

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

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Full Council Meeting Minutes

Held in

The Council Chamber, Looe Library and Community Hub, The Millpool, Looe

Date: 21st October 2024

Time: 6:00pm

PRESENT:

Cllr Tony Smith - Mayor (TS)
Cllr Stephen Remington - Deputy Mayor (SR)
Cllr Martin Gregory (MG)
Cllr Jon Holmes (JH)
Cllr Simon Barker (SB)
Cllr James Lundy (JL)
Cllr Michala Powell (MP)
Cllr Armand Toms (AT)
Cllr Chris Harwood (CH)
Cllr Jasper Graham-Jones (JGJ)
Cllr Jamie Pearn (JP)

IN ATTENDANCE: Lynda Powell (TC), Donna Folland (AO)

Members of the Public: 2

Agenda Item	Discussion/Outcome/Decision	Action/Follow up
	Welcome The Mayor, Cllr Tony Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.	

<p>FC24/25.63</p>	<p>To Receive Apologies for Absence and the reasons given.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies and the reasons given from Cllr Stuart Haresnape (SH).</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Armand Toms and seconded by Cllr Stephen Remington. All in favour.</p>	
<p>FC24/25.64</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>Cllr Jamie Pearn declared an interest in matters pertaining to Agenda item FC24/25.71 Community Grants.</p> <p>Cllrs Tony Smith, Stephen Remington and Simon Barker declared an interest in matters pertaining to Agenda item FC24/25.72</p>	
<p>FC24/25.65</p>	<p>Public Participation. To receive representations from members of the public in respect to the business on the agenda.</p> <p>There were 2 members of the public present and one question was emailed ahead of the meeting which the TC read out.</p> <p>Cllrs Tony Smith, James Lundy, Armand Toms and the TC responded to questions from members of the public.</p> <p>Cornwall Councillors Updates. To receive and note written reports from Cornwall Councillors Armand Toms and Jim Candy and ask questions on the content.</p> <p>Cllr Jim Candy sent his apologies as he was unwell.</p> <p>Councillors asked Cllr Toms for clarification about the Polperro road closure and the proposed works on the</p>	<p>TC</p>

	<p>Tamar Tunnel. The TC will request clarification on the Tunnel works and gave assurance that as soon as information is from Cornwall Council this will be shared with Councillors and the Community.</p>	
FC24/25.66	<p>Minutes. To receive and resolve to adopt the minutes of the Full council meeting held on the 9th September 2024.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 9th September 2024. Proposed by Cllr Tony Smith and seconded by Cllr Stephen Remington.</p> <p>Carried 7 for / 4 abstentions from those not present at previous meeting.</p>	
FC24/25.67	<p>Council Committees and Working Groups</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To receive a report from the Planning Committee and note resolutions. 2. To receive a report from Services, Assets and Community Committee and note resolutions. 3. To receive a report from Finance and Strategy Committee, note resolutions and the committee’s recommendations to adopt: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) New model Financial regulations b) Training and Development Policy 4. To receive a report from the Business and Learning Working Group 5. To receive a recommendation from the Staffing committee regarding the Christmas closure of the Library and Community Hub. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A written Planning committee report was circulated and noted. 2. A written Services, Assets and Community committee report was circulated and noted. 3. A written Finance and Strategy Committee report was circulated and noted. a. It was RESOLVED to adopt the new model financial regulations. 	

	<p>Proposed by Cllr Simon Barker and seconded by Cllr Stephen Remington. All in favour.</p> <p>b. It was RESOLVED to adopt the new Training and Development Policy.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and Seconded by Cllr Simon Barker. All in favour.</p> <p>4. A written Business and Learning Working Group was circulated and noted.</p> <p>5. A written Staffing Committee report was circulated and noted.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the recommendation from the Staffing Committee.</p> <p>a. for the Council Offices and Community Hub to close for the Christmas Break from Tuesday 24th December 2024 and reopen on Thursday 2nd January 2025.</p> <p>b. For the Deputy Clerk and Cleaning and Maintenance Supervisor to agree opening times of the public conveniences over Christmas and New Year so that the Cleaning Team can also enjoy a Christmas break.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and seconded by Cllr Jon Holmes. All in favour.</p>	
<p>FC24/25.68</p>	<p>Deputy Mayor. To receive an update, from the Deputy Mayor following his attendance at the Mayor and Clerk’s Larger Councils meeting and to consider supporting the position statement on devolution by the Mayors of Cornwall.</p> <p>A written report from the Deputy Mayor was circulated and noted.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the draft statement. Cllr Lundy requested that the reference to green energy should be excluded from the final statement as this might be</p>	

	<p>considered to predetermine the Council's position on this matter. A public consultation would be required for proposals relating to 'Green Energy'.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that at the CALC meeting it was recognised that it would take some time for all town and parish councils to comment and make a resolution in support of the statement. It had therefore been agreed to arrange a meeting with all Cornwall MPs to discuss devolution proposals.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Looe Town Council supports a devolution option for the Duchy of Cornwall that devolves powers to Cornwall, and not to a broader combined region alongside other large authorities in the south-west. b. The final devolution statement will be circulated to Councillors and the Mayor is delegated to sign the revised joint statement on behalf of the Council. <p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and seconded by Cllr Armand Toms. Carried 9 for / 2 against.</p>	
<p>FC24/25.69</p>	<p>Clerk's Report To receive a report from the Town Clerk outlining actions taken following the meeting held on the 9th September 2024.</p> <p>A written report was circulated and noted. The Clerk requested Councillors support at the Lantern Procession and Christmas Light Switch on Friday 29th November at 6:30pm. Cllrs Martin Gregory, Stephen Remington, Armand Toms, Jon Holmes, Simon Barker confirmed they could assist. Cllrs Tony Smith and Jasper Graham-Jones will check their commitments before confirmation.</p> <p>Cllr Jamie Pearn informed the meeting that a draft report from the Business Forum will be sent to ELTT, LHC and the Police Commission regarding the reflection of the Town Security Patrol over the summer. The business Forum are hoping to gather details of those willing to contribute to the Towns security next year.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Jamie Pearn will contact Cllr Armand Toms for possible future funding application opportunities.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that work on the voluntary tourism levy was progressing. The research part of the feasibility study was moving forward and the next steps would be to discuss the feasibility study with key stakeholders.</p>	
<p>FC24/25.70</p>	<p>Food Festival. To consider a request for the Looe Food Festival for support to run the 2025 event.</p> <p>A written report was circulated and noted.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that Looe Town Council provide the same level of support to the Food Festival as in 2024 and that a new memorandum of Understanding is signed by both parties.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Armand Toms and seconded by Cllr Stephen Remington. All in favour.</p>	
<p>FC24/25.71</p>	<p>Community Grants To consider an application by Looe Business Forum.</p> <p>Cllr Jamie Pearn left the meeting 18:53pm.</p> <p>Discussion ensued around whether other agencies within the town had been approached for funding support, and the need to support and advertise the late-night shopping events.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to provide a grant to Looe Business Forum. The value of the grant will be determined by the amount of match funding raised by the forum. The maximum grant will not exceed £1500.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Armand Toms and seconded by Cllr Stephen Remington. Carried 9 for / 1 against.</p> <p>Cllr Jamie Pearn returned to the meeting 18:57pm. Cllr Martin Gregory left the meeting at 18:58pm</p>	

<p>FC24/25.72</p>	<p>Hannafore Rose Beds. To consider a report regarding options for future maintenance of this area.</p> <p>Cllrs Tony Smith, Stephen Remington and Simon Barker left the meeting 18:58pm</p> <p>The Town Clerk informed the group that they would now need to elect a new Chair for this agenda item.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to elect Cllr Jon Holmes to Chair this item on the agenda. Proposed Cllr John Holmes and seconded by Cllr James Lundy. All in favour.</p> <p>A written report was circulated and noted and discussion ensued.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Council continue to explore maintaining this area under licence from Cornwall Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.2. That the Clerk and RFO research risk, liabilities and insurance costs and report to Services, Assets and Community committee. 6.3. That the costs of maintaining this area without volunteers are researched by the Deputy Clerk and reported to the Services, Assets and Community Committee. 6.4. That the Deputy Clerk seek additional quotes for an initial clearing of the area and six-monthly maintenance visits and provides a report to the Services, Assets and Community Committee. 6.5. That the Services, Assets and Community Committee review and make a recommendation to Full Council. <p>Proposed by Cllr Jon Holmes and seconded by Cllr Jasper Graham Jones. All in favour.</p>	
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	Cllrs Tony Smith, Stepen Remington and Simon Barker returned to the meeting at 19:02pm.	
FC24/25.73	<p>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, to resolve to exclude the public and press from the meeting during consideration of the following matters:</p> <p>None.</p>	
FC24/25.74	Date of Next Meeting: Monday 25th November 2024	
	Meeting Closed at: 19:05pm	

Signed:

Date: