

## TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Council Committee Room, 4 York Road, Torpoint.

**PRESENT:** - Councillor E L Parkin (Chairman), Councillor T R F Moore (Town Mayor) Councillors B Hobbs, C K P Fowle and Mrs. R A Southworth plus the Town Clerk.

**Also present:** - Councillor G J Davis

### **79-12FGP Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs C I A Trueman.

### **80-12FGP Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda**

Non-pecuniary Interest was declared by the following  
Councillor Mrs R A Southworth – Use of the Annex by Torpoint Archives.

### **81-12FGP Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the insertion in minute 74-12(a) Councillor Mrs R A Southworth declared a non-pecuniary interest and left the room whilst this matter was discussed.

### **82-12FGP Matters arising from the minutes**

a) To consider the Council Risk Management:-

Pursuant to minute 72-12FGP Councillor Mrs R A Southworth spoke on the forthcoming Internal Audit Working Party review and the need to review the insurance arrangements. The Clerk confirmed that part of the process was to review the insurance arrangements and that this would also include meeting with the Council's insurers. The Clerk also highlighted some of the operational insurance consideration that included public and employer's liability insurance together with a fidelity insurance as detailed in this Council's Financial Risk Management strategy. This would be considered within the Council's Internal Audit review.

b) Use of the Annex.

Pursuant to minute 74-12FGP (a) the Clerk confirmed that he has met with a resident that has expressed an interest in leasing the annex. The Clerk will continue to pursue this avenue of approach.

c) Friends of Thanckes Park – Reported issues with the Skateboard Park:-

Pursuant to minute 74-12FGP (c) the Clerk reported a copy email from the Friends of Thanckes originating from one of the youths that had been complaining at the condition in the Skateboard Park. The Clerk had responded by inviting the author of the email to meet with him to discuss any issues that had been identified. The Clerk is awaiting a reply to the email.

### **83-12FGP To Consider Policies Delegated to this Committee**

a) Council Lettings Policy:-

The Lettings policy was presented to members for consideration. Councillor C K P Fowle drew attention to the minimum hire period and asked how charges applied if the premises were hired for example for 1.5 hours. The Clerk suggested that the minimum period should be for an hour and subsequent hiring periods must be in multiples of an hour. It is therefore **recommended** that the hiring must be for a minimum period of 1 hour or in

multiples of one hour and that this is included in the policy. With this amendment members recommend that the policy is accepted.

**84-12FGP To consider the Council Risk Management**

The Clerk suggested that the Committee had now considered most items within the policy and that the next cycle should commence after the new council has been elected.

**85-12FGP Items referred to this Committee**

None.

**86-12FGP Correspondence**

a) Cornwall Council – East Sub Area Planning Committee.

**87-12FGP Planning Applications**

a) PA13/01621 - 86, Maker Road, Torpoint – Construction of single storey extension.

No objections or observations.

**88-12FGP Accounts for payment**

PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	(VAT)	NETT
Drew & Company	Gas Safety Checks	504.00	84.00	420.00

**89-12FGP Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013.

**90-12FGP Any business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting.**

- Councillor E L Parkin drew attention to a recent to a recent Travel Watch meeting that he had attended. Councillor Parkin stated that the Devon and Cornwall First Group had sales of £27.5 million in 2011 with losses of £2.5 million but in 2012 had accumulated losses of £3.5 million on a smaller turnover of £25.5 million. Councillor Parkin questioned the sustainability of such losses continued. Councillor C K P Fowle spoke on the fuel duty increases claiming these were counterproductive. Councillor Parkin also raised the issue of flooding on the rail track and efforts being made to rectify the problems. Councillor Parkin spoke of issues on the Somerset levels that was contributing to the flooding. Councillor Parkin concluded by informing the meeting that Julian Crowe was resigning from his post at First Great Western.

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm .....Chairman