

TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Thursday 26th January 2017 at 7.00pm in the Council Committee Room, 4, York Road, Torpoint.

PRESENT: - Councillors G J Davis (Chair), Mrs. C A Jackson, A P Glanville, L E Keise, Mrs. J M Martin, Miss R A Tanner BEM and J Tivnan plus the Deputy Town Clerk.

	ACTION
<p>65-16 DL Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Town Mayor (Councillor M J Crago) and Councillor Mrs. C E Goodman.</p>	
<p>66-16 DL Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda None.</p>	
<p>67-16 DL Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the Development and Localism Committee meeting held on the Thursday 24th November 2016 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>68-16 DL Matters arising from the minutes None.</p>	
<p>69-16 DL Items Referred to this Committee a) Draft Neighbourhood Plan – for public consultation:- i) The Committee considered the Draft Neighbourhood Plan document produced by Jillings Heynes Planning, discussed at Council and subsequently referred onto to this Committee meeting. Members considered the amendments as suggested by the Neighbourhood Plan steering group at their meeting of 23rd January 2017. After a brief consideration members resolved the draft Neighbourhood Plan is approved for public consultation during the calendar month of February 2017. ii) The Deputy Town Clerk explained to members that the planning consultants had queried the current terms of the payment of their contract to the council for the work on the neighbourhood plan document. The Deputy Town Clerk continued that the current agreement is for 50% of the invoice to be paid in January 2017 with the remaining 50% to be invoiced when the document is submitted to Cornwall Council. The planning consultants have identified that at least 90% of the work has been completed, and subject to screening for SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) there may be a delay. The Chair confirmed that in his opinion the consultants have undertaken at least 90% of the total work to date. After brief consideration members recommend a further 25% of the total contract amount is invoiced for payment in February 2017, this will ensure that 25% will be retained to ensure the contract is completed through to submission of the document to Cornwall Council. iii) The Deputy Town Clerk detailed the following requirements for the February consultation events to promote the draft neighbourhood plan:</p>	Council

- a) The design/artwork and printing of up to 12 promotional/display boards
- b) Up to 15 printed copies of the draft neighbourhood plan document.

The Chair provided more detail to members about the exact requirements and members **resolved** to delegate to council officers to order these goods, according to the councils Best Value Statement, in time for the first consultation event on Thursday 9th February 2017.

70-16 DL Policies referred to this Committee

None.

71-16 DL Localism

a) Devolution update: -

The Deputy Town Clerk reported having attended a meeting earlier this week with the Cornwall Gateway Community Link Officer from Cornwall Council and the Town Clerk, where various devolution opportunities were discussed. After explaining the proposals to the members, it is **recommended** the possibility of the town council delivering a programme, of the following current assets and/or services currently being operated by Cornwall Council:

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- 1. Various Parks, playgrounds and open spaces, to include Thanckes Park
- 2. Tennis courts/tennis hut
- 3. Bowling ground including the pavilion
- 4. Rowe Street
- 5. Enterprise Court
- 6. Horson Closed cemetery (not the current operational cemetery)

The Deputy Town Clerk explained that the Town Clerk/RFO had considered the projects listed above (No's: 1-6) as feasible given the current council budget for 2017-18.

Additionally discussions of other assets and/or services for consideration in the future:

- 1. The Library

Members were reminded by the Deputy Town Clerk that the council resolved at the October 2016 meeting to defer further library discussions until after council elections in May 2017.

b) War Memorial: -

Councillor J Tivnan explained he is waiting for further quotations for the proposed new war memorial to be located in Eliot Square, giving a projected completion date for this project of November 2018.

The Chair, highlighting that one of the projects identified in the Vision for Torpoint is to revamp Eliot Square, suggested contacting a transport officer at Cornwall Council to present a "joined up" approach to the proposed changes on this site. After debate members **recommended** arranging a site visit with the transport officer at Cornwall Council, to review transport issues and future changes/recommendations for the town.

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c) Road Improvement, Adela Road: -

Members were reminded of the many discussions that have been held in the past about possible proposals to improve the current state of Adela Road. Councillor J Tivnan explained

that he has email correspondence supporting these discussions and agreed to circulate this information via email to the members present. The Chair urged Councillor J Tivnan to identify a reason for the town council to take on the improvement to Adela Road, whilst highlighting to members the possible high cost of a feasibility study and work that may be needed to upgrade the road. Councillor J Tivnan identified the benefit would be to enable vehicular access to Thanckes Park. Members **recommend** the council consults with any interested parties to investigate the possibility of undertaking road improvements to Adela Road.

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72-16 DL Correspondence

None.

73-16 DL Planning Applications

a) PA17/00168 – Udal Garth Residential Home, 2 North Road, Torpoint, Cornwall, PL11 2DH
Councillors recommend objection on the following grounds: the exterior design and external fascia's of the planned new building are out of the character for the location of the new building, on a very prominent building in Torpoint.

b) PA17/00353 – 22 Lamorna Park, Torpoint, Cornwall, PL11 2QJ
There were no observations or objections.

74-16 DL Accounts for Payment

Mrs C Southworth	Reimbursement - electrical/door handle	20.95	3.49	17.46
ITEC	Photocopies	36.97	6.16	30.81
Jillings Heynes Planning	Planning consultancy - draft NDP	5550.00	925.00	4625.00
Westcare Supply Zone	Office expenses	57.43	9.57	47.86
Bunzl	Cleaning Materials	182.74	30.46	152.28
British Gas	Pub conv's gas Dec 16 - Jan 17	17.99	0.85	17.14
Cormac Solutions	Pub conv's blocked drain	195.07	32.51	162.56
Resolve Door & Window Repairs	Fit Bolts/Washers	45.00	0.00	45.00

75-16 DL Date of Next meeting

Friday 24th February 2017.

76-16 DL Any Business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting

- Forthcoming closure of Lloyds Bank, Torpoint branch

The Chair and councillors expressed their shock and disappointment upon hearing that the Lloyds Bank branch in Torpoint will be closing later in the year. Members commented the closure of Lloyds Bank would leave the town without any banking facility in the town. The Chair and members requested the immediate issue of a press release and an invitation to Lloyds Bank is made to question the rationale for the closure.

- Next Development and Localism Committee meeting agenda

Mayor

The Chair asked for the agreed Council objectives to be included on the next Development and Localism Committee meeting agenda for discussion.

DTC

➤ Harvey Street Flats upgrade/renovations – railings in front of this site

Noting the recent upgrade and renovations made by Cornwall Council to the Harvey Street accommodation, Councillor J Tivnan expressed disappointment that the railings located immediately in front of the accommodation had not received a similar repair and upgrade. Explaining that Cornwall Council have previously advised that the railings were due for repair, it was suggested that a letter is written to Cornwall Council department, asking for a record of the inspection and maintenance undertaken of the railings with a proposal of when they will be renovated and repaired.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm. _____Chairman