

**LOOE TOWN COUNCIL
KONSEL TRE LOGH**



MINUTES OF THE Environment and Devolution Committee

Held by Zoom

On Monday 21st September 2020 at 6.00pm

PRESENT: Chairman: Councillor Michala Powell (MP)
Councillors Edwina Hannaford (EH), Lillian Harrison (LH),
James Lundy (JL), Martin Gregory (MG), Viv Sullivan (VS),
Simon Barker (SB)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Armand Toms (AT)
Cllr Tony Smith (TS)
Mel Colton-Dyer – Commercial Strategy Director and Town Clerk (CSD)
Laura Kellaway – Environment and Devolved Services Manager/Deputy Clerk
(EDSM)

Open Forum - Welcome

	Welcome	ACTIONS
1.	<p>Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Jones.</p> <p>Absent: Cllr Richardson</p> <p>Cllr Hannaford apologised but, due to another Parish Council meeting, she advised she would need to leave the meeting at 6.55pm</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest Cllr Toms – Cornwall Council, Looe Harbour Commission, Looe Development Trust Cllr Hannaford – Cornwall Council</p>	
3.	<p>Questions from members of the public There were no members of the public present.</p>	

<p>4.</p>	<p>Approve the minutes of the E&D meeting held on the 12th February 2020</p> <p>It was resolved (proposed by Cllr Hannaford and seconded by Cllr Powell) that the minutes of the meeting, held on Wednesday 12th February 2020 are taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 12th February 2020</p> <p>The Environment and Devolved Services Manager provided a report on matters arising from the last meeting of 12th February 2020. This was duly noted by the Committee and no comments were made.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Short, medium and long term priorities</p> <p>Cllr Hannaford was concerned that a priority list for projects by the Environment and Devolution Committee had not yet been identified. EDSM advised that it would be done promptly and circulated to Committee members by the end of the week for their consideration and to allow prioritisation at the next meeting to be held on 19th October.</p>	<p>EDSM to populate priority list and send to all Committee</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Littering in Looe</p> <p>The Committee felt that the worst areas for littering continue to be harbour land and the beach. Cllr Toms advised that this is a huge issue for both Looe Harbour Commission and East Looe Town Trust due to the extensive costs they have previously incurred in cleaning waste that was predominately trade waste/holiday lets.</p> <p>It was identified that there are three key elements that need urgent addressing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current number and distribution of litter bins around town (this might involve town collaboration to install more bins, particularly near takeaways) 2. Number of holiday lets using street waste services and not having their own trade waste collection 3. Campaign required to encourage business and residents to minimise their waste. <p>The Clerk advised that the Council could undertake a social media campaign to promote taking litter home, to report online to CC of instances of trade waste (including holiday lets) being disposed of incorrectly, and that kerbside recycling bags are available from the Library. All agreed that people must be empowered to do more things themselves.</p>	

<p>8.</p>	<p>Forest for Cornwall Initiative</p> <p>Cllr Hannaford updated the Committee regarding progress on the Forest for Cornwall Initiative and Tree Warden scheme, both of which had been disrupted by lockdown since the last meeting. Both Cllrs Hannaford and Barker met with Friends of Kilminorth Woods back in early March and had discussed identifying where planting of new saplings could take place and a potential Tree Warden scheme among volunteers. Cllr Sullivan volunteered to take this forward and be the lead Councillor. This was approved by all Committee members present.</p> <p>It was suggested by Cllr Hannaford that a representative from Forest for Cornwall attends a future meeting and presents to Committee members on available funding and advice on engaging with the public.</p> <p>Cllr Barker advised that he was relaunching the Looe Environmental Group, with Cllr Sullivan’s assistance. Cllr Hannaford offered to forward notes from hers and Cllr Barker’s meeting with Friends of Kilminorth Woods to Cllr Sullivan. There was a suggestion that, once lockdown was over, Friends of KW could arrange a family day to excite people over trees.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Climate Change Working Group/Project Funding and Action Plan</p> <p>Cllr Hannaford advised that this should be a whole of town approach – and that the Council should get its own house in order first, before helping to galvanise the town with engagement from all town environment groups. LTC should be seen to facilitate it and create an internal list of what each committee can do to promote. Cllrs Powell and Barker agreed to meet over the next week or so with the recently appointed Community Hub Manager, who has vast experience in waste management, to discuss the way forward. Cllr Hannaford asked that this should reference back to CC motion of May 2019.</p>	<p>SB/MP to meet with Community Hub Manager</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Bonson Close Parking Issues</p> <p>Cllr Hannaford updated the Committee regarding Bonson Close parking and accessibility issues. The Clerk advised that it is being escalated up to CC Chief Executive Kate Kennally and Cllr Hannaford is due to meet with her in early Oct.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>LMCG Crab Bin Provision</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the Council had received an application for funding of £230 towards the purchase of 2 Ocean Recovery Project Storage bins and asked that, due to the urgency of the request, Councillors could make a decision at this meeting. Proposed by Cllr Gregory, seconded by Cllr Sullivan, all in favour to fund the £230 requested. Cllr Toms declared an interest and abstained from voting.</p>	<p>APCO/RFO to action</p>

<p>12.</p>	<p>Memorial Bench/Tree Provision and Future Plan</p> <p>The cost of potential new benches and plinths for Hannafore was discussed. The Environment and Devolved Services Manager was asked to obtain 2 further plinth quotes for comparison. Proposed by Cllr Gregory, seconded by Cllr Powell, it was unanimously resolved that full costs of both bench and plinth would be passed to the prospective bench purchaser with 0% cost to LTC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p>Cllr Hannaford left the meeting at 6.59pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	<p>EDSM to obtain 2 further plinth quotes</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Matters for Further or Urgent Discussions as Determined by the Chairman</p> <p>There were no matters for further or urgent discussion.</p> <p>Cllr Harrison enquired about list of devolution sites – Clerk advised she would send the full list to all Councillors.</p>	<p>CSD to send list to all</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting: Monday 19th October 2020.</p>	

The Meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

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