

Cornwall's Armed Forces Day - 2015



Torpoint – 20th June 2015

ARMED FORCES DAY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Armed Forces Day Committee held on Thursday 13th November at 7.00pm in the Committee Room of Torpoint Council Chamber.

Present: Julie Martin, Lambert Keise, Gary Davis, John Tivnan, Mike O'Mahony, Terry Moore, Lyn Murray, Steve Murray, Mike Trace, Rose Southworth, Kim Brownhill, (Mike Pearn MBE, Mike Symons & Andy Martin all joined the meeting at later stages)

1. In the absence of the chairman, the secretary welcomed all to the meeting and apologised for the confusion over the TTP meeting and non receipt of agenda and minutes by some of those present.
2. Apologies were received from John & Chris Rankin, Colin Prideaux, Jessica Kinsman, Eddie Andrews, Jan Creek, Louise Voller
3. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as a true record with the correction made to the date of the next meeting being November and not October as stated.
4. Site meeting Report.
 - No further site visits had taken place.
 - Mike Trace indicated that he would contact his organisations so that a plan could be passed over to Andy Martin for inclusion into the master plan of the park.
 - Rose Southworth would be attending a meeting with Cornwall Council on November 20th and would raise the issue of the overhanging trees.
 - Concerns were raised about the movement of vehicles in the park should the weather be wet. Mike Symons thought the army may have some track that could be laid, and said he would investigate. **Action Mike Symons.**
 - After some discussion about the top flat area of the park, it was decided to revert to “plan A” and use this area for the larger displays rather than as a car park. It was felt there was less likelihood of the larger displays not being able to attend if this area was used. Some form of tannoy system would have to be set up so that those in this area could hear what was happening in the rest of the park. **Action Andy Martin.**
 - Car parking elsewhere in the town would have to be looked into, inclusive of both The Community College and approaching Antony Farm Estates and some form of shuttle bus to and from the main areas.

- It was felt that as soon as possible the master plan of the park should be created.

5. Sponsorship/funding/grants

- Julie reported that Babcock had shown an interest in sponsorship of the event, but that they wished to know the different levels of sponsorship available. This has not yet been discussed or decided.
- It was mentioned that funding from MOD sources may not be forthcoming if we were to go down the sponsorship route. Mike Trace would contact Simon Coy (experienced in gaining MOD funding) to check and pass any information to Julie. **Action Mike Trace & Julie Martin**

6. Publicity/media

- Report from Dynamic Edge was discussed, but any decision deferred until advice received from Simon Coy.
- It was also suggested that perhaps Nicki Dunwell the PRO at HMS Raleigh may be persuaded to become involved.
- Suggested that David Braine (Spotlight weather man) and /or Kevin Thomas? Radio Cornwall, who are both RNR be contacted to act as compere during the day.

7. Programme design competition

- Nothing to report. Rose to contact Heather and Peter Ogburn. **Action Rose Southworth**
- Terry Moore stated that Jan Creek had gained a quote for badges which could say Torpoint Armed Forces Day, 2015 at a cost of £1.28 each. To be discussed at the next meeting as this may conflict with any badge design competition.

8. Veterans parade update

- The idea of making a veterans village in Benodet gardens was mooted and will be looked into.
- Terry reported that Jan Creek has contacted all RNA branches in Cornwall.
- Mike Trace stated that all Service charities will expect to be invited to attend to set up stalls. He will let Kim have a list of contacts. **Action Mike Trace & Kim Brownhill**

9. Afternoon Entertainment

- Andy reported that Martin Entwistle was keen to form a children's choir for the event, to include children from across the Rame Peninsula.
- Steve suggested perhaps contacting the Cornwall Male Voice choir to take part

10. Evening Entertainment

- No further progress.
- It was felt a programme of the day's events should be made at the next meeting

11. Treasurers Report

- Nil

12. AOB.

- Rose asked if any progress had been made on funding the purchase of a standard for HMS Heroes. Members of the RBL present offered a donation of £350
- The meeting was reminded that an event notification would need to be completed sooner rather than later (a Public/Military Event - PME) and it was suggested that perhaps HMS Raleigh may help with this.
- It was requested at the next meeting we compile a “to do” list and set target dates for achievement
- Steve said that the lions held an asset register of generators within the district and he would try and get hold of that to see if it would be of any use to us.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 11th December.

Mike Trace & Mike Symons then left the meeting and TTP business discussed as follows.

- Apologies were again expressed about the confusion over what meeting was to be held and non distribution of minutes. It was decided that AFD business will be prioritised at these regular meetings, with any TTP business discussed at the end until after AFD in June.
- The Christmas lights had arrived and would be put up on Sunday 23rd with the switch on Saturday 29th.
- Santa's Grotto will be on the stage this year as the garage is not likely to be available.
- Format of evening will be similar to last year. Infant school choir will be singing and there will be some form of parade. Paul & Chris Roper doing the switch on.
- Carnival – after discussion, date for next year 12th September 2015.
- Account balance £1387.25

Date of next meeting 11th December. Any organisations wishing to attend are welcome to do so or to send in a report of activities.