

## TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.00pm in the Council Committee Room, 4, York Road, Torpoint.

**PRESENT:** - Councillor M J Crago (Deputy Town Mayor – substitute for Councillor M N Pearn MBE (Town Mayor)), Councillors Mrs K Brownhill (substitute for Councillor E H Andrews), G J Davis, B Hobbs, Mrs C A Jackson, L E Keise, Miss J L Kinsman, Mrs R A Southworth (substitute for Councillor Mrs J M Martin) and J Tivnan plus the Town Clerk.

### **10- 14DL Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Town Mayor and Councillors E H Andrews, J F Creek and Mrs J M Martin.

### **11- 14DL Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda**

Non-Registerable Interests (NRI) were declared by the following:-

Deputy Town Mayor – Accounts for payment (Carew Lodge – as a member of this organisation).  
Councillor J Tivnan – Correspondence, Royal British Legion (as a member of this organisation).

### **12- 14DL Election of Chairman for the Civic Year 2014-15**

The Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor M J Crago), called for nominations for the position of Chairman for the Civic Year 2014-15. Councillor Mrs R A Southworth proposed that Councillor G J Davis is elected Chairman for the Civic Year 2014-15. Councillor L E Keise seconded the proposition. There being no other nominations the motion was put and Councillor G J Davis was duly elected Chairman for the Civic Year 2014-15.

### **13- 14DL Election of Vice Chairman for the Civic Year 2014-15**

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for the Civic Year 2014-15. Councillor Mrs R A Southworth proposed that Councillor Mrs C A Jackson is elected Vice Chairman for the Civic Year 2014-15. Councillor L E Keise seconded the proposition. There being no other nominations the motion was put and Councillor Mrs C A Jackson was duly elected Vice Chairman for the Civic Year 2014-15.

### **14- 14DL Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **15- 14DL Matters Arising from the Minutes**

a) Sparrow Park:-

Pursuant to minute 34-13DL (a) updated members on progress of this project. It was noted that this item was for information purposes only as the matter was now a subject for the Asset Management and Operations (AMO) Committee. The Clerk reported that together with the Town Mayor had met representatives of the contract company to discuss the possibility of sponsoring the maintenance arrangement of Sparrow Park. The Clerk reported that preliminary proposals had been received and that this Council was being asked to fund the purchase of topsoil (around 10 tonnes to increase the levels in the beds) and the concrete and cement around the flagpole. It is estimated around £500 for this work. The company also submitted additional costs for the removal

of the mosaic display but this was yet to be considered. The Mayor had suggested that the mosaic display might be relocated to the small park area at the junction of Rowe Street and the North Hill service lane subject to permissions and terms. In return the company are looking for a 3 year maintenance agreement, an arrangement to place an advertising sign in the park and as part of the project would reconfigure the current planting arranging, provide the plants and maintain the area all at no cost to this council. The Clerk confirmed that discussions and dialogue are continuing on this project.

b) Weed Control:-

Pursuant to minute 34-13DL Clerk confirmed that the weed spraying contract around the town had been completed although the Chairman asked if the section of King Street from the Queens Arms could be sprayed in future. Councillor B Hobbs informed the meeting that he has asked Cornwall Council to deal with the brambles in St James Road. It was reported that a reply is awaited from the Cornwall Council officer on the matter of the Japanese Knotweed problem in Thanckes Park. Both the Mayor and Clerk had chased the officer on this matter. Councillor J Tivnan announced that he has obtained the use of the CORMAC trailer to be filled with detritus collected by volunteers.

**16- 14DL Terms of Reference**

The Chairman presented the proposed terms of reference (as circulated). After discussing points in the document it is **recommended** that the terms of reference for this Committee are adopted by the Council.

**17- 14DL Development Plan**

It was noted that the Development Plan discussions are deferred to the September meeting of this Committee.

**18- 14DL Localism**

The Chairman would meet with the Clerk to review the list of possible projects that was circulated to members.

