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Once again the community spirit was an amazing sight at our recent Civic Parade held on Sunday 8th July, as over 200 people marched proudly through Torpoint to St. James Church for the Civic Service. Leading the Parade on his debut was Bobtail Bobbie from the Royal Navy/Royal Marine riding stables. The Plymouth Pipe Band provided superb musical accompaniment to the Parade, at very short notice, which was greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who attended including representatives of local organisations, Mayor's Chaplain Rev'd Canon Lynn Parker, Mayor's Cadet Joshua Foster, Chairman of Cornwall Council Mary May, visiting dignitaries and Torpoint Town Councillors. All were overwhelmed with the Parade and the number of contributors from the town. A big thank you to pupils from Torpoint Nursery and Infant School and Carbeile Junior School who all sang beautifully in church, thank you to the staff, children and parents who supported them.

Congratulations to Councillor M John Crago, awarded the first Honorary Burgess for his service and dedication to Torpoint. The Person of Courage award was presented to Mr Steve Martin having survived a near fatal heart attack and fall into a canal and been rescued. Miss Elizabeth Begbie (Betty) was awarded the Citizen of the Year having musically supported many local organisations over the last 60+ years. Mrs Carol Lamb from Bertha's Babes received the Organisation of the Year on behalf of the Sequence Dancers, who have fundraised for many years for local causes; the final award was presented to Chris Hancock, Mayor's Cadet for 2017/2018. Over £2,000 was donated during the last civic year to the Mayor's chosen charity Cancer Research UK, and a cheque was presented to Joyce Smith from the Torpoint Branch. All the awards were presented by Town Mayor Councillor Lambert Keise assisted by Mayors' Cadet Joshua Foster. Signed copies of 'The Making of a Cornish Town' were presented to the visiting dignitaries.

The Town Mayor Councillor Lambert Keise was delighted with the event and of course the weather, saying "this is the first time a horse has led the Parade adding to the momentous occasion, it really was a truly fabulous community event."