



**TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY meeting of Torpoint Town Council held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023, called by the Town Mayor Councillor G J Davis, at 7.00pm in the Council Committee Room, 4 York Road, Torpoint.

**Present:** - Town Mayor (Councillor G J Davis) (Chairman), Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs. J M Martin), Councillors Mrs. K Brownhill, Miss R A Evans BEM, Mrs. L Fellows, Mrs. C E Goodman, L E Keise, C R Sawyer, M G Spurling, C R Still, M Thomson-Neall, J Tivnan BEM, B A Walsh and the Town Clerk & RFO (Clerk) in attendance.

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>44-23 Apologies for absence:</b> - Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. J L Reeves and R M Willoughby, plus the Town Council Support Officer.</p>	
<p><b>45-23 Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda</b> None.</p>	
<p><b>46-23 Notice of Motion.</b>  <b>"To resolve to grant the title of 'Honorary Freeman of Torpoint' to Mr Roger Cook in recognition of outstanding service to the community of Torpoint."</b>  <b>Proposer:</b> Councillor G J Davis                                 <b>Seconded:</b> Councillor C R Sawyer  The Town Mayor (Councillor GJ Davis) introduced and made the proposal, "To resolve to grant the title of 'Honorary Freeman of Torpoint' to Mr Roger Cook in recognition of outstanding service to the community of Torpoint." Councillor Davis gave further background to the proposal, citing Roger Cook's lifetime of eminent services to the town having been a member of the Torpoint Division of the St. John Ambulance for 66 years and has spent his whole career in St. John Ambulance supporting the cadets, including 6 years as a cadet. As a member of the St. John Ambulance Roger has undertaken many thousands of hours of entirely voluntary duties, providing first aid cover to the whole community, as well as training and education of first aid and life-saving skills. Roger has quietly and diligently helped so many people when they have needed help, reducing the potential severity of their injuries and saving lives. Roger has also been the divisional leader for the Torpoint St. John Ambulance Cadets for most of the 60 years of being an adult member of the St. John Ambulance. He has supported hundreds of young people gain essential life skills, first aid and proficiencies, with 123 of his cadets receiving the highest cadet award available: the Grand Prior Award.   Councillor C R Sawyer seconded the proposal.   The Town Mayor went on to explain that although the proposal had been put and seconded, he asked Members' to consider an amendment to the proposal (following a request by Roger) and it is unanimously <b>resolved</b> to award Mr Roger Cook a Testimonial Scroll, in recognition of a lifetime of eminent services to the Torpoint Division of St. John Ambulance, the cadets plus the community and town of Torpoint.</p>	<b>Council</b>
<p>Meeting closed at 6.57pm..... Town Mayor</p>	