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MINUTES OF THE Extra-Ordinary Meeting on Monday 8th April 2024 at 6.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Tony Smith – Mayor/Chair
Cllr Stephen Remington (SR)
Cllr Simon Barker (SB)
Cllr Chris Harwood (CH)
Cllr Jon Holmes (JH)
Cllr Jasper Graham Jones (JGJ)
Cllr Armand Toms (AT)
Cllr James Lundy (JL)
Cllr Michala Powell (MP)
Cllr Martin Gregory (MG)
Cllr Jamie Pearn (JP)
Cllr Stuart Haresnape (SH)

IN ATTENDANCE: Lynda Powell – Town Clerk (TC)
Donna Folland – Administration Officer (AO)

Members of the Public: There were 6 members of the Public in attendance.

11.	Welcome	ACTIONS
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting.	
12.	Apologies for absence	
	None	

<p>13.</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Toms declared his interest in matters pertaining to Cornwall Council, Looe Harbour Commissioners and Looe Development Trust.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Members of the public were given the opportunity to speak for three minutes each in respect of the provision of a Skatepark in Looe. The Chair thanked the members of public for their participation.</p>	
<p>15.</p>	<p>Skatepark. To discuss the provision of a skatepark for the town and agree Looe Town Council’s responsibilities and commitments for its deliver and management.</p> <p>The Chair invited all Councillors to comment and discuss Looe Town Councils responsibilities, commitments, and management in delivering the project. Reports were distributed for Councillors to read before the meeting.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the Council’s long-standing commitment to the skatepark but that there were several obstacles that needed to be overcome.</p> <p>Discussion ensued around the Heads of Terms by Cornwall Council for the devolution of the land and the requirement for the land to be only used as a skatepark for the term of 99 years. Cllrs discussed Cornwall Councils inclusion of a break clause at 25 years, the option of a freehold rather than a leasehold and the possibility of a 3rd party having responsibility of the leasehold.</p> <p>Councillors discussed how inevitably the detail of how the skatepark was to be maintained had evolved since initial discussions in 2022. LTC had previously agreed to insure the site, but it was now clear that LTC would need to take responsibility for the maintenance of the site. This was beyond what was previously envisaged, and it was therefore necessary for Councillors to discuss and decide if they could take on this additional responsibility.</p> <p>Cllr Lundy, Chair of the Planning Committee, explained that Looe Town Council would have a conflict of interest regarding a planning application for the skatepark due to the</p>	

Council's involvement in the devolution of the land with Cornwall Council and other ongoing negotiations associated with the project.

Councillors agreed that partnership working was very important for getting the skatepark built and for its long term care. A Memorandum of Understanding for the project with both Looe Development Trust and Boundless Trust would need to be produced.

Cllr Haresnape left the meeting at 6.48pm.

A member of the public requested to speak. The Chair resolved to permit 3 minutes for the member.

It was **Resolved:**

- a. that Looe Town Council continues to support a skatepark in Looe, gives active support to the planning application and gives full backing to the Town Clerk in her collaborative work towards the provision of a skatepark for Looe as soon as possible. Also to explore the handling of the planning application and strategy that needs to be taken by Looe Town Council.
- b. To continue to negotiate the Heads of Terms with Cornwall Council, this still to include the possibilities of devolution of the freehold as originally discussed and a third party becoming the leaseholder or, failing that, an acceptable leasehold with final agreement by Full Council and to appoint an appropriate solicitor for this purpose. In addition to currently drafted terms to negotiate that, in the event of a skatepark no longer being required, Looe Town Council may at any point during a lease period convert the space for other community use.
- c. To work as partners on the project with Looe Development Trust and Boundless Trust to prepare, as soon as possible, a Memorandum of Understanding capturing all known and predictable elements of the relationship. The Memorandum of Understanding to be approved by resolution of Full Council before signature.

	<p>d. To agree to the establishment of an earmarked reserve fund to meet short, medium and potential long-term costs of the skatepark at least for the first 25 years of a lease. To this end to budget for a contribution from Looe Town Council and to look to Looe Development Trust and Boundless for other forms of funding through grant aid, community fundraising, sponsorship and subject to planning, advertising.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Remington, Seconded by Cllr Graham-Jones. 6 in Favour/3 against. 1 abstained.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7.19pm.</p>	
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