



Torpoint Town Mayor  
Councillor Edward Andrews

## Mayor's Report

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*Torpoint Town Council Meeting*  
*15<sup>th</sup> March 2012*

In addition to my column in the *Torpoint Advertiser* I want to use the Torpoint Town Council website to bring you up-to-date on the proceedings at Council Meetings, as soon as possible. Of course, the full minutes of Council and Committee minutes will be published on the website in due course. The minutes for the February 2012 Council meeting were approved last night, and were posted on the website by 11am today, 16<sup>th</sup> March – a vast improvement in standards.

Some items of interest from last night's meeting include:

### **Localism**

The Town Council resolved to engage formally with Cornwall Council and other appropriate stakeholders. The aim of this engagement is to investigate the possibility of transferring responsibility for a number of services from the Unitary Authority to Torpoint Town Council. Although we will be looking at a range of such services, such as car parks and public conveniences, let me reassure you that nothing has been decided and no

decisions will be taken without appropriate public consultation. Furthermore, the Town Council will not take responsibility for any service without the right financial packages being in place.

### **BMX Track**

Councillor Eric Parkin is leading on a project to add a BMX track to the facilities already available at the Skateboard Park. Investigative work (weed control, soil sampling etc) is under way to ensure that the proposed site is suitably clear to enable construction work to go ahead. Also, it is essential for the correct permissions to be in place before progress can be made.

### **Proposed Health Centre**

It was agreed that the Town Councillors will hold a meeting with NHS Cornwall representatives, to assess the feedback from the Public Event, which takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> March. The purpose of this meeting is to identify all the issues that are raised by you, the Public, so that solutions can be found to resolve any problems regarding access, transport etc.

### **Council Chambers**

Torpoint Town Council is keen to promote the facilities that are available for hire in the Council Chambers complex (and also, of course, Benodet Park). Of course, there is a wealth of information on this

website, but we want to go further. Therefore, an information pack is being produced so that, for example, anyone wishing to hire the Council Chambers for a wedding reception has details of local caterers, bar facilitators etc.

### **Rendel Park**

The return of Rendel Park to public use has been of great importance to the Community for many years. Thanks to the persistence of Cornwall Councillors Mike Pearn MBE (Torpoint West), Brian Hobbs (Torpoint East) and George Trubody (Rame), work will start shortly to ensure the structural integrity of the walls etc. It will then be necessary to bring the park up to pristine condition, so that we can all enjoy it. Therefore, the Town Council has resolved to engage officially with the Bridge & Ferry organisation (the owners of the park) and other stakeholders, to make this happen.

### **Torpoint Community College**

You may be aware that the Community College is changing its status to become part of the Torpoint and Rame Co-operative Learning Trust. It is important that the Town Council plays its part in the Trust, therefore we have resolved to ask that a Councillor be delegated to sit on the Trust Forum.

### **Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Sports Centre**

The sports centre is currently managed, very effectively, by the YMCA. The YMCA is seeking to expand its role and

contribution to the Community; therefore, the Town Council has accepted the YMCS's request to make a presentation to the Council at 6.30pm on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April (immediately before commencement of the Council meeting). The Public are encouraged to attend and contribute during the presentation.

### **And finally**

I hope the information in this short bulletin has been of help to you. Don't forget, your feedback is always welcome, either through this website (Enquiries/Visitors' Book), or by letter/email.

Kind regards to all

