

LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION MEETING

Held in the Tourist Information Centre The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe On Monday 16th March 2015 at 7.00pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT: Chairman - Councillor D J Bryan

Councillors T Crane, M Gregory,

J R B Dingle and R Hendy

OFFICERS

Town Clerk - Mrs Anne Frith

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllrs A Toms and D Welch

		ACTIONS
57.	APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M Powell and M Soady. ABSENT Councillor T Stacey.	
58.	TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Hendy declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust. Cllr Dingle declared an interest in any matter raised concerning East Looe Town Trust and West Looe Town Trust.	
59.	TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC There were no questions or statements.	

60. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9th FEBRUARY 2015

.1 Ref Min No: 53.6 – Disposal of land at Sunrising Cllr Dingle asked what this item was about, Cllr Bryan explained that Cornwall Council are wanting to dispose of this land and explained the location and the difficulties of the site. The Clerk informed that an Expression of Interest had been lodged as requested but no acknowledgement received so far.

61. CORRESPONDENCE

.1 East Looe Town Trust – Guildhall Ladies Facility
Cllr Bryan informed that a response to our request for the
cost of potential rental of the facility had been received which
indicated that East Looe Town Trust would expect in the
region of £15,000 per year as they have been informed that
this is what could be expected for any use of the building.
Cllr Bryan stated that a decision needs to be made, we have
fulfilled our promise to the petitioners.

Cllr Crane stated that the public are not in favour of a uni-sex facility, it was explained that the conversion of the gents facility will be multi-use, not uni-sex, and there will be separate doors into the ladies, gents and disabled facility. After much discussion Cllr Dingle proposed that a recommendation be put to Full Council to forget the possibility of rental, close the ladies facility as originally intended and proceed with the conversion of the gents facility as soon as possible, seconded by Cllr Gregory it was unanimously agreed to approve the proposal.

In response to Cllr Crane's concern about how we explain this action to the public Cllr Dingle stated that a very clear statement needs to be issued giving our reasons and he will work with the Clerk to produce a statement.

.2 Environment Agency ref Mr Shields (Min No: 53.1 of 9th February 2015 Meeting)

A response to Mr Shields complaint regarding Liskeard Hunt Kennels had been received and was read to the Committee. The Clerk informed that a copy of this letter had been sent to Mr Shields with the recommendation that he contact the Environment Agency personally if there are any further concerns.

.3 Parsons Brinkerhoff – Gwel-an-Porth Retaining Wall.
A letter received giving an update on the monitoring and corrective repairs was read to the Committee. Cllr Bryan proposed that a letter be sent to Parsons Brinkerhoff asking them to undertake the repairs as soon as possible, seconded by Cllr Gregory it was unanimously agreed.

.4 Mr N Warren – Cycle Routes

An e-mail received suggesting a cycle route along the railway from Liskeard to Looe was read to the Committee, the

Recommendation referred to Full Council for approval. Clerk to write to ELTT after Full Council approval

Clerk to respond

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	Committee stated that this had been looked at some time ago by Caradon District Council and was considered to be too expensive. The Committee suggested that Mr Warren write to Cornwall Council. The Clerk was asked to respond to Mr Warren. 5 Looe Community Forum An e-mail, which suggested that a Project Manager be employed to oversee the production of the Neighbourhood	Clerk to respond
	Plan, was read to the Committee. Cllr Bryan stated that this had already been discussed some time ago and Mr Besford-Foster had been approached and had quoted for the work, however this had been dropped as there had been objection to Mr Besford-Foster.	
	Cllr Gregory proposed that a recommendation be made to Full Council to put out an invitation to tender and approve the expenditure for a Project Manager, seconded by Cllr Bryan it was unanimously agreed. 6 Mr Morton – West Looe Ladies Facility	
	Mr Morton had stated in an email that there is some confusion over the use of the ladies facility as a uni-sex facility whilst the conversion of the gents facility is being done and he asked for better signage. The Committee agreed that the finger post indicating "Ladies Toilets" be removed and extra signage be put on the building.	Clerk to provide extra signage and arrange for removal of the finger post
	.7 Looe Harbour Commission - Falconry Cllr Bryan read out a letter received which stated that Looe Harbour Commission will not be employing the services of a falconer to deal with seagulls.	
62.	TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE COUNCIL PROJECT LIST Cllr Bryan drew the Committees attention to the Camborne Town Council Forward Plan for discussion with our current project list. All agreed that that our project list needs to worked into a	
	Forward Plan and that we need to identify what loose ends we have in our current list. The Clerk was asked to chase the Solicitor for progress with the Bowling Club/Putting Green lease. Cllr Dingle proposed that all seats in Looe be replaced with the funds that have been in our budget for some time, he	Clerk to chase Solicitor
	acknowledged that some seats have been replaced and sold but this needs to be fast-tracked and the seats can be sold at a later date. Cllrs Toms and Welch agreed to identify how many seats are needed.	Cllrs Toms and Welch to identify how many seats are needed
63.	MATTERS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES .1 Litter Pick – 21 st March 2015 Cllr Bryan informed that there is to be as litter pick in the Millpool on 21 st March as part of Cornwall Council's Clean Cornwall week. Cllr Toms informed that he will be litter	
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	picking along Barbican Road/St Martin's Road to Looe Bay Holiday Park. Cllr Hendy raised concern about the amount of litter along the main routes in Cornwall, all roads are covered in litter. Cllr Toms informed the Committee that this is the responsibility of SITA. Cllr Bryan suggested writing to all Town and Parish Councils to ask them to support Looe in asking SITA to clear all litter, this was unanimously agreed.	Clerk to write to all Town & Parish Councils in S E Cornwall
64.	MATTERS FOR FURTHER OR URGENT DISCUSSION AS DETERMINED BY THE CHAIRMAN .1 VE Day – 8 th May 2015 Cllr Bryan explained that it is the 70 th anniversary on 8 th May and stated that he would like to see beacons lit to celebrate as in other parts of the country. He read out the details of the gas beacons, which are free, and informed that the gas cylinders would have to be purchased. Cllr Bryan will mention this to East Looe Town Trust at the Co-operation meeting which is being held on 17 th March and also provide the President of the Royal British Legion with the information for agreement on the organisation of this event.	
65.	TO MOVE THE MEETING TO PART TWO Cllr Bryan proposed that the Meeting be moved to Part Two at the request of Looe Harbour Commission to discuss the draft proposed flood plan project, seconded by Cllr Dingle it was unanimously agreed. Open Meeting closed at 8pm.	