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Subject: Notes of last Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel meeting held 20th February 2024

Dear all

A record of the latest meeting held 20th February 2024, 4.00pm in Torpoint Library and Community Hub is detailed here: -

Present: Councillor Mrs Lizeta Fellows (Chairman), Christopher Burns, Councillor Mrs Chris Goodman, Phil Griffiths, Jes Hirons, Becky Lingard, plus the Clerk

1. **The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.** Apologies for absence were submitted in advance from Sam Chaston (Torpoint Youth Club), Keiran Moon, Claire Stevens and Kirsty Winfield (Oakwood College). [**Clerk to contact Neil Stewart** to confirm his future availability to sit on the Panel.]

2. The notes/action from the previous meeting held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 were approved. The following outstanding actions were discussed: -

- a) Inclusive partner and Sticker Scheme /Doorbell Scheme – a letter has been agreed by the council to be sent/issued/shared on social media which invites traders to sign up to the 'Inclusive Partner and Sticker Scheme' and
- b) Doorbell scheme for all traders.

Actions:

Compile a list/spreadsheet of all Fore Street and town traders (to the best of knowledge), include all those on Trevol Business Park and then distribute the letter/information – **Cllr Lizeta Fellows/Clerk to action.**

Arrange the production of the sticker, suggest it has a QR code included in the sticker, which points to the council website/button about Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. Will need to wait for the changes being made to the website to be actioned first before the QR code can be added to the sticker design. The sticker design will be updated to include the QR code and will be printed locally. **Cllr Lizeta Fellows/Clerk to action.** Once the letter has been circulated and traders have signed up, will need to arrange distribution of the stickers. This could be undertaken either individually or at a 'presentation event'. The Clerk advised the timeline for the current website changes is the middle of March.

c) Improve accessibility to Thanckes Park Play Park and the tennis courts.

The tennis courts improvements are progressing well, with the accessible tarmac path completed as part of the court improvements. If further work is required to enable wheelchair access around one side of the top court, the Operations Team have agreed to undertake this. As a result of the tennis court improvements a review of the Thanckes Park Play Park accessibility has been undertaken and it is more than likely that improvements will be considered to the main yellow gated entrance, instead of via the top entrance.

3. Accessibility Audit

The accessibility audit has been updated and this was reviewed at the meeting, with further updates required.

- **Cllr Lizeta Fellows** to discuss removal of the handrail at the bottom entrance of Cambridge Field at the next Development and Localism Committee meeting.
- Following a meeting with Councillor J Tivnan BEM, there are several Cornwall Council issues which will be reviewed again once a new [Cornwall Council] Highways budget is announced.
- Update the audit to consider accessibility for those visually impaired to the library and community hub. **Cllr Lizeta Fellows/Clerk/Jes.**

- Chris Burns explained his concerns about the pavement/corner around The Carbeile Inn. **Cllr Lizeta Fellows** will take a look.

4. Funding Opportunities

- Cllr Chris Goodman suggested The Clare Milne Trust (<https://www.claremilnetrust.com/apply-for-funding>)
- Cllr Lizeta Fellows suggested CCF (Cornwall Community Foundation) (<https://www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com/introduction-to-grants/>) funding for the accessible paths?
- Phil highlighted the new Government Action Plan, 32 steps it is taking to make the UK the most accessible place in the world for disabled people to live, work and thrive, see webpage: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-disability-action-plan-to-make-uk-most-accessible-place-in-the-world#:~:text=Further%20Disability%20Action%20Plan%20pledges,on%20climate%20adaptation%20and%20Disability>
- Becky asked about any opportunities for funding to install accessible play equipment in play parks
- Chris Burns asked about opportunities for a pop up shop in Fore Street/sensory room
- **Jes to liaise with Kirsty** from Oakwood College about sensory resources for the library and community hub.

5. Communication Plan

- The Chairman minuted thanks to Paul Goodall who have given his resignation from the advisory panel.
- Members' to consider whether a replacement member is needed to sit on the advisory panel.
- **Cllr Lizeta Fellows** to prepare an update on the group for the next council newsletter.

6. AOB

- Jes and the Clerk are attending a library training event next week, key speaker is Tigger Pritchard
- The Clerk highlighted having taken a phone call in the council office, from an older, disabled gentleman – his concerns centred around the location of the parking meter in one of the local pay and display car parks and due to his disability he was unable to pay for his parking. **Cllr Lizeta Fellows** will action a follow up enquiry on the matter to the Cornwall Councillors and also explained, for a payment of £10, you can apply for free disabled parking, when you do not pay car tax. Link to the information on this is here: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/blue-badge-disabled-parking-permits/free-disabled-parking-when-you-dont-pay-car-tax/>
- Jes explained, should you currently receive support or help with waste and/or recycling, then under the new Food waste, rubbish and recycling changes, you can apply for the same assistance.
- Chris Burns highlighted the recent publicity of a case where a child whose parents' had recently died, also then died having being placed in foster care system (this was not in the UK).

This is a brief summary of the meeting, which concluded at 5.25pm, the next meeting date will be advised in due course. Any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

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