

Torpoint Library launch day: Saturday, May 11

Residents in Torpoint are invited to celebrate the official launch of their library after being transferred to Torpoint Town Council recently as part of an agreement with Cornwall Council.

The launch day of Torpoint Library, Information Service and Community Hub is taking place this Saturday May 11 from 11am and everyone is welcome.

Children and staff from Torpoint Nursery and Infant School will be holding a mindfulness demonstration.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Torpoint, Councillor Lambert Keise and Mrs Maureen Keise, and Edwina Hannaford, Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods will be attending the launch.

Torpoint Library was transferred to Torpoint Town Council on March 1 as part of Cornwall Council's Library Transformation Programme.

The arrangement, which is part of Cornwall Council's devolution programme, means the building on Fore Street is continuing to provide all the key services essential to a modern library as well as access to a range of Council services.

Torpoint Library has remained part of the countywide service meaning customers can keep their existing library cards and still visit, borrow and order books online from other libraries in Cornwall.

Cllr Lambert Keise, said: "As Chairman of Torpoint Town Council I am honoured to officially launch Torpoint Library, Information Service and Community Hub. I am sure the recently renovated facility will serve the community of Torpoint and the Rame Peninsula for the foreseeable future.

The Community Hub will continue to provide the existing services which will be supported by the Torpoint Archives and Heritage area, where Torpoint's heritage will be preserved for the future and a café facility 'Drecklys' will be managed in the Community Hub.

"Thank you to the children and staff from Torpoint Nursery and Infant School for their mindfulness demonstration and also to the school for baking a wonderful cake to celebrate this momentous occasion.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with the transfer of the library from Cornwall Council and hope the facility will continue to benefit residents’ and the surrounding communities.”

Edwina Hannaford, Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, said: “I’m looking forward to celebrating the official launch of Torpoint Library, Information Service and Community Hub under the management of the Town Council. I’m delighted the facility has been secured for the community and many more generations of library users.

“Libraries are important to our residents and this is why we have been working closely with Torpoint Town Council to secure the future of the town’s library.

“The Town Council’s proactive approach is an excellent example of devolution in action and I commend them for the excellent service they are providing to their community.”