

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL KONSEL TRE LOGH



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOOE TOWN COUNCIL Held in The Council Chamber, Looe Library and Community Hub, The Millpool

30th April 2024 at 6.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Stephen Remington (SR) - Chair
Cllr Simon Barker (SB)
Cllr Chris Harwood (CH)
Cllr Jasper Graham-Jones
Cllr Martin Gregory (MG)
Cllr James Lundy (JL)
Cllr Jamie Pearn (JP)
Cllr Michala Powell
Cllr Armand Toms

IN ATTENDANCE: Lynda Powell – Town Clerk (TC)
Karen Vaughan – Deputy Clerk (DC)

Members of the public: Four members of the public were present

		Action
	Welcome The Chair welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting	
111.	To Receive Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received. It was RESOLVED to accept apologies, along with the reasons given, from Cllr Tony Smith (TS), Cllr Stuart Haresnape (SH) and Cllr John Holmes (JH). Proposed by Cllr Gregory, seconded by Cllr Harwood. All in favour.	

<p>112.</p>	<p>To Receive Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Armand Toms declared an interest in matters pertaining to Cornwall Council, Looe Development Trust, and Looe Harbour Commissioners.</p>	
<p>113.</p>	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>The Chair welcomed members of the public, including Burgess Jimmy Dingle and Councillor Jim Candy, Cornwall member for Looe West, Pelynt, Lansallos & Lanteglos.</p> <p>Cllr Remington explained that Mr Dingle was attending to talk about Agenda item 115 and on this occasion, the meeting would take any questions to him. Mr Dingle stated he was attending the meeting on behalf of West Looe Town Trust (WLTT) and to seek a letter of support from Looe Town Council for their case to continue management of West Looe Downs instead of the area becoming common land.</p> <p>A question was raised about the proposal for the area to become common land and the applicant’s intention for the space, and Mr Dingle confirmed that he could not answer this.</p> <p>The Chair thanked him for attending and invited Mr Dingle to stay for consideration of this Agenda item later in the meeting.</p> <p>Cornwall Councillor Updates</p> <p>The Chair thanked Cllr Candy for his written report and asked for any further updates. Cllr Candy confirmed his discussions with Cornwall about support for projects in Looe and made Town Councillors aware of local issues with new waste bins being available for all residents. No further questions were raised.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Cllr Toms for his written report and asked for any further updates. Cllr Toms told the meeting about a recent fatal accident on the A38 at Bodmin Parkway and explained that he had contacted CC colleagues and local MP Sheryl Murray about this. He advised the meeting of accident statistics on the A38 and stated that he would continue to campaign to improve road safety there. No further questions were raised.</p>	

<p>114.</p>	<p>Minutes</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Full Council held on Monday 25th March 2024, subject to Town Clerk’s agreement to amendments requested by Cllr Lundy. Proposed by Cllr Graham-Jones, seconded by Cllr Harwood. Carried 7 for / 2 abstained as not present at previous meeting.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 8th April 2024. Proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr Lundy. All in favour.</p>	<p>TC publish permanent records</p>
<p>115.</p>	<p>West Looe Downs</p> <p>Cllr Remington asked the meeting whether any Councillor was opposed to providing a letter of support for WLTT, and if a caveat should be included that LTC was not opposed generally to the principle of common land.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to write to WLTT supporting the Trust’s position that registration of West Looe Downs as common land could hinder their charitable objectives, whilst making clear that LTC support the registration of common land in principle. Proposed by Cllr Graham-Jones, seconded by Cllr Gregory. All in favour.</p>	<p>TC write to WLTT</p>
<p>116.</p>	<p>Clerk’s Report</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Town Clerk for an excellent, clear and concise written report and asked for any verbal updates. The Town Clerk drew members’ attention to certain items, and it was agreed that:</p> <p>Council will write to long-standing requestors of grants and ask them to re-apply under new policy if they still want to be considered for funding; Town Clerk will report to Council on results of research about security support for businesses during peak season; Council will provide input to Community Area Partnership about representation from that group for the Tamar Crossings committee.</p> <p>A question was raised about toilet cards for residents and TC confirmed lots of publicity had been done, and Officers will continue to do this to enact decision of Council to implement charging.</p> <p>Cllr Remington thanked Maintenance team for work on seafront toilets and DC for her background work on the project.</p>	<p>TC contact</p> <p>TC report</p> <p>TC write CAP</p>

