

TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Thursday 25th September 2014 at 7.00pm in the Council Committee Room, 4, York Road, Torpoint.

PRESENT: - Councillor G J Davis (Chairman), Councillor M N Pearn MBE (Town Mayor), Councillors E H Andrews, G J Davis, B Hobbs, Mrs C A Jackson, L E Keise, Miss J L Kinsman, Councillor Mrs J M Martin and J Tivnan plus the Town Clerk.

25- 14DL Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor J F Creek.

26- 14DL Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda

None.

27- 14DL Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th July 2014 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

28- 14DL Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Weed Control:-

Pursuant to minute 15-14DL (b) members were reminded that a reply had been received by email from Cornwall Council (as circulated) of an update on progress to date and also on future proposals for the eradication of Japanese Knotweed in Thanckes Park. The reply email was noted. Councillor J Tivnan criticised the response claiming the eradication programme is due to be completed after 3 years that commenced 7 years ago and now the proposals to eradicate the weed are to commence again. Councillor B Hobbs voiced the suggestion that this Council should make the request to undertake the work that should be financed by Cornwall Council. It is therefore **recommended** that this Council write to Cornwall Council to voice strong disappointment at the lack of progress on this matter and offers to alternative suggestion that this Council undertakes the eradication programme for the area leased by this Council (and also the peripheral area owned by Cornwall Council) with a financial contribution from Cornwall Council toward the work. Pursuant to minute 15-14-DL Councillor J Tivnan reminded member of the existence of electric cables adjacent to the flagpole.

29- 14DL Development Plan

The Committee considered the Development Plan and Strategy (as circulated) document (as circulated). The Clerk also circulated the current precepts levied by each town in East Cornwall together with other major towns in Cornwall. The document was noted. Members discussed at length the proposed 3 year development programme for the Council and it is **recommended** that the revised documents (as appended to these minutes) are adopted and implemented.

30- 14DL Localism

Nothing further to discuss.

31- 14DL Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman spoke on the proposed visioning document for Torpoint that would be prepared by Clifton Emery. The Chairman also informed the meeting that Clifton Emery had been invited to address the next meeting of this Committee and it was therefore suggested that the Committee will still meet at 7.00pm with the Committee meeting concluding in time for the presentation at 8.00pm. Councillor Davis urged all members to attend the address. Councillor Davis then spoke on proposals to undertake a feasibility study. It is estimated that a feasibility study will cost in the region of £20,000 although the base costs would probably be met from a Social Investment Business (SIB) grant of £10,000 and a similar amount of grant funding from Awards for All. However it was noted that to write the bid would probably cost in the region of £1,250 and that the Council could approach Simon Ryan to undertake this work. After discussing this matter it is **recommended** that the Council approach Simon Ryan to undertake the work on an "at risk" basis meaning if the funding bids were unsuccessful then the consultant would not be paid but if the bids were successful then it would cost the Council £1,250.

32- 14DL Planning Applications:-

None.

33- 14DL Correspondence:-

None.

34- 14DL Accounts for payment:-

None.

35- 14DL Date of the Next meeting

Monday 27th October 2014.

36- 14DL Any Business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting

None.

Meeting closed at 9.15pmChairman