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to nominate Cllr Sullivan as the Looe Town Council representative on the Looe Environmental Facebook Group.</p>	
49.	<p><u>TO DISCUSS LITTER BIN PROVISION ON EAST LOOE QUAY</u> Cllr Toms advised the Committee of the issue regarding litter bin provision, the costs involved and what existing provision there was by Looe Harbour Commission, East Looe Town Trust and Cornwall Council. The matter was discussed in some detail and the Committee felt that the town food outlets should contribute towards the cost of waste removal. Cllr Crane suggested that LTC purchase litter bins and businesses pay to have them emptied (and could sponsor the bins). Cllr Gregory advised that this should be a collaborative approach from LTC, LHC, ELTT and WLTT. Cllr Rose proposed looking at this in more detail at the start of next year once the Council move to the Library has settled down and a new Clerk in position. It was agreed that this be added to the January meeting agenda.</p>	LK to add to Jan agenda
50.	<p><u>TO DISCUSS PROVISION OF TOWN WATER REFILL STATIONS</u> Cllr Sullivan advised that a free water tap had recently been installed on the outside of the Library building.</p>	
51.	<p><u>TO DISCUSS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JOINT POST WITH POLPERRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL</u> Cllr Toms updated the Committee regarding the initiative being undertaken by Polperro Community Council who have appointed a part time Enforcement Officer with the remit to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling offences and littering. The Committee asked Cllr Toms to obtain costs from PCC for the next meeting. Cllr Rose advised that he was shortly to attend CC course on environment issues and would report back to next meeting also.</p>	AT/CR to action
52.	<p><u>TO REVIEW THE REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND DEVOLUTION MANAGER</u> Mrs Kellaway gave the Committee her report on activities currently underway. With regard to CCTV cameras and the potential repair costs, the Committee asked that this be put forward to the Finance committee so that CCTV costs could be accurately budgeted for. Mrs Kellaway updated regarding CC's policy on street traders as a result of recent Councillor concern over hair braiders. With regard to beggars, it was advised that any issues should be directed directly to the Police.</p>	

53.	<p><u>TO DISCUSS COMMUNICATION OF KEY MESSAGES</u> There were no key messages advised.</p>	
54.	<p><u>TO DISCUSS MATTERS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES</u> There were no matters referred.</p>	
55.	<p><u>MATTER FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AS DETERMINED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN</u> Cllr Rose queried the remit of the Environment and Devolution Committee and the duplication of areas between Committees and proposed that the matter is referred to the Strategy, Policy and Finance Committee for further discussions to clarify the situation. He advised that he would re-circulate Cllr Hannaford’s original committee remit document.</p>	CR to action
56.	<p><u>TO MOVE THE MEETING TO PART TWO</u> Cllr Mrs Sullivan proposed that the Meeting move to Part Two at this time to discuss three items for discussion – memorial benches, deployable CCTV cameras and Looe Live request, seconded by Cllr Gregory it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> Unanimously to move the Meeting to Part Two. Mr Barker then left the meeting at 8.20pm</p>	