



# LOOE TOWN COUNCIL KONSEL TRE LOGH

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 6.00pm

At Looe Library & Community Hub, The Millpool, Looe, PL13 2AF

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor J Lundy (JL)  
Cllr S Remington (SR)  
Cllr S Barker (SB)  
Councillor J Graham-Jones (JGJ)  
Councillor C Harwood (CH)

**OFFICERS:** S Bonney – Administration and Planning Officer (APO)

**In Attendance:** Several members of the public.

	Welcome	ACTIONS
	Cllr Lundy welcomed Councillors and outlined the purpose of this committee meeting.	
220.	<b>To Receive and Consider Apologies</b>  Apologies were received from Councillors Powell and Hannaford. Councillor Edwards was absent from the meeting.	
221.	<b>To Receive Declarations of Interest</b>  None	
222.	<b>To Receive Questions from members of the public</b>  <u>PA23/04465</u> Several members of the public were in attendance regarding application <b>PA23/04465</b> . There were several points made in objection to the application that included: no letter had been received to advise residents and the public notice was not easily visible as it was constantly obstructed by vehicles on the property where the application relates to,	

<p>therefore members of the public would have to walk on to the private land to view the notice. It was then discussed that there are already parking issues in that area especially for the elderly, therefore the access of vehicles is a concern. It was also said that the proposed height would affect the value of other properties as it would not be in keeping with the surrounding area. The property is on an already elevated position therefore, it would be a higher ridge height than the other properties and quite imposing, resulting in other properties losing their privacy due to being overlooked.</p> <p>Looe Town Council object to this application as there is insufficient information on the application and the drawings do not provide the proposed ridge height, Looe Town Council request that visuals are included that show the proposed application in the wider street scene so that the proposal can be seen in context.</p> <p>Town Council agreed that the proposed goes against the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looe NDP Policy TC8 - Building Height</li> <li>• Cornwall Local plan policy 12 - design &amp; bulk</li> </ul> <p><b>PA23/04465-</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to OBJECT to this application. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, seconded by Cllr Remington, All in favour.</p> <p><b><u>PA23 05003 and PA23 04995</u></b></p> <p>There was then a presentation of solar panel tiles in regard to applications <b>PA23 05003</b> and <b>PA23 04995</b>, a sample of a solar tile was shown to the committee along with images of the proposed site, it was discussed that Looe Town Council are committed to green issues, however, it is important to maintain the special historic character of Looe, therefore solar slates were agreed to be the most appropriate renewable material to use.</p> <p><b>PA23/04995-</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to SUPPORT this application, subject to the use of PV slates. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, seconded by Cllr Remington, All in favour.</p> <p><b>PA23/05003-</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to SUPPORT this application subject to the use of PV slates. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, seconded by Cllr Remington, All in favour.</p> <p><b><u>PA23/05428</u></b></p> <p>The application <b>PA23/05428</b> was then discussed, it was stated that this property is in a prime conservation area and very visible, therefore the proposed application may contribute to change the character of the town, as the application is for solar panels not solar slate tiles, therefore it was suggested that the applicant take on the comments made and revise the application, as the slates are more aesthetically in keeping with the local area, as caution is needed to not diminish the special character in Looe’s historic core. The planning committee offered to give further guidance as Looe Town Council support renewable energy, however, this</p>	<p>APO to upload Comments to Cornwall Council Website</p>
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	<p>needs to be balanced with maintaining the special character of Looe. Looe Town Council agreed to object to the proposed application as it goes against the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looe NDP policy - TC3 'Design and Local Distinctiveness in Looe's Historic Core' which requires developments to be sympathetic to local identity and distinctiveness and seeks to protect and enhance heritage assets.</li> <li>• Looe NDP policy - DS2 Renewable Energy, which gives conditional support to small-scale renewable energy generation (page 40) which states: "will be supported provided it is in an Appropriate Location".</li> </ul> <p><b>PA23/05428-</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to OBJECT to this application. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, seconded by Cllr Remington, 3 in favour 2 against.</p> <p>A further presentation of renewable samples was given by another member of the public and a discussion ensued.</p>	
<p><b>223.</b></p>	<p><b>To Resolve to Approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2023:</b></p> <p>It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, seconded by Cllr Graham-Jones with Councillor C Harwood in favour. Cllr Remington abstained.</p>	<p>APO to update website and permanent record.</p>
<p><b>224.</b></p>	<p><b>Questions on Update from Admin &amp; Planning Officer.</b></p> <p>Progress report had been provided to Councillors in advance of meeting and no questions were raised.</p>	
<p><b>225.</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Correspondence had been circulated to members and was noted in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident comments re: PA23/04465 See item 222</li> <li>• Comments re: PA23/04995 and PA23/05003 See item 222</li> <li>• Signage reported in the conservation area</li> <li>• Invitation to the PA22/00054 meeting the 7th of August.</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that the following actions would be taken in response to items of correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage to be reported to enforcement at Cornwall Council.</li> <li>• Cllr Lundy to attend the meeting for application PA22/00054 on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August and advise the committee of the outcome.</li> </ul>	<p>APO to report to Cornwall Council enforcement.</p> <p>JL to attend and advise the committee of the outcome.</p>

226.	<p><b>To Receive a presentation on renewable energy.</b></p> <p>See Item 222.</p>	
227.	<p><b>To Receive and Note Decision Notices.</b></p> <p>It was noted that decisions are currently <b>82.92%</b> in line with those of Cornwall Council and the Chair referred to the record of this available to Councillors in meeting folder.</p>	
228.	<p><b>To Receive and Discuss Site Meetings and Planning Appeals</b></p> <p>None received.</p>	
229.	<p><b>To Receive and Discuss 5 Day Protocols</b></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that Looe Town Council would maintain the original objection to the current 5-day protocol PA23 03276.</p>	<p>APO to inform Cornwall Council officer.</p>
230.	<p><b>To Consider the remaining Planning Applications as listed and agree comments/make recommendations to Cornwall Council.</b></p> <p><b>PA23/04949-</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to SUPPORT this application. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, seconded by Cllr Graham-Jones, All in favour.</p> <p><b>PA23/04891-</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to OBJECT to this application. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, seconded by Cllr Remington, All in favour. The proposed is in an elevated part of the landscape which is not adjacent to any existing agricultural buildings.</p> <p><b>PA23/05055-</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to SUPPORT this application subject to the proposed parking area measuring at least 2.4 m x 4.8. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, seconded by Cllr Graham-Jones, All in favour.</p> <p><b>PA23/05271-</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to SUPPORT this application subject to a traffic management plan and assurance of health and safety onsite due to recent events. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, seconded by Cllr Graham-Jones, All in favour.</p> <p><b>PA23/05475</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to SUPPORT to this application. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, seconded by Cllr Harwood, All in favour.</p> <p><b>PA23/05511-</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to SUPPORT this application subject to replacement with native species. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, seconded by Cllr Graham-Jones, All in favour.</p> <p><b>SPA23/05872-</b> It was resolved to SUPPORT this application Proposed by Cllr Lundy, seconded by Cllr Remington, All in favour.</p>	<p>APO to upload Comments to Cornwall Council Website</p>

231.	<b>To Discuss and Recommend Communication of Key Messages</b>  Communication is ongoing with local business to offer heritage guidance and direction regarding the signage issues.	APO to communicate.
232.	<b>Other urgent business as determined by the Chairman (for information only)</b> None	
233.	<b>Exclusion of members of the press and public</b> No Matters.  The Meeting closed at 7.50pm	
	<b>Date of next Planning Meeting:</b>  Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	

Signed .....

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