



TORPOINT TOWN PARTNERSHIP



Gorsedh Kernow

MINUTES of the Torpoint Town Partnership/Gorsedh Committee held on Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 7.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour of the Torpoint Council Chambers, 4 York Road, Torpoint.

PRESENT:- Councillor M Pearn MBE – Chairman, Councillor E H Andrews, Mr J Tivnan – Torpoint Events Co, Councillor G Davies, Councillor Mrs C Goodman, Mrs C Trethewey and Mrs J Reid – Torpoint Ladies Singers, Mrs R Pellew – Torpoint Archives, Mrs B Brimacombe and Mrs R Slee – Women's Institute, Mr T Moore – R.B.L., Mrs J Fincher – Torpoint Twinning, Councillor Mrs J Martin, Mrs M Fuller – Grand Bard, Mr M Millard – Gorsedh Marshall, Mrs P Parkins – Gorsedh Events Organiser, Mr M Davey – Gorsedh, Mrs M Southworth and Mrs S Parkin Town Administrator.

1. Welcome – Chairman

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and informed members that the meeting was being recorded.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Mrs K Brownhill, Mr R Gibson, Mr M Jeavons, Mrs L Jeavons, Mr J Creek, Mrs M Creek, Mrs S Fraser and Mrs S Westwell.

3. Gorsedh – 6th September 2014

- a) The Grand Bard thanked members for the Proclamation Day which all agreed went very well. The Chairman also thanked all those who participated in the day.
- b) Mr M Davey up-dated members on the selling of tickets for tea, the concert and mugs. The form will go live on the web-site at the end of May and the cost for The Tea will be £6 with 50p for postage. The mugs will be ordered on-line and collected on the day for £6.50. Those wishing to attend the concert can indicate on the on-line form and pay on the door for their ticket. The School Hall can hold a maximum of 120 people for The Tea. There will be 200 tickets available for the Concert in St James Church on Saturday 6th September @ 7pm.
- c) The Gorsedh Conference will take place on Friday 5th September 2014 from 1000 until 1600 in the Main Hall of the Council Chambers. It is an open conference so all are welcome to attend. Five speakers will be attending presenting various subjects with a 'Cornish' theme.
- d) The cover art-work for the programmes was also discussed and it was agreed to place the ferry on the cover of the programme with the various other pieces of art-work on the inside pages.
- e) Councillor Bert Biscoe had contacted David List General Manager of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint ferry and asked if they could fly the St. Piran's flag on the ferries during Gorsedh week, David List give permission and he would liaise with Mike Pearn nearer the date.
- f) Friday 5th September 2014, there will be a Barn / Social Dance in the Main Hall of the Council Chambers. Entry will be free but there will be a collection on the door and those attending may bring their own refreshments.
- g) Posters advertising the Gorsedh will be displayed at various events around the Town.
- h) For the non-Bards families, tea and refreshments will be available in a marquee situated on the school playing fields. Refreshments will also be available from the tea-hut in Benodet Park.
There will also be entertainment, advertise for local stalls selling Cornish themed items, food, books, crafts, etc.
- i) If the event has to be cancelled due to wet weather the decision will be made early enough to inform the stall holders in plenty of time. A decision making process will need to be established, whether the event will be on/off. Mr M Millard – Gorsedh Marshall will make this decision.
- j) Reliable transport will need to be in place to assist any disabled Bards.
- k) The Concert at St James Church on the Saturday will last for approximately 2 hours, with five acts performing for about 20 minutes each.

- l) The Archives will be putting together a display together with the Torpoint Community College who recently had their 50 years celebration and have a display that could be shown in the library. The Twinning Association will also be approached to provide a possible display.
- m) The Bards procession will be start from the Sports Field of the Community College before making its way to Thanckes Park. The footpath will need to be cleared of all low lying branches and bushes between the College and Antony Road.
- n) The results of the various competitions have yet to be published.
- o) The next meeting date will be the Thursday 10th July 2014 in the Committee Room of the Council Chambers.

The Gorsedh Officers left the meeting at this point and we continued with the TTP agenda.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th April 2014 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Updates on projects in and around the Town.

- a) Saturday 5th July 2014 – Torpoint Carnival – The Chairman informed members that there are going to be no street closures for the event. The Carnival procession will take the same route and format as in previous year. Acts are still required for the event. The electric supply post in Cambridge Field will need to be checked the week before the Carnival.
- b) Mr J Tivnan reported that a start on the flower bed outside Udal Garth will begin the next day.
- c) Councillor Mrs C Goodman informed members that a ‘Co-operative trust scrap store’ is being set up by the parents of students and due to be launched in October 2014. Starting with small items such as bottle tops, wool and buttons.

6. News-letter/Advertising

Councillor G Davis reported that the ‘Tyhee Times’ news-letter is now available on line and has received good feedback on Facebook. Suggestions for articles in the May newsletter were discussed such as one on the Twinning Association’s recent successful visit of French people from Benodet to Torpoint. News from the Town Council will also be included together with the devolution of services from Cornwall Council, the neighbourhood Plan, etc.

7. Torpoint and Rame Youth Project Report

In the absence of a youth member Councillor Mrs C Goodman highlighted the ‘Play it Again’ project on Japanese and Cornish culture that is taking place at the Community College.

8. Diary Dates

Up-dates as follows:-

- a) 20th September 2014 –The Kings Troop will be at Mount Edgumbe on Saturday 20th September and on the 17th September 2014 they will be in Torpoint. (Further details later)
- b) 17th September 2014 – Murder at the Chambers, tickets £25 each, to raise money for the TTP.

9. Armed Forces Day 2015

The Armed Forces Day will take place on the 20th June 2015.

Grant funding will need to be applied for.

Members of the TTP will attended the Armed Forces day at Hartland’s on the 21st June 2014.

10. Financial Report

Councillor E Andrews informed members that the account balance stands at £1469.68, the only movement being the £45 paid out for bunting for the Gorsedh.

11. Any Other Business

a) The Chairman thanked the Sharron Parkin, The Town Administrator for all her work with the Town Partnership and introduced Mrs Milly Southworth who will be taking over.

b) Mr J Tivnan pointed out that the Events page on the web-site needs tidying up with the removal of regular business advertising.

12. Date of next meeting

The date of the next Torpoint Town Partnership meeting will be Thursday 12th June 2014 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Council Chambers.

This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting of the Town Partnership.

Meeting closed 9.15pm.....Chairman

Footnote:

*All Organisations are invited to The Civic Service and Parade on Sunday 13th July 2014.
Please assemble at the Council Chambers at 10.25am to parade to St James Church.
Refreshments will be served after the service,
please let me know approx how many will be attending.
Thank you Mike Pearn MBE*