

**LOOE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**



On Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 6.00pm

At St Martins Church Hall, St Martins, Looe, PL13 1FA

REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor J Lundy
Councillors: A Toms, E Hannaford, N Shelley,

OFFICERS: Karen Vaughan – Administration & Planning Officer (APO)

		ACTIONS
	<p>WELCOME The Chair welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.</p>	
135.	<p>TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER APOLOGIES Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Powell and Cllr V Sullivan.</p>	
136.	<p>TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Toms declared an interest in matters pertaining to Cornwall Council and Looe Development Trust.</p> <p>Cllr Hannaford declared an interest in any matters pertaining to Cornwall Council.</p>	
137.	<p>TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC The Chair welcomed two members of the public to the meeting and checked his understanding of their particular interests. It was agreed to re-order the agenda to discuss those Planning Applications of interest to public attendees prior to other agenda items. Each member of the public was invited to address the Committee:</p> <p>A public attendee asked questions about the decision-making process for the recent planning application relating to Tree-Tops in Hannafore Lane. As a neighbour, he wanted to raise a number of objections to the application and confirmed that he had formally lodged his comments with Cornwall Council. The Chair of Planning Committee explained the process which had been followed and considerations and caveats relevant to the Looe Town Council's recommendation to the Planning Authority. The attendee thanked the Chair and Committee.</p> <p>Both members of the public commented about the Polvellan Manor site (PA21</p>	

	<p>03163) and their desire to see this suitably developed.</p> <p>They each then raised points, in turn, about the application to be discussed relating to conversion of the Fieldhead Hotel into 4 dwellings (PA21/10401). The key points raised were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic impact to the town of converting the hotel to residential accommodation, particularly if sold as second homes; • Site owner has failed to maintain the building and allowed it to ‘run into the ground’, de-valuing their own investment; • The Fieldhead had previously been a successful, award-winning hotel and there was no evidence that it could not continue to be; • The sales agent for the site was unable to provide any information about the future viability (or not) of the building as a hotel; • Looe’s local housing need is for low-cost, affordable properties; not the high-end accommodation proposed on this site; • Protected species are present in grounds of the property. <p>The Committee discussed planning application PA21/10401 and made recommendations as set out in Appendix A. It was RESOLVED to object to this application. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, Seconded by Cllr Hannaford. All in favour.</p> <p>The Committee discussed planning application PA21/03163 and made recommendations as set out in Appendix A. It was RESOLVED to object to this application. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, Seconded by Cllr Hannaford. All in favour.</p> <p>The Committee thanked the members of the public for attending and they left the meeting. The Chair returned to the correct order of the Agenda.</p>	
<p>138.</p>	<p>TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 15TH NOVEMBER 2021</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 15th November 2021. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, Seconded by Cllr Hannaford. All in favour.</p>	
<p>139.</p>	<p>TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE COMMENTS MADE TO CORNWALL COUNCIL ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOLLOWING INFORMAL PLANNING BRIEFING ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2021</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the comments made to Cornwall Council following members agreement at a Planning Briefing held on 30th November 2021. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, Seconded by Cllr Shelley. All in favour.</p>	
<p>140.</p>	<p>TO RESOLVE TO APPROVE COMMENTS MADE TO CORNWALL COUNCIL ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOLLOWING INFORMAL PLANNING BRIEFING ON 13TH DECEMBER 2021</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the comments made to Cornwall Council following members agreement at a Planning Briefing held on 13th December 2021. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, Seconded by Cllr Hannaford. All in favour.</p>	

141.	<p>TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE ADMIN & PLANNING OFFICER</p> <p>The APO reported that all actions from previous meetings had been completed per written report which had been provided to Councillors.</p>	
142.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)</p> <p>Correspondence was noted in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA21/11010 – Reflections, Marine Drive – e-mail response from Planning Officer • Looe Valley Trails • PA21/10401 – Fieldhead Hotel, Looe –referred to Cornwall Council’s planning portal 	
143.	<p>TO RECEIVE AND NOTE DECISION NOTICES</p> <p>The Chair drew members’ attention to the spreadsheet of decisions made available to the Committee. It was noted that Looe Town Council recommendations were currently 94.83% in line with Cornwall Council decisions.</p>	
144.	<p>TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS SITE MEETINGS AND PLANNING APPEALS</p> <p>None received</p>	
145.	<p>TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS 5-DAY PROTOCOLS</p> <p>It was noted that two 5-day protocols had been received and circulated to members and an ‘Agree to Disagree’ response had been provided for both to the Planning Officer at Cornwall Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA21/10283 • PA21/09944 	
146.	<p>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PAVEMENT LICENSING WORKING GROUP</p> <p>None received</p>	
147.	<p>TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AS LISTED AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CORNWALL COUNCIL</p> <p>The Committee discussed the remaining planning applications as listed and made recommendations as per Appendix ‘A’.</p> <p>PA21/11764 – It was RESOLVED to support this application with a note to the Planning Officer. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, Seconded by Cllr Toms . All in favour.</p> <p>PA21/11802 – It was RESOLVED to support this application with one condition. Proposed by Cllr Lundy, Seconded by Cllr Hannaford. All in favour.</p>	

148.	<p>TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE LOOE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN</p> <p>Cllrs Hannaford and Lundy reported that they were waiting for a referendum date from Cornwall Council. They thanked the APO for compiling information to build case studies and requested that a meeting be set up with the Comms & Events Officer to write the material.</p>	APO arrange meeting
149.	<p>TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE BARRATT'S SITE, EAST LOOE</p> <p>Cllr Toms reported that he had visited the site and noted there were still more trees to plant so would re-visit to check for these and take photographs. The Committee also noted recent correspondence from a local resident in this respect.</p>	
150.	<p>TO DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND COMMUNICATION OF KEY MESSAGES</p> <p>None at present</p>	
151.	<p>TO DISCUSS REVIEW OF TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING POLICIES AND AGREE ACTIONS</p> <p>The Chair noted that there were 4 policies assigned to the Planning Committee by Policy & Strategy Group and Cllr Hannaford suggested there may be a need to establish others once NDP was adopted. It was agreed that the Chair and APO would initially consider the combination of existing policies and circulate ideas to members via e-mail in preparation for a review by Committee at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chair reminded members of the need to agree priorities for the Planning Committee as discussed at last Full Council. It was agreed that the Chair and APO would also draft a document in this respect for next meeting.</p>	Cllr Lundy/ APO Cllr Lundy/ APO
152.	<p>OTHER URGENT BUSINESS AS DETERMINED BY THE CHAIR</p> <p>Membership of the Planning Committee was discussed and it was suggested that more members would be welcome to ensure a quorum in the event of Covid cases.</p>	
153.	<p>EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>No matters</p>	
	<p>DATE OF NEXT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING</p> <p>The next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 8th February 2022 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber at Looe Library & Community Hub, The Millpool, Looe</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.20pm</p>	

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