

## TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 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 – late arrival), Councillors E H Andrews, Mrs C E Goodman, B Hobbs, L E Keise, Miss J L Kinsman, Mrs J M Martin and J Tivnan plus the Town Clerk.

**Also present:** - Councillor Mrs K Brownhill.

### **37- 14DL Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs C A Jackson.

### **38- 14DL Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda**

None.

### **39- 14DL Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the inclusion of Councillor Mrs C E Goodman as also being present.

### **40- 14DL Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

### **41- 14DL Town Emergency Plan**

The Chairman spoke on a conversation with the Community Network Manager, during which the suggestion of an emergency plan for the town was raised. The Chairman suggested that each town should possess an emergency plan that was bespoke for each location and that it should emphasise the resilience of each town. The Chairman went on to cite examples. Councillor J Tivnan remarked that locations around the town for example the Dockyard, HMS Raleigh and the Oil Refuelling Depot would each have their own plans and that each of the emergency services would also have their own plans. Councillor Tivnan went on to suggest that outside agencies could be consulted on this. The Chairman offered to contact the Community Network Manager to attend and discuss this matter. Councillor Mrs J M Martin suggested that there must be a template for an emergency plan and Councillor E H Andrews observed that there was a difficulty with the vague nature of this proposal and suggested that this is undertaken in conjunction with other organisations including uniformed services. Councillor Tivnan was of the opinion that we should consult with those that have an emergency plan in existence. Councillor Miss J L Kinsman remarked that it appeared we should look for gaps within any current emergency strategy. After further discussion it was **resolved** to defer this item to the Asset Management Committee for further consideration and that the Police Sargeant in the town is contacted to ascertain the current emergency plan strategy.

### **42- 14DL Localism**

Further to discussions at Council on the future of Torpoint Library receipt was reported of emails from Cornwall Council indicating there currently there is no intention of closing the Library for at

least 2 years and that ongoing reviews were in place including intended dialogue with the Town Council. Members expressed the importance of understanding the process and current situation and that the portfolio-holder for localism should be invited to meet with the Council to discuss this and similar situations where the service could be under threat. The Mayor Councillor M N Pearn MBE was of the opinion that there is no need to rush this proposal as Cornwall Council are not in a position to detail current proposals and suggested that any meeting should be delayed until January/February 2015. Councillor Miss J L Kinsman reminded members that Cornwall Council could retract services in many areas and it might not be feasible for this Council to undertake them all and further suggested that this Council should therefore evaluate each of the services that Cornwall Council wished to either relinquish or provide a restricted service. In answer to a question on possible capping of local council precepts, it is understood that the current thoughts are that this would apply to those Councils where the Band "D" was in line with the average levied by a District Council. Councillor E H Andrews was of the opinion that this Council should draw up a list of services and possible assets that it wished to see protected. Following further discussion it is **recommended** that this Council should invite the port-folio holder for Localism to meet with the Council in either January or February at the latest to discuss future service delivery cuts and opportunities for this Council to become involved.

#### **43- 14DL Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman briefed members on the current position with the plan and also the current position with the grant bid submission for a feasibility study. It was noted a detailed presentation would be presented to members after this meeting.

#### **44- 14DL Planning Applications:-**

a) PA14/07221 – 12, Chestnut Close, Torpoint – To remove hedge and erect fence. Council voice concern at the reduction in visibility to road users if a fence is erected, the height of the proposed fence and also understand that the estate is open planned with no provision for hedges or fences.

b) PA14/07975 – St James Guesthouse, 16, St James Road, Torpoint – Certificate of Lawfulness for existing building works to determine a material start has been made to decision E2/89/21370/O.

No objections or observations.

c) PA14/09824 – 30, Kingsley Avenue, Torpoint – Ground Floor extension for bedroom with en-suite facilities.

No objections or observations.

#### **45- 14DL Correspondence:-**

None.

#### **46- 14DL Accounts for payment:-**

PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	(VAT)	NETT
BUNZL	Cleaning Materials etc	71.47	11.91	59.56
Viking Direct	Stationery etc	47.78	5.59	42.19
SW Water	Water Charges - Council Chambers	610.04	0.00	610.04
Direct 365	Babychanging Unit	143.70	23.95	119.75
Torpoint Builders Merchants	Adjustable Wrench	6.73	0.00	6.73
Cornwall Council	Garage Rent (3.11 - 30-11)	47.76	7.96	39.80

**47- 14DL Date of the Next meeting**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**48- 14DL Any Business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting**

None.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm .....Chairman