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Subject: Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel update after meeting held 19th July 2023

Good afternoon members of Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel

Following the fourth meeting held on Wednesday 19th July 2023, some brief notes are shared here as a summary of the meeting.

Present: Christopher Burns, Cllr Mrs Lizeta Fellows (Chairman), Sam Chaston (Torpoint Youth Club/Action for Children), Paul Goodall, Cllr Mrs Chris Goodman, Jes Hirons (Com Hub & Library Manager), Lyn Murray (CHAT for Becky Lingard), Claire Stevens, Kirsty Winfield (Oakwood College), Milly Southworth (Town Clerk & RFO/Note taker)

1. All were welcomed and introductions made, Keiran Moon and Neil Stewart submitted their apologies in advance of the meeting.
2. Cllr Lizeta Fellows was proposed and seconded and subsequently elected Chairman for the civic year 2023-2024.
3. The Terms of Reference were reviewed and accepted.
4. Feedback following the Torpoint Together Community Health Day including sticker scheme.
 - Jes indicated there had been 338 visitors to the Library and Community Hub during the whole day, which shows an increase on the usual visitors to the building, which is great news.
 - Organisations who attended showed an interest in joining a sticker scheme, particularly St. Luke's Hospice Charity shop, who were very keen.
 - It is hoped that at a future public meeting, businesses / organisations could be encouraged to sign up.
 - It is hoped to plan some 'Winter talks' and those who have signed up would be invited to attend.
 - The Rame Group Practice will be kept informed.
 - Suggestion to invite the YMCA to be part of the scheme.
 - The sticker options were discussed and are to be finalised separately from this meeting.
5. Notes/Actions from the previous meeting held Wednesday 19th April 2023.
 - The group, having visited the site at the last meeting, all agree to continue to pursue making improvements to the access to enable a manual wheelchair user to access Thanckes Park Play park.
 - Schools, suggest they could be invited to be an inclusive partner.
 - Funding – the Friends of Thanckes Park group has made a donation to the town council for accessibility improvements to the tennis courts.
 - The town council has made a funding allocation of £7k for accessibility improvements during the financial year 2023-2024.
 - Proposed filming of sites, this has been put on hold, as following discussions post the last meeting, it is felt there is higher priority for consideration, which is, to assist / try to improve/ accessibility to some of the shops in Fore Street.
 - Minutes of the meetings of the Patient Participation Group (at The Rame Group Practice) – Jes explained that she is a member of this group and will circulate the minutes of the meetings (held half-yearly).
6. UPDATED Accessibility Audit
 - Lizeta explained this will be updated in due course.
7. Funding Opportunities/Accessibility videos

- 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
8. Communications plan.
- Lizeta will write an article for the forthcoming Town Council Newsletter, reminder to continually re-iterate the statement about inconsiderate parking.
 - Kirsty offered to draft “An Easy Read guide to Torpoint” and will need information to be emailed to her for inclusion (Jes/Lizeta?)
9. Any other Business, included: -
- i) Jes explained about a project which had happened at Penntorr Health Centre. The Health Centre had secured some funding from Public Health to purchase eco-friendly recycled plastic picnic tables and benches, some small trees and flowers etc and Permaculture Kernow helped with the design for a Health and Wellbeing garden, for staff and patients to use. This has now be installed. All agreed this would be a great place to meet next time!
 - ii) Lyn Murray suggested a doorbell could be issued to the Fore Street shop traders that wheelchair users cannot access. All agreed this is a great suggestion, Lizeta to take to the next Development and Localism committee meeting.
 - iii) Free ‘App’ call ‘Lookout’ was highlighted by Jes, which prompted Kirsty to add there are lots of apps to enable easier reading.
 - iv) At the end of June, for Learning Disabilities week Christopher Burns, who is an artist and champion of people with learning disabilities held an exhibition/display at the Library and Community Hub. In the morning Stuart read 'This is Me' to a crowd of little ones at rhyme time. It was a wonderful day. We have now recommended to Cornwall Council that this is celebrated across all libraries in the county.
 - v) Chris Burns suggested buses could be used for advertising.
 - vi) Suggestion to link with the Family Hub
 - vii) Chris Burns will forward information to Lizeta regarding the recent publicity undertaken about the proposed closure of ticket offices at train stations.
10. The next Diverse Advisory Panel meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday 20th September 2023, meet at **4.00pm at The Wellbeing Garden at Penntorr Health Centre.**

The meeting finished at 5.15pm. Any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

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