

# TORPOINT