

Mayor's Communications – February/March 2013

Thanckes Park

Torpoint residents and visitors to the town's Thanckes Park are being given an opportunity to have their say on the future of this popular public green space, which in 2014 celebrates its tercentenary as a park. Cornwall Council is formulating a 'master plan' of improvements to the park, whilst retaining its heritage, value and charm. **YOU** can have **your** say by completing an online survey, which can be found by following the links on the Torpoint Town Council (TTC) website at www.torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk. Paper based copies of the survey can be requested from Cornwall Council on 01209 614320. However, there isn't a lot of time – the deadline for completing the survey is Friday, 15th March.

Antony Road Toilets

A number of residents are understandably concerned about the closure of the public toilets on Antony Road. I can assure you that the closure is only temporary, while a water leak is being investigated and rectified. My apologies for this 'inconvenience' – normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

Rendel Park

By the time you read this article, the refurbishment of Rendel Park should be all but complete. I think the park looks better than ever and is a fantastic sight for people coming into Torpoint across the ferry. The contractors, Cormac, have done a fantastic job and are to be congratulated. However, we must also thank those who have campaigned and worked so hard to enable the project to go ahead in the first place. An official opening will take place later in March, but it is hoped that public access may be possible before then.

Busses

Considerable debate took place at the January meeting of TTC, regarding bus services in Torpoint. Representatives of First Bus met with the Council a couple of years ago, but many Councillors felt that there had been little progress on the issues discussed. Foremost was the issue of driver changeover at the stop adjacent to the Trevol Road/Roeselare Avenue junction. The Council decided to write to First Bus and arrange another meeting, with the aim of resolving several long-standing issues.

Mayoral Engagements

On 3rd February, Ann and I represented Torpoint at the Liskeard Civic Service and Parade. The Mayor of Liskeard, Cllr Tony

Powell led the parade, which was also attended by the mayors of Callington, Bodmin, Looe and Saltash.

Thank you to Lion President Richard Pym for inviting Ann and I to be guests of honour at the 35th Charter Dinner of Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lions Branch, on 9th February. This prestigious event was held in Torpoint Council Chambers, where a grand time was had to all.

The Torpoint Army Cadet platoon was the beneficiary of a £100 donation from the 1730 Club, on 15th February. I, together with the Deputy Mayor and others had the honour to take part in the presentation, which took place at the King's Arms.

Elections

Elections for both Cornwall Council and Torpoint Town Council will take place on Thursday, 2nd May. Of course, it's important that we cast our votes, but have you thought about serving *your* community as a councillor? If so, now's your chance. For further information, please contact Cornwall Council on 0300 123 1115.

Torpoint Carnival

Following last year's success, Torpoint Carnival will return on Saturday, 15th June. If you, or a group/organisation that you represent would like to participate or help out, please contact Cllr Mike Pearn MBE on 01752 813164.

Best wishes to all.

Terry Moore