

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

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Full Council Meeting Minutes

Held in

The Millpool Centre, The Millpool, Looe

On Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 6.00pm

PRESENT:

Cllr Stephen Remington - Mayor (SR)
Cllr Jamie Pearn - Deputy Mayor (JP)
Cllr Jon Holmes (JH)
Cllr Simon Barker (SB)
Cllr James Lundy (JL)
Cllr Michala Powell (MP)
Cllr Chris Harwood (CH)
Cllr Jasper Graham -Jones (JGJ)
Cllr Chris Rose (CR)
Cllr Mark Pughe (MPU)
Cllr Abbas Matini (AM)
Cllr Adrian Rusu (AR)
Cllr George Ingham (GI)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sam White (Town Clerk)
Sharon Payne (Deputy Town Clerk)
Fiona Wilkes-Jones (RFO)
Donna Folland (Admin Officer)
Jim Candy (Cornwall Cllr)
Mark Gibbons (Cornwall Cllr)
Looe Youth Council – 2 members

Members of the Public: 9

Agenda Item	Discussion/Outcome/Decision	Action/Follow up
	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The Mayor, Cllr Stephen Remington welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced the members of the Youth Council and their Mentors explaining they are given the same dispensations to participate in discussions as Cornwall Councillors, but not able to vote on decisions.</p>	
FC 25/26.138	<p>To Receive Apologies for Absence.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies for absence and the reasons given from Cllr Elliot Stone (ES).</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and seconded by Cllr Jasper Graham-Jones. All in favour.</p> <p>Cllr Charleigh Patterson was absent.</p>	
FC 25/26.139	<p>To Receive Declarations of Interest / Requests for Dispensations.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to grant dispensations to Cllr Michala Powell in matters pertaining to the Methodist Church.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and seconded by Cllr Chris Harwood. All in favour.</p>	
FC 25/26.140	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>There were 9 members of the public present. A member of the public spoke about Agenda item FC25/26.152 options for the land at Sunrising, raising concern about wildlife/trees and if LTC were to take on the land they would prefer it be left fallow.</p>	
FC 25/26.141	<p>Minutes: Full Council Meeting.</p>	

	<p>It was RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27th January 2026.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and seconded by Cllr Simon Barker. Carried 12 for/ 1 abstention.</p>	
FC 25/26.142	<p>Minutes: Council committees and Working Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance & Strategy Committee held on 20th January 2026. <p>It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the Finance and Strategy Committee held on 20th January 2026.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Simon Barker and seconded by Cllr Mark Pughe. All in favour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Committee held on 13th January 2026 and 10th February 2026 <p>It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee on the 13th January 2026.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr James Lundy and seconded by Cllr Chris Harwood. Carried 12 for/ 1 abstention.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10th February 2016.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr James Lundy and seconded by Cllr Chris Harwood. Carried 12 for/ 1 abstention.</p>	
FC 25/26.143	<p>Police Report</p> <p>The representative from the Neighbourhood Policing has been called away therefore apologies were given.</p>	
FC 25/26.144	<p>To receive Correspondence</p> <p>None received.</p>	

<p>FC 25/26.145</p>	<p>To receive a presentation from Looe Youth Council</p> <p>A representative from the Youth Council suggested to Council if they could endorse part of the GCSE course work. For example, if students as part of their Music GCSE course were to organise a hypothetical Festival event, by having the endorsement of LTC it would potentially give the student better grades, therefore impacting on the Schools performance and results for their GCSE scores.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that LTC support any efforts by the young people of Looe to plan arts festivals or other events in the town subject to agreement on detailed plans in each case.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Mark Pughe and seconded by Cllr Simon Barker. Carried 11 for / 2 abstentions.</p> <p>A representative from the Youth Council suggested to Council the more funds be available for Youth Clubs.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that LTC contact the Head Teachers about the potential for a Youth Club in the School.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and seconded by Cllr Jamie Pearn. All in favour.</p> <p>Cllr Remington thanked the members of the Youth Council for coming and participating in the meeting.</p>	
<p>FC 25/26.146</p>	<p>Council Committees and Working Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive a report from the Planning committee <p>The planning report was circulated and noted. Cllr James Lundy gave an overview of his report.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive a report from the Finance & Strategy Committee <p>The Finance and Strategy Committee report was circulated and noted. Cllr Barker gave an overview of the report.</p>	
FC 25/26.147	<p>Cornwall Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive a report from Cllr Jim Candy <p>A report from Cllr Jim Candy was circulated and noted. Cllr Candy gave an overview of his report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive a report from Cllr Mark Gibbons <p>A report from Cllr Mark Gibbons was circulated and noted. Cllr Gibbons gave an overview of his report.</p>	
FC 25/26.148	<p>Mayor's Report</p> <p>To receive a report from Cllr Stephen Remington.</p> <p>A report from Cllr Stephen Remington was circulated and noted. Cllr Remington gave an overview of his report.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to note the reports from Cllrs Jim Candy, Mark Gibbons and the Mayor's Report from Cllr Stephen Remington.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and seconded by Cllr Michala Powell. Carried 12 for / 1 abstention.</p>	
FC 25/26.149	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Clerk's Report was circulated and noted. The Clerk gave an overview of her report highlighting the success of the St Piran's Day event held in the Library. Officers are now shortlisting applicants for interviews for the 3 vacancies. The</p>	

