



COVID-19 Update for the March 2021 Council meeting

1. Officers / Employees - working from home

Officers and staff continue to combine working both from home and Council facilities. Family and medical requirements/needs for all employees continue to be taken into consideration when reviewing working environments.

2. Hire of Town Council Facilities / Hand sanitisers

Council Chambers facilities remain closed, with hirers making contact about hiring the facilities when permitted. Foot operated hand sanitiser units have been ordered for the Council Chambers building to facilitate safe re-opening.

3. Library and Community Hub

Limited services continue from the Library and Community Hub with browsing prohibited under current lockdown rules.

4. COVID-19 Leaflet / Befriending Service

The Covid-19 / Council leaflet has been distributed to all Torpoint households and a copy uploaded to the website. Spare copies will be placed in local shops. It is hoped volunteering interest will be generated to facilitate the befriending service.

5. Public Conveniences

Remain open with an increased regular cleaning regime being implemented by the operations Team. CALC has contacted all the operators of public conveniences to establish a 'county wide' picture for reopening.

6. Play Parks and Skate Park

Remain open. Councillors may be aware of several Councils who have closed their skate park facilities, however due to the open nature of the skate park in Torpoint, this is not logistically viable.

7. Return to physical meetings – CALC update

Current lockdown restrictions prevent physical meetings of local councils at this time; individuals are asked to stay home unless absolutely necessary. The Coronavirus Act 2020 and the Virtual Meetings Regulations 2020 will come to an end on **7th May 2021** and the ability to hold virtual meetings will cease. The CALC continues to lobby Government to extend the facility to ensure that the option to meet virtually is retained and it is now time to consider what a return to physical meetings might mean for Members, staff and community.

Town Clerk & RFO
12th March 2021