

**LOOE TOWN COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held in the Council Chamber, Looe Library and Community Hub,
The Millpool, West Looe PL13 2AF
Telephone: 01503 262255

On Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT: Chairman: Councillor J Lundy
Councillors: D Bryan, E Hannaford, M Powell, C Rose,
B Richardson, A Toms and M Yarwood

OFFICERS: Annette Keen – Looe Town Council Planning Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor S Barker – Looe Town Council
David Bailey – PA19/09828
Diane Trerise - PA19/09828
Elaine and David Currah - PA19/09828
Sandra Lambert – PA19/09828
Roger Haward – PA19/09828
Karen Tambling - PA19/10817
Andrew Lightfoot – PA19/06623

		ACTIONS
	The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting and advised of housekeeping matters.	
109.	<u>APOLOGIES</u> None.	
110.	<u>TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Councillor Toms declared an interest in any matter raised concerning Cornwall Council, Looe Harbour Commission and Looe Development Trust. Councillor Powell declared an interest in any matter raised concerning PA19/06623 – Peppers.	

<p>111.</p>	<p><u>TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Councillor Powell vacated the meeting room.</p> <p><u>.1 PA19/06623 – Peppers, Portuan Road, West Looe</u></p> <p>Mr Lightfoot had written to Looe Town Council regarding Looe Town Council’s response to 5 day protocol received from Cornwall Council for the above planning application. Looe Town Council ‘agreed to disagree’ with Planning Officer’s decision.</p> <p>Mr Lightfoot was in attendance to express his disappointment that Looe Town Council did not uphold their objections and questioned Looe Town Council’s 5 day protocol process of democracy, definition of the Conservation area and the criteria for privacy.</p> <p>The Chairman explained the 5 day protocol process and stated that Looe Town Council did make their objections to the Planning Officer and in his opinion this development came in the realms of permitted development. Mr Lightfoot disagreed with the Chairman that this was permitted development.</p> <p>Councillor Hannaford stated that Looe Town Council maintained their objection to the Officer by ‘agree to disagree’ but felt that this application would not be taken to Cornwall Council Planning Committee. Only 3% of applications go to Cornwall Council Planning Committee and Looe Town Council agree with Cornwall Council’s decision currently 90% of the time. Councillor Hannaford thanked Mr Lightfoot for challenging Looe Town Council and stated that perhaps Looe Town Council should review their 5 day protocol process, particularly when there is strong resident objection.</p> <p>Councillor Toms stated that there were seven planning members consulted on the 5 day protocol received from Cornwall Council, five planning members ‘agreed to disagree’ one planning member abstained and one planning member ‘agreed with the Case Officer’.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mr Lightfoot for his attendance.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed to move the order of the Agenda to accommodate members of the public present to discuss planning applications as listed, this was unanimously approved.</p>	
<p>112.</p>	<p><u>TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AS LISTED AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECT TO CORNWALL COUNCIL</u></p> <p>Clr Powell returned to the meeting.</p> <p><u>.1 PA19/09828 – Sawyer’s BnB – Change of use of smoking shelter to reception and bar area</u></p> <p>Various members of the public in turn raised their objections and concerns to the above retrospective planning application. Objections raised included noise and disturbance, loss of residential amenity space and breach of planning. The Committee discussed at length and made their recommendation as per Appendix ‘A’.</p>	

	<p><u>.2 PA19/10817 – 8 Barn Meadow Park</u> Karen Tambling stated that she was neutral regarding the proposed extension but asked if obscure glass with a non-opening window be considered to retain privacy to her property. The Committee discussed and made recommendation as per Appendix 'A'. Members of the public thanked the Committee then left the meeting. The Chairman returned to the proper order of the Agenda.</p>	
113.	<p><u>TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2019</u> The Chairman proposed to approve the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 4th December 2019, seconded by Councillor Rose it was: <u>RESOLVED</u> With a vote of 4/4 abstentions (Cllrs Bryan, Toms, Hannaford and Yarwood) to approve the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 4th December 2019.</p>	
114.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2019</u> <u>.1 Minute No 101 - PA19/08561 – Mizzen Top</u> Cornwall Council Decision Notice states existing balcony needs removing within 4 months from 10 December 2019. Looe Town Council Planning Clerk has diarised. <u>.2 Minute No 102 – Barratts, St Martins</u> The Chairman informed the Committee that he is in the process of finalising the letter to Cornwall Council with Looe Town Council's Commercial Strategy Director, Mel Colton-Dyer.</p>	Chairman and CSD/TC
115.	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> None.</p>	
116.	<p><u>TO NOTE DECISION NOTICES</u> The Committee read through Decision Notices as attached appendix 'B'. Looe Town Council is currently 90% in line with Cornwall Council.</p>	
117.	<p><u>TO REPORT AND NOTE SITE MEETINGS AND PLANNING APPEALS</u> None.</p>	
118.	<p><u>TO REPORT AND NOTE 5 DAY PROTOCOLS RECEIVED</u> <u>.1 PA19/08008 – Weather Vane Cottage, West Looe</u> 5 day protocol received and following comments raised by Looe Town Council and discussion with the Agent, a revision to the proposed extension has been provided, amending the glazed section for continued rendered walls. Looe Town Council Planning Committee recommended 1. Agree with Officer's recommendation.</p>	

119.	<p><u>TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AS LISTED AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECT TO CORNWALL COUNCIL</u></p> <p>The Committee discussed the remainder of the planning applications as listed and made recommendations as per Appendix 'A'.</p>	
120.	<p><u>TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN</u></p> <p>Councillor Hannaford updated the Committee that the Tourism Study has commenced and the consultants will report back to the Steering Group then to Full Council. The Tourism Study will be looking at the gaps in the market and the impact on Air B & B's, Holiday Parks, Letting Agents, B & B's etc. Lavigne Lonsdale consultants for the Polean Master Plan will be reporting to the Steering Group then again to Full Council.</p> <p>Steve Besford-Foster, Project Manager has logged all the comments from the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, which was very time consuming.</p> <p>Councillor Hannaford explained the process for submitting the Neighbourhood Plan document and the referendum.</p>	
121.	<p><u>TO DISCUSS COMMUNICATION OF KEY MESSAGES</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
122.	<p><u>MATTERS FOR URGENT OR FURTHER DISCUSSION AS DETERMINED BY THE CHAIRMAN (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)</u></p> <p><u>.1 PA19/10578 – The Beach House, Marine Drive, West Looe – Pollard Holm, Oak Tree to 6 metres</u></p> <p>The above application was received on 6th December and no extension of time was granted to enable Looe Town Council to consider at this meeting. The Tree Officer has since commented with no objection. Looe Town Council made no comment and referred to the Tree Officer.</p> <p>The Chairman asked the Planning Clerk to write to Cornwall Council Case Officer stating that the Committee completely understand the need for the felling of this tree but due to it adding to the general street scene and being within the conservation area, would replanting of the same type of tree or one similar not be an option. Bearing in mind both Cornwall Council and Looe Town Council have declared a Climate Change Emergency.</p> <p><u>.2 Next Planning Meeting Date</u></p> <p>The next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 4th February 2020.</p>	<p>Planning Clerk to write to CC Case Officer</p>

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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