<p>117.</p>	<p>Council Committees and Working Groups</p> <p>a) A written report from Planning Committee was noted and Cllr Lundy ran through points for benefit of members of the public in attendance. He thanked members for their support in appointing a planning consultant to present Town Council’s objection to application reference PA23/10211 which had been called to the Area Planning Committee for decision.</p> <p>Cllr Toms left the room for discussion to take place about this, but no questions were raised, and he returned to the meeting.</p> <p>b) A written report from Services, Assets & Community Committee was noted, and no questions were raised. Cllr Gregory explained a recommendation from Committee to recruit a Street Marshall in 2024, recognising that a longer-term solution and/or options for traffic management would be investigated in this financial year.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to advertise for a Street Marshall(s) to commence as early in the 2024 summer season as possible, with hours and pay to meet budgeted cost. Proposed by Cllr Gregory, seconded by Cllr Lundy. All in favour</p> <p>c) A written report from Business & Learning Working Group was noted and Cllr Remington highlighted key points from this. No further questions were raised.</p>	<p>DC progress recruitment</p>
<p>118.</p>	<p>Community Infrastructure Levy</p> <p>A report from the Town Clerk about the Funding Agreement between CC and LTC relating to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was noted and no questions were raised.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the Funding Agreement and that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor would sign on behalf of LTC. Proposed by Cllr Gregory, seconded by Cllr Lundy. Carried 8 for/1 against</p>	<p>TC send to CC</p>
<p>119.</p>	<p>Community Grants/Donations</p> <p>a) Looe Weekender – TC explained request for £1,500 specifically to provide support for advertising event in print and social media, and pointed out that Council grants could not be paid to individual bank accounts.</p> <p>A question was raised about the lack of bank account details provided on the grant application and whether Looe Town Council could pay suppliers directly rather than grant to a company or an individual to pass on.</p>	

	<p>Discussion ensued about Looe Weekender as a collaboration of businesses/pubs rather than an organisation per se, and the benefits of the event to the community and local economy. Councillors referred to conditions of grants that accounts should be provided at the end of funded projects, and that applicants must be not-for-profit, must benefit community and/or promote local businesses.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to support Looe Weekender with a grant of £1,500 subject to supplier invoicing Looe Town Council directly for payment. Proposed by Cllr Remington, seconded by Cllr Graham-Jones. Carried 7 for / 1 against / 1 abstain.</p>	RFO respond to applicant
120.	<p>Part 2 – Exclusion of members of the press and public</p> <p>In accordance with S1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it was RESOLVED to exclude the public and press from the meeting during consideration of the following matters. Proposed by Cllr Gregory, Seconded by Cllr Toms. All in favour.</p> <p>The Deputy Clerk left the room while this matter was discussed.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to accept the Staffing Committee’s recommendation</p> <p>To adopt in principle the new pay grading structure as outlined by South West Councils and after reasonable consultations with staff implement the grading structure from the 1st June.</p> <p>To retain a commitment to pay the Real Living Wage and Council will review if in the future the Real Living Wage exceeds any point on the Council’s pay structure.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Gregory, Seconded by Cllr Harwood. All in favour.</p>	
	<p>Date of the next meeting: Annual Meeting, Mayor Making & Town Meeting will be held on Monday, 30th April 2024 from 7pm at the Guildhall, East Looe.</p> <p>Please assemble in the Rose Garden at 6.45pm to process to Guildhall Chamber</p>	

The meeting concluded at 7.03 pm

Signed _____ Date _____