

TORPOINT TOWN PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of a meeting held on Thursday 11th July 2013 at 7.30pm in the Council Committee Room, 4, York Road, Torpoint.

Present: - Councillor M N Pearn (Town Mayor – Chairman)
Councillors E H Andrews, G J Davis and Mrs R A Southworth (Town Council).
T R F Moore (RBL), J Tivnan (Torpoint Community Events Company), Mrs C E Goodman (Torpoint Community College), Mrs L. Jeavons and M Jeavons (Torpoint Chamber of Commerce).

Apologies Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs J M Martin (Torpoint Town Council) and Mrs K Brownhill (Torpoint Community Events Company).

Minutes of the previous meeting: -

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th June 2013 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the deletion of the word "robbing" and insertion of the word "robing".

Matters Arising: -

- Councillor J Tivnan posited the question if the WI could undertake the work that was required of them for the Gorsedh.
- It is understood that the Town Council will purchase scaffolding that will be held as a council fixed asset and can be loaned to organisations in the town subject to compliance with the Council's terms and conditions. Information on appropriate scaffolding would be furnished to the Town Administrator to raise a purchase order.

Carnival:-

The Town Mayor circulated the receipts and payments sheet for the 2013 carnival. The Mayor reminded members that further invoices are expected that would probably result in an overall loss. The Mayor voiced disappointment at the amount of finances raised and pointed to other organisations that had voiced satisfaction at the amount of finances raised by them. The Mayor was of the opinion that the members were not proactive enough in raising finances especially when compared to the other organisations. Councillor G J Davis also observed that other organisations were well pleased with the income that had been raised. Councillor E H Andrews suggested that raffle tickets could be sold in advance of the day to raise additional revenue. Councillor T R F Moore suggested that it was a "standalone" carnival and would be more successful in the future. In conclusion the Mayor thanked Andy Martin for his help and assistance with the carnival preparation and implementation.

Gardens:-

J Tivnan observed that the flower beds that had been created on the hill in Harvey Street, were looking exceptionally well. Mr Tivnan spoke on the difficulties with the soil on the slope adjacent to Udal Garth and informed the meeting that he intended to plant raised beds to circumvent this problem. Mr Tivnan confirmed that he was in the process of sourcing plants for the area. Members were also informed that the judging for Cornwall in Bloom would be undertaken on the 5th August 2013 with emphasis on the approaches to the town from the ferry and in particular the Harvey Street beds. The theme for the entry would be "Cleaning up grot spots". Mr Tivnan would also be contacting local landowners to clean up the area.

Christmas Lights:-

It was reported that the Christmas lights for 2013 and the next 3 years had been ordered and that the lease would be sent to the Town Council. Mr Tivnan spoke on the mix of the lights that had been ordered.

Gorsedh: -

The Mayor circulated a "task list" and urged members to consider the list and nominate those that could undertake the work in preparation for the event. It is understood that the Town Administrator would take on the administration and treasurer role subject to Town Council approval. It was noted that finances for the Gorsedh had to be separated from the usual Torpoint Town Partnership receipts and payments and various methodologies were suggested. It was decided that the final method would be formulated by the Treasurer. It was suggested that the Community College is contacted to ensure that the appropriate facilities are available for the event and also to Cornwall Council for the use of Thanckes Park. Many suggestions were forthcoming as to the Town logo with members suggesting various designs and it was further suggested that the schools enter a competition to formulate a suitable design. Councillor G J Davis suggested that a local printer and designer is approached and offered to undertake the approach on behalf of the Partnerships. Members accepted Councillor Davis' offer. Councillor E H Andrews proposed that the "movers and shakers" be invited to the next meeting of the Partnerships to undertake a task distribution following consideration by members before the meeting. The Mayor also suggested that the group review the planning process currently being undertaken by Penryn and refining it for use by Torpoint. Various ideas were put forward including extensive advertising at the ferry terminal. The Mayor read from an email sent by the organisers on potential methods to raise the profile of the event. It was therefore proposed that the following organisations are written to and invited to the next meeting of the Partnerships.

Women's Institute (WI)	Carbeile Junior School
Torpoint and Rame Lions	Torpoint Nursery and Infant School
Chamber of Commerce	Friends of Thanckes Park
Torpoint Platoon Army Cadets	Police Cadets
Various Ecclesiastical Groups	St John Ambulance Brigade
Capola Dancing School	Torpoint Scout Group
Torpoint Archives	HMS Raleigh
Torpoint Community College	Old Cornwall Society
Various Choirs in the town	Royal Naval Association
Royal British Legion	Torpoint Twinning Association

The Beacon:-

It was noted that the Beacon that is showing on the Town Council fixed asset register, is currently stored in an industrial unit on Trevol Business Park but that the owner of the unit wishes it to be removed. Various suggestions were forthcoming but it was conceded that this is a Town Council issue and that it would be considered further by the Town Council.

Any Other Business:-

None.

Date of Next Meeting:-

Thursday 12th September 2013 commencing at 7.00pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm.....Chairman