



CONDITIONS FOR HIRING COUNCIL PROPERTY

Torpoint Town Council (the Council) hereby agrees to let the facilities to the person(s) and period specified within the hiring form under the following conditions.

GENERAL RULES

1. Application for permission to serve intoxicating liquors must be made in writing (or clearly indicated on the hiring form) and stating if a charge is to be made. The sale of alcohol is not permitted on Council premises unless a current licence is held. The sale of alcohol and playing of music must end at midnight.
2. The Hirer shall ensure that all persons attending the function for which he/she/they are responsible behave in an orderly and responsible manner and that no alcoholic liquor shall be consumed by persons under eighteen years of age.
3. A function must terminate in time for the building to be vacated by the stipulated finishing time.
4. NOISE – The Hirer is responsible for ensuring that noise from the event is controlled and is unlikely to cause a nuisance to neighbouring properties. Noise outside the building should be monitored throughout the event.
5. The premises are equipped for use by persons with disabilities. For safety reasons an adult helper may accompany persons with wheelchairs. A helper should accompany those with hearing or visual impairment or any that might have difficulty evacuating the building.
6. SECURITY - The hirer shall be responsible for the security of the Council premises during the period of hire by ensuring that only those with a legitimate connection with the hiring or those authorised by the Council have access.
7. Damage or loss caused to the premises shall be the sole responsibility of the hirer who shall reimburse the Council in full for the cost of rectifying/restoring/replacing/repairs. Additionally, the Hirer shall ensure that the premises are left in a clean, safe and orderly condition before the premises are vacated.

FIRE SAFETY RULES

8. The Hirer must KEEP FIRE EXITS CLEAR at all times.
9. Fire evacuation procedures are posted in the building with fire evacuation exits clearly marked.
10. If the Fire Alarm Siren/Lights are activated, the following procedure must be followed: -
 - a) Evacuate the building calmly and quickly by the nearest exit
 - b) The assembly point is marked and located at the end of the service lane behind Antony Road at the junction with York Road.
 - c) In the event of a fire the Emergency services and Caretaker must be contacted immediately.
 - d) Return to the premises is only allowed by the express permission of the Emergency Services or in the event of a "false alarm" an officer of the Town Council or the responsible person in charge of the hiring.
11. As the hirer you are responsible for ensuring the above instructions are conveyed to those on the premises as a result of the hiring. It is recommended therefore that you read the above at the commencement of the hiring to those present.



HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES

12. Any electrical or mechanical equipment brought onto council property must have a current PAT certificate. The certificate will be checked by the Town Clerk or Caretaker. Any equipment not having the relevant certificate will not be allowed to be used on or in Council premises.
13. Council equipment will not be allowed to be used or assembled without the express permission of the Town Clerk or Caretaker and only then under supervision. Any equipment brought onto site will not be used until the Town Clerk or Caretaker are satisfied it complies with any relevant controls or protocols within the Council Health and Safety policy.
14. The Hirer must confirm that they are competent to use the council facilities and/or equipment prior to hiring. If you require any training or instruction you must make this known to the Caretaker prior to using the equipment.
15. No substance shall be brought onto site that is subject to the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 1994 (COSHH) without prior permission.
16. Any spillages e.g. liquids must be cleaned immediately to prevent hazards of slips and falls.
17. You are required to comply with all signage in the building and the instructions on them.
18. If you become aware of a situation or problem that might cause injury or damage you are to report this immediately to either the Caretaker or Town Clerk. If in doubt you must still consult the caretaker or Town Clerk.
19. FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS – Must be observed at all times. Food shall not be prepared or consumed without full accreditation of the individual preparing the food or compliance with legislation or local bylaws in force at the time.

OTHER

Capacity

- i) When the stage extension is in use a maximum of 120 chairs (theatre style) in the main hall.
- ii) When the stage extension is NOT in use a maximum of 150 chairs (theatre style) in the main hall.
- iii) Committee Room – Maximum of 50 chairs (theatre style).
- iv) **Capacity during the Covid Pandemic is subject to Government Legislation**

The Council shall not be responsible for loss or damage to personal or other property brought onto premises.

I AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE HIRING CONDITIONS ABOVE

Signed:Hirer

Print Name:

Date: