TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Thursday 6th April 2017 at 7.00pm in the Council Committee Room, 4, York Road, Torpoint.

PRESENT: - Councillors G J Davis (Chair), Town Mayor M J Crago, B Hobbs, Mrs. C A Jackson, Mrs. J M Martin, Miss R A Tanner BEM and J Tivnan plus the Deputy Town Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor M N Pearn MBE (late arrival).

A member of the public sat in the public gallery.

	ACTION
89-16 DL Apologies for absence:-	
Councillors Deputy Mayor L E Keise and Mrs. C E Goodman.	
90-16 DL Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda:- None.	
91-16 DL Minutes of the previous meeting:- The minutes of the Development and Localism Committee meeting held on the Thursday 2 nd	
March 2017 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.	
92-16 DL Matters arising from the minutes:-	
a) Devolution of a programme of assets/services:-	
Pursuant to minute number 80-16 DL (a) the Deputy Town Clerk reported that the Town Clerk has	
been contacted by Cornwall Council who have proposed Heads of Terms for the transfer of the tennis courts and hut in the current condition. Councillor J Tivnan questioned the town council	
taking on the hut in its current dilapidated condition, indicating that this would leave the cost of	
either removing it entirely or bringing it up to a better standard to the town council, which in his	
opinion is unacceptable. Councillor B Hobbs highlighted the possibility that asbestos may be found	
in the hut and this would need to established before a transfer is agreed. The Chair explained that	
it is unlikely that Cornwall Council will pay to demolish the hut; the Deputy Town Clerk added that	
Cornwall Council have already estimated demolition costs to be in excess of £10,000. Councillor B	
Hobbs volunteered to contact Property services at Cornwall Council to pursue whether Cornwall Council will (as part of the devolution package):	
a) Check for the presence of asbestos in the hut	Cllr
b) Remove or upgrade the hut prior to devolution of the tennis courts and hut.	Hobbs
The Deputy Town Clerk explained there was no further update on the devolution of other	
assets/services from Cornwall Council and will endeavour to establish an update from the	
Community Link Officer for the next meeting.	DTC
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Councillor M N Pearn MBE joined the meeting at this point.	

 b) Cornwall Council (Cormac) Transport Officer meeting:- Pursuant to minute number 80-16 (b) DL the Chair summarised a recent meeting held with Cormac (Transport Officer), attended by the Town Mayor Councillor M J Crago, The Chair, Councillor J Tivnan, the Town Clerk and the Deputy Town Clerk. i) Adela Road – after much discussion about the various options to upgrade the road surface to provide vehicular access, the town council needs to understand the usage of the road before proceeding. Members recommended the following to progress obtaining usage information of Adela Road: Purchase four consultation signs which invite comments on the proposal to close Adela Road to vehicular traffic (giving 28 days' notice of consultation) Provide an on-line comments form on the council website for comments Issue a letter inviting comments from local residents to various houses in streets located nearby to Adela Road. 	Council
ii) Car Parking – The Chair explained the Cormac representative suggested the town council contacts Nigel Blacker (Cornwall Council) to seek assistance with funding opportunities and assistance with design/scoping for projects linked to car parking / Eliot Square, due to the extent of the proposals. Members recommended a letter seeking support with these proposals is sent to Cornwall Council.	Council
 iii) Yellow hatch areas – The Chair explained the Cormac representative will consider requests to remove and/or add yellow hatch areas, however requests are not guaranteed to be implemented. Members recommend removal and addition of yellow hatch areas at the following locations (in priority order): Old Fire station entrance/exit onto Harvey Street- <i>remove</i> Entrance to Fore Street/opposite North Road on both sides of the road (which will allow vehicles to cross the queuing traffic for the ferry from North Road to Fore Street) - <i>add</i> Exit from Quarry Street to Harvey Street on the side of the road nearest to Quarry Street – <i>add</i> Exit from Tamar Street to Harvey Street on the side of the road nearest to Tamar Street – <i>add</i> At the start of Antony Road, on the road to the entrance to the Post Office – <i>add</i>. 	Council
iv) Bus shelters – Councillor J Tivnan reported having undertaken a tour of the lower end of town with the Cormac representative along with the Deputy Town Clerk, looking for locations for additional bus shelters. Councillor J Tivnan explained one possible location is in front of the Comrades Club (on Antony Road).	
In consultation with the Cormac representative the Deputy Town Clerk suggested locating a shelter in front of Harvey Street Flats; highlighting that a bus shelter grant application for the financial year 2017/18 could be submitted to Cornwall Council. Members recommended the following: 1. Investigate the cost to install a bus shelter with seats in front of Harvey Street flats	Council