	<p>opportunity to attend a Lantra training day on Wednesday 7th October was open to all. Interested parties should contact the Town Clerk to book a place.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to note the Clerk's report.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and seconded by Cllr Jasper Graham-Jones. Carried 12 for / 1 abstention.</p>	
FC 25/26.150	<p>Deputy Clerk's Report.</p> <p>The Deputy Clerk's report was circulated and noted. The Deputy Clerk gave an overview of her report.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to note the Deputy Clerk's Report.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and seconded by Cllr Jon Holmes. Carried 12 for / 1 abstention.</p>	
FC 25/26.151	<p>To resolve to adopt the Community Grants Policy</p> <p>The Community Grants Policy was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk gave an overview of the policy and the recent amendments enabling applications to be submitted all year removing the two application windows.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to adopt the Community Grants Policy.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and seconded by Cllr Simon Barker. Carried 11 for / 2 against.</p>	
FC 25/26.152	<p>To receive a report on the options for land at Sunrising.</p>	

	<p>The report on the potential devolution of land at Sunrising was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk gave an overview of the report and the responses to the public questionnaire. The results indicate that 81% of respondents would like the area to be preserved as a wildlife habitat if Looe Town Council were to take over the land.</p> <p>Further information will be sought around the clarification on the boundaries, soil contamination/ biodiversity test results and cost of the land.</p> <p>Discussion ensued around whether a restrictive covenant could be applied for after transfer of ownership of the land.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to advise Cornwall Council that Looe Town Council does have an interest in the land at Sunrising subject to further negotiations and clarifications on the transfer.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Michala Powell and seconded by Cllr Chris Rose. All in favour.</p>	
FC 25/26.153	<p>To receive a report to update on devolution activities.</p> <p>A report on the current status of devolution opportunities was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk gave an overview of the report. Discussion ensued around the assets included in the report and the need to look at the opportunity for packages of assets that include income generating opportunities to off set those assets that would incur additional costs to the Council. Cllr Barker will share a previous devolution list opportunity with the Clerk.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to note the report on the current status of devolution opportunities.</p>	SB to share previous devolution list with TC

	<p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and seconded by Cllr Jasper Graham- Jones. Carried 11 for / 2 abstentions.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to register the Looe Family Hub as an Asset of Community Value in partnership with Barbican Preschool.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Jasper Graham-Jones and seconded by Cllr Simon Barker. Carried 11 for / 2 abstentions.</p>	
FC 25/26.154	<p>To receive a report on a proposal to apply to the Local Council Awards Scheme</p> <p>The report on the Local Council Awards Scheme was circulated and noted. Discussion ensued and Cllrs agreed being part of the scheme would be a benefit and show the Town Council as meeting standards set by the sector. The aim would be to progress to the Gold award in 2027.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to apply to the Local Council Awards Scheme at the Silver level and pay the application fee of £150.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Chris Rose and seconded by Cllr Jasper Graham-Jones. All in favour.</p>	
FC 25/26.155	<p>To resolve to release funds to the Edwina Hannaford Skatepark Project</p> <p>The Town Clerk gave an overview of the report. Discussion ensued following the proposal from the Youth Council for consideration to be given around whether other sports based organisations within the town could benefit from a share of the £6500 donated by Coca Cola.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to defer the decision to release the funds following further consultation with the Youth Council and other sports based organisations in the town.</p>	

	<p>Proposed by Cllr Jon Holmes and seconded by Cllr James Lundy. Carried 11 for / 1 against.</p>	
FC 25/26.156	<p>Exclusion of members of the press and public.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to exclude members of the press and public in accordance with S1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following matter due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and seconded by Cllr Simon Barker. All in favour.</p> <p>7:46 pm The members of the public left the building.</p>	
	<p>Confidential Items for discussion</p>	
FC 25/26.157	<p>To receive a report on options for refurbishing the Library and Tourist Information Centre</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to extend the meeting to complete the business on the Agenda.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stephen Remington and seconded by Cllr Jasper Graham-Jones. All in favour.</p> <p>The report on the Library and Community Hub reconfiguration was circulated and noted. The Deputy Town Clerk gave an overview of the report and drawings were circulated amongst Cllrs.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to defer the decision to the next Full Council meeting.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Chris Rose and seconded by Cllr James Lundy. Carried 6 for / 2 against. 5 abstained.</p>	

FC 25/26.158	<p>To review options for FloodFlash flood insurance</p> <p>The Report detailing the renewal of the FloodFlash annual cover was circulated and noted. The RFO gave an overview of the report.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to not renew the FloodFlash cover for the 2026-27 financial period.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Simon Barker and seconded by Cllr Abbas Matini. All in favour.</p>	
FC 25/26.159	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st April 2026</p>	
	<p>Meeting Closed at: 8:07pm</p>	

Signed:

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