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**Attachments:** Accessible Spaces Workshop.pdf

Good afternoon members of Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel

Following the third meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023, at the skate park/Thanckes Park Play Park/Bénodet Park, some brief notes are shared here as a summary of the meeting.

Present: Christopher Burns, Cllr Mrs Lizeta Fellows (Chairman), Paul Goodall, Keiran Moon, Claire Stevens, Neil Stewart, Kirsty Winfield (Oakwood College), Milly Southworth (Town Clerk & RFO/Note taker) and Phil Griffiths (Operations Manager).

1. All were welcomed and introductions made. Together the group initially met to establish whether a manual wheelchair user would be able to cross the skate park, to then access Thanckes Park Play Park from the 'top gate' (currently not a public access entrance). Following Claire (and Paul in an electric wheelchair) undertaking the test, the panel members agreed that this path is 'doable'. It is accepted a properly built accessible path would be needed, possibly via the grass, with changes also needed to the gate entrance, however, this had been a positive way forward. The group discussed what surface would be preferred for the path, and agreed this would need to be surveyed and considered by an experienced contractor. In addition it is noted that pathways around the equipment in the play park would be useful, along with swapping the bench in this park for a wheelchair accessible bench
2. Cllr Mrs Chris Goodman, Jes Hirons, Sam Chaston (Torpoint Youth Club/Action for Children) submitted their apologies in advance of the meeting.
3. Notes/Actions from the previous meeting held Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
  - Inclusion of an Oakwood College representative, delighted that Kirsty has joined the group.
  - Haven't yet made contact with the three schools regarding inviting SENCO representatives – ongoing.
4. UPDATED Accessibility Audit
  - Lizeta explained this will be updated in due course.
5. Funding Opportunities/Filming of all sites
  - Tennis courts – Lizeta highlighted the Town Council has now taking receipt of a donation of £1,894.00 from the Friends of Thanckes Park (FoTP) group, which will be ring fenced to help fund improved accessibility to the tennis courts. Additionally the Town Council has allocated up to £7k of funds for Accessibility, to spend in this financial year.
6. Stigma against vulnerable people and their families – Chris Burns explained how this group should consider removing the stigma against vulnerable people and their families, in the town. A suggestion to work with Jes, the Social Prescriber, to organise an event during Disability Awareness Week, 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June, which includes a sticker scheme, is being considered. The sticker scheme would include businesses and individuals 'signing up' to be an 'Inclusive Community Partner'. Chris has designed a logo for the scheme. This will be looked at further.
7. Communications plan. Lizeta will write an article for the forthcoming Town Council Newsletter and share it this evening, include a line regarding 'considerate parking'. Keiran talked about when the council had passed a motion raising awareness and agreed to look into when this had happened.
8. Any other Business, included: -
  - i) The Clerk had recently attended a really interesting workshop at Newquay Orchard and agreed to share information from the event (see attached).

- ii) Patient Group – local meeting minutes could be shared to this group.
- iii) Inconsiderate parking in Torpoint needs to be highlighted as a problem.
- 9. The next Diverse Advisory Panel meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023, meet at **4.00pm at Torpoint Library and Community Hub**. Keiran sent his apologies for the meeting.

The meeting finished at 5.25pm. Any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

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