 Investigate the cost to install a bus shelter at the bottom of Goad Avenue Submit an application for Cornwall Council for grant funding for one bus shelter Write a letter to the Comrades Club to investigate the possibility of installing a bus shelter in front of their building (which will entail the removal of part of the wall alongside the pavement). 	
v) Speed reduction – The Chair explained that according to the Cormac representative the law restricts the number of speed limit signs where street lights are located, adding that the Cormac representative has agreed to investigate whether a 30mph sign could be installed immediately on departure from the Torpoint ferry.	
The Chair added the Cormac representative has offered to provide a radar detection unit sited at one location in the town, which will provide speed levels of all traffic that passes it. Councillor J Tivnan explained that the location for placing the device is most likely to be along Antony Road, near to Torpoint Community College, as this is where the traffic speed levels appear to increase. Councillor J Tivnan agreed to pinpoint a suitable location and members recommend once the location is agreed to ask Cormac to site the radar detection unit at an appropriate place in the town.	Cllr Tivnan Council
Councillor J Tivnan highlighted a survey of speed levels undertaken by the Police in 2012, resulted that these identified no cause for concern.	
The Mayor indicated that should new developers look to propose housing/retail development opportunities beyond the existing 30 mph speed limit, then there is the possibility that speed limits will be reviewed.	
vi) Accident frequency – The Chair explained information on speed levels and accident frequency is being provided by the Cormac representative (circulated at the meeting).	
vii)Harvey Street railings being removed – The Chair explained the Cormac representative has agreed to install cast iron bollards at either end and in the middle of the wall rather than hazard markers, where the railings/fence is to be removed.	
c) Road Improvement – Adela Road: - As noted.	
d) LCAS (Local Council Award Scheme): - This was deferred at the March council meeting until June 2017.	
e) Bus Shelter locations: - As noted.	
f) Survey statistics from the Police: - As noted.	

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93-16 DL Items Referred to this Committee:-

a) Draft Neighbourhood Plan - adoption:-

The Chair explained that it was anticipated to have a draft copy of the neighbourhood plan for consideration at this meeting, however, a representative from Cornwall Council has previewed the draft and provided extensive and valuable feedback. This feedback has been forwarded to the planning consultant who is reviewing and updating the draft in its entirety, therefore, at this time it is hoped the draft document will be ready to adopt in the very near future.

94-16 DL Policies referred to this Committee:-

None.

95-16 DL Localism:-

None.

96-16 DL Correspondence:-

None.

97-16 DL Adjournment of the meeting:-

It was **resolved** that standing orders would be suspended to allow the meeting to stand adjourned at 7.30 pm to welcome the member of the public to comment on planning application number PA17/02460. Following the comments provided and brief questions the meeting was reconvened at 7.45 pm.

98-16 DL Planning Applications

a) PA17/02200 – 29 Woodland Way, Torpoint, PL11 2DW – Extension No observations or objections.

b) PA17/02366 – 39 Trelawney Rise, Torpoint, PL11 2HW – Two storey side Extension No observations or objections.

c) PA17/02436 – 26 Cedar Close, Torpoint, PL11 2QH – Proposed semi-detached two-bedroom house

No objections, observe and concur with the comments made by South West Water.

d) PA17/02437 – Abbeyfield, 60 York Road, Torpoint – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans condition) attached to decision PA15/03457 (Vacant residential building to six flats including demolition and extension works. Changing from a Class C2 to C3 use.) No observations or objections.

e) PA17/02460 – Land adjacent to Goad House, Goad Avenue, Torpoint – Three Bedroom detached house

Council objects and make the following observations:

1. concern about overdevelopment of the land

2. concern about changing the existing access to the property, which is on a bend

3. concern about the significant size of the planned development, with no outside recreational space available

4. concern about the loss of light to the neighbouring properties.

f) PA17/02720 – 18B Wellington Street, Torpoint, PL11 2DE – Proposed alterations and extensions Council strongly objects to this application, over development of a terraced property.

99-16 DL Accounts for Payment

PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	(VAT)	NETT
Biffa	Waste disposal 25/03/ - 21/04	103.92	17.32	86.60
Cornwall Academy Main Serv	Boiler room repairs	272.35	45.39	226.96
Bunzl	Cleaning Material/Pub Conv's	260.82	43.47	217.35

100-16 DL Date of Next meeting

Thursday 4th May 2017 (Members noted this is Election day).

101-16 DL Any Business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting

Torpoint Community College – 6th Form

Councillor J Tivnan expressed concern about the future of the 6th Form College at Torpoint Community College.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm. _

_Chairman