



MINUTES of the Torpoint Town Partnership (TTP) meeting held virtually on Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Chris Goodman - The Mayor (Chair), Cllr Mrs Kim Brownhill - Treasurer, Paul Smythe - Community Hub and Library Development Manager (CH&LDM), Cllr Mrs Julie Martin, Cllr Gary Davis, Mrs Kelly-Jane Brown, Richard Pymm.

		ACTION
1.	Welcome - Chairman The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting.	
2.	Apologies for absence Cllr Ms Rachel Evans BEM and the Friends of Thanckes Park.	
3.	Declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda None declared.	
4.	Minutes of the previous virtual meeting held on Wednesday 25th November 2020 Apart from one error, the minutes for the previous meeting were read and accepted as an accurate record. The error in question was at item 5 paragraph 7. The time stated should have read 0700, and not 1900. The minutes are to be amended by the CH&LDM.	CH&LDM
5.	Christmas Lights and other organised activities in the Christmas period Cllr Chris Goodman began by saying that this item was an opportunity for everyone to review the Christmas lights and other organised activities in the Christmas period, plus provide any feedback where applicable. From an observer's perspective, Cllr Chris Goodman said that the Christmas lights appeared to be a really slick operation, but wanted the thoughts of someone who was actually physically involved. Therefore, in the absence of Ray Skelly, she asked Cllr Gary Davis if he could provide some feedback. Cllr Gary Davis replied that it was probably one of the slickest in years. Getting Shaun Huggins in with his mechanical gear, made it so much easier to put the tree in place. Taking it down was also relatively straightforward with the help of a chainsaw and skilled chainsaw operator. Everything went up and came down fairly easily, and despite the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, all in all the job was well planned by Ray Skelly and Declan Kelf. Cllr Gary Davis thanked them in particular, plus the rest of their team in general. He also thanked the Lions, for the use of their trailer.	

Cllr Chris Goodman also offered her thanks to all involved, whether they were putting up and taking down the Christmas tree, organising, or any of the other myriad of things that enabled the tree to go up and come down so efficiently.

Cllr Chris Goodman also thought that having two teams worked well; with one team putting up the Christmas tree and lights, and the other team putting the lights up down through the town.

Cllr Chris Goodman confirmed that the community were very happy with the tree, very happy with the NHS sign, and very happy with everything else. And once again praised everyone involved for their collective effort, and a job well done.

Cllr Julie Martin asked whether anyone knew what the problem was with the middle section of the lights down Fore Street. Cllr Chris Goodman replied that the lights will be checked when returned, but it was uncertain whether the problem was connected with the building works at Lloyds Bank, because there was issues there as well. Cllr Gary Davis replied that after Declan Kelf had carried out a test, the fault was believed to be with the plug of the light or the light fitting itself. Cllr Chris Goodman said the lights would be tested before they were required next year, and hopefully the problem would not be repeated.

Cllr Chris Goodman then thanked Kelly-Jane Brown, Cllr Julie Martin, and everyone back at 'Team Brown' and 'Team Martin', for their involvement with other activities in the Christmas period. Their work was much appreciated by the community, with some people commenting that it had made a difference to their Christmas during these challenging times.

Cllr Julie Martin said that people were still looking at the Facebook page. Kelly-Jane Brown confirmed this, and then asked if anyone knew how much money had been raised. Cllr Kim Brownhill was able to give the following figures:

GoFundMe page	£541.10
Other donations	£20.00
Total	£561.10

Therefore each nominated organisation would receive £187.03. Cllr Kim Brownhill suggested that the TTP could round-up this figure to £200.00, and all agreed that this was a very good idea.

Cllr Gary Davis suggested that as Torpoint Town Council would no longer have any need for the NHS lights, maybe they would agree to them being auctioned online, and the funding from the successful bid being used to further bolster the £200.00. Cllr Julie Martin said that these lights had ultimately been funded by the Local Community Markets, and it was a decision for Torpoint Town Council to make.

Cllr Kim Brownhill asked if a bank transfer payment only to each receiving organisation would suffice, as a presentation of a cheque was currently not appropriate. Everyone agreed that it would suffice.

Kelly-Jane Brown asked to be informed when everything was ready to go, so that she could publish a Facebook post thanking everyone for their donations.

Cllr Chris Goodman asked Kelly-Jane Brown for her thoughts, and Kelly-Jane replied that the Facebook page was very well supported, but there

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	<p>was little interest in the Christmas tree and Christmas cake competitions.</p> <p>Cllr Julie Martin added that there had only been four entries for the Christmas card competition as well. But Cllr Julie Martin did think that the Advent Calendar was a big success.</p> <p>Cllr Chris Goodman concluded this item's discussions, by once again thanking all those involved in the social media campaign, plus Richard Pymm for once again providing a Father Christmas at Sparrow Park.</p>	
6.	<p>Local Community Markets</p> <p>Cllr Julie Martin informed everyone that the Virtual Market went really well, with nearly 65 stalls taking part. There was lots of interaction, and they will possibly do it again this year, even if the traditional Christmas market does go ahead.</p> <p>All applications for road closures for the street markets have been submitted, with the first market due to take place at the end of March; COVID-19 restrictions permitting.</p> <p>Cllr Chris Goodman asked if there was any feedback regarding the Virtual Market from local businesses. Cllr Julie Martin replied that the majority of virtual stall holders were the normal market stall traders and individuals who produce things from home e.g. crafts, rather than the local town traders/shops.</p>	
7.	<p>Update relating to any provisional bookings made for 2022 celebration and diary of events going forward</p> <p>Cllr Chris Goodman said that because of the uncertainty caused by COVID-19, it was impossible to predict whether events such as the County Royal British Legion Rally on Saturday 17th July 2021 would go ahead.</p> <p>Cllr Chris Goodman then asked if anyone had updates on the celebrations to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. Cllr Julie Martin replied that her husband Andy, had already secured a portable stage, sound gear and generators, for the event.</p> <p>Richard Pymm mentioned that plans were being made to hold the annual Lions Summer Fair on Saturday 17th July 2021. However, The Black Prince Flower Boat Procession will definitely not go ahead this year, as they cannot get into the school's to teach the new cohort of children the maypole dances. Whether the Annual Summer Walk will take place or not, is currently undecided.</p> <p>Cllr Chris Goodman summed up the uncertainty caused by the pandemic, by saying that all you can do is plan, and then wait and see. To which Cllr Kim Brownhill replied, "What about the carnival, should we plan for this year?"</p> <p>Richard Pymm reminded everyone that last year it was planned to hold the carnival one week after the Lions Summer Fair, with a week of activities in-between. Cllr Chris Goodman said it would be nice to do the same this year, as Torpoint Town Council had recently taken control of the local parks. After much discussion, it was decided that Saturday 24th July 2021 would be the provisional date for this year's carnival. Whether or not to go ahead with any other additional activities, would be decided at a later date.</p> <p>Cllr Chris Goodman concluded by saying that it would be something for all of us to look forward to.</p>	

	Cllr Chris Goodman concluded this discussion by thanking Kelly-Jane Brown for raising her question, and saying that thinking space was required before being able to come up with a possible answer on how to get the group truly representational.	
9.	Date of next meeting Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 7.00pm (virtual meeting).	