**19- 14DL Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman urged members to pursue this topic and move forward given the 3 month break between meetings. Members then discussed the consultation event held at Torpoint carnival and to aid the discussion the Chairman circulated a consolidated analysis of the responses. Councillor Mrs J L Kinsman sought to understand how this exercise complimented proposals for a possible supermarket and housing development in and around the Defiance Field site at the top of the town. It was understood that Antony Estates are still pursuing the option of a supermarket on the site of the Defiance Field with a potential land "swap" with the former HMS Fisgard playing fields that would accommodate the St Columba and Torpoint rugby club. Councillor B Hobbs advised the meeting that it is intended for the proposed former HMS Fisgard playing fields to become a sports complex in addition for use by the rugby club. The Chairman returned the debate to the land at the lower end of Fore Street with the Committee being made aware that the police authority intended to work with the interested stakeholders but within a finite time. If there is no progress within this time then it is understood the authority would sell the site to the highest bidder. Councillor Hobbs ventured the suggestion that Cornwall Council might be in a position to purchase the former police station site as an investment acquisition. This might then give then give interested parties more time to formulate a strategy for this area. The Clerk offered to email the

Chief Executive at Cornwall Council to elicit a response on the suggestion. The Chairman sought to ascertain proposals for a jetty emanating from Rendel Park. Councillor Brian Hobbs in his capacity as a Cornwall Councillor briefed members on the proposals. It was intended that the Torpoint jetty would facilitate a landing stage for the proposed integrated transportation system to include a Tamarside water taxi that would operate with several landing points along the Tamar terminating at the Barbican in Plymouth. The Chairman commented that this Council should be an influencing factor in this strategy and it was suggested that contact be made with Cornwall Council, Antony Estate and possibly the author of the document that it is understood to be the Cornwall Councillor for the Rame peninsula. Councillor J Tivnan suggested that to compliment this strategy and reinvigorate this area of the town, the foreshore should be filled in to create a car park.

## **20- 14DL Planning Applications:-**

a) PA14/05995 – 2, Sango Road, Torpoint – Single storey extension with conservatory.  
No objections or observations.

b) PA14/06171 – 26, Marine Drive, Torpoint – Proposed two-storey rear extension to create a self-contained annexe. Creation of parking bay in front garden including a proposed new crossover.

The following observations were made:-

- The proposed parking area should be relocated to the rear of the property as the access and egress is dangerous at the current location.
- Would wish to see the proposal for a holiday let removed and not retained in the application.
- The current proposals are out of alignment with the current street scene.
- The windows overlooking neighbouring or adjoining properties should be fitted with fixed opaque glass.

## **21- 14DL Correspondence:-**

a) RBL – Poppy Appeal and Diary of Events.

Noted. Councillor J Tivnan confirmed that he had made arrangements to order 4 wreaths for the Town Council.

b) Cornwall Council – Leaders response to circulated letter.  
Noted.

c) Cornwall Council – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.  
Noted. The Council would request the status quo.

## **22- 14DL Accounts for payment:-**

PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	(VAT)	NETT
British Gas	Electricity - Public Conveniences	20.90	1.00	19.90
Play Inspection Company	Skateboard Park - Annual Inspection	71.94	11.99	59.95
Wilkinsons	5-year hardwire test	1,152.00	192.00	960.00
Security Dynamics	CCTV Maintenance Contract	525.00	0.00	525.00
RMVDC (J Tivnan reimbursement)	Marine Band (Civic Parade)	150.00	0.00	150.00
Southern Electricity	Electricity Supply	807.43	134.57	672.86
S C Parkin	Stamps - Recruitment	7.20	0.00	7.20
CE Builders	Council Chambers Painting	4,872.00	812.00	4,060.00
M Acton	Laundry	150.00	0.00	150.00
Trebor Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance	249.60	41.60	208.00
Any Occasions	Refreshments - Civic Parade	890.00	0.00	890.00
B A Walsh	Plumbing/Toilet Repairs	130.00	0.00	130.00
Carew Lodge	Refreshments - Civic Parade	353.55	0.00	353.55

The Deputy Town Mayor declared a non-registerable interest (as a member of Carew-Lodge) and left the chamber whilst this item was discussed.

### **23- 14DL Date of the Next meeting**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

### **24- 14DL Any Business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting**

- The Deputy Town Mayor drew attention to the poor quality of road sweeping in the "zone 2" area of the town. It was understood that the manual road sweeper only covers the zone 1 area of the town. Cornwall Councillor B Hobbs confirmed that it is a mechanical sweeper that undertakes the cleaning of "zone 2" and not only is this undertaken quarterly but that the sweeper sometimes has difficulty in cleaning the gutters as a result of the cars parking on many of the side streets. It was suggested that consideration be given to reversing the role of the mechanical and manual sweeping. Councillor Hobbs confirmed that he would pursue this with Cornwall Council and the contractors.
- The Deputy Town Mayor also drew attention to proposals by Cornwall Council to implement charges at the recycling centres as from September. The Deputy Town Mayor warned that this could result in an increase of fly tipping and appealed to Cornwall Council to reconsider this proposal. Members **recommend** that this Council write to ask that this decision is reversed. It was also suggested that this Council review the possibility of trying to establish a recycling centre in Torpoint.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm .....Chairman