



TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish (Town) meeting of Torpoint held on Thursday 27th May 2021 at 8.27pm in the Council Committee Room, 4, York Road, Torpoint.

PRESENT: - Town Mayor (Councillor Miss Rachel Evans BEM - Chairman), eleven Town Councillors and the Town Clerk. Town Clerk took the minutes of the proceedings on behalf of the town.

1. Minutes of the last Parish meeting.

It was resolved the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd May 2019 are received and signed by the Town Mayor (Chairman).

2. Matters arising from the minutes.

None.

3. Report from the Town Mayor covering the activities of the Town Council.

The extraordinary decision taken by the prime minister on 23rd March 2020 to implement and enforce a national lockdown has meant the council and the town have locked down, socially distanced, worn masks and sanitised, amongst many other activities for most of the past 12 months. The vaccination programme of recent months has resulted in many restrictions being lifted with the council meeting in person for only the 2nd time. The council has been meeting virtually throughout the pandemic, with many of the council's activities restricted. We have however, where restrictions have allowed, maintained a scaled down library service and access to local properties and services.

I had to look back to May 2019 to understand where we were back then. We had just opened the Library and Community Hub on 11th May 2019. From then, the hub has gone from strength to strength. The team has helped a great number of people and has transformed the operations with exciting events and activities. Over the past year we have seen an outstanding outside space created at the rear and with the improving outlook the council look forward to the coming year where the space will really come into its own.

In September 2019 there was the unveiling of the war memorial at St James Church. Following a working group of interested parties after several years of lobbying by the late Joe Plant, who is sadly no longer with us, the project came to fruition.

The council supported the Friends of Thanckes Park for the Field Day in July 2019, a fantastic event which showcased talent from across the town and attracted people from further afield.

Following an eye opening presentation from Torpoint Nursery and Infant School children, the council has committed to becoming a community plastic free town which we hope to complete this year. Furthermore, the council has agreed Torpoint Environmental Action (TEA), an initiative which aims to get many volunteers in the town to support in litter picking and many other activities, which will be seen throughout the next year. The first litter pick is planned for this Saturday, 29th May 2021, meeting at 10.00am at Bénodet Park tea hut, it is hoped the community will attend and support this initiative.

Over the past 12 months the council has expanded the staffing team to welcome an Operations Manager (part time), plus an additional part time caretaker, as we have after several years, been transferred, from Cornwall Council, all of the children's play parks. These include: Thanckes Park Play Park, Borough Play Park, Chestnut Close Play Park, Cambridge Field as well as the tennis courts. Improvements have already been seen with improved ground maintenance, a new fence around the tennis courts and picnic benches installed. The council has plans for continued investment in new equipment and apparatus over the coming year.

3. Electors Questions.

There were no questions from electors and it was minuted that sadly Mr M Howells is no longer with us.

4. Any Motions from Electors.

None.

5. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 26th May 2022.

Town Meeting closed at 8.35pm.....Town Mayor (Chairman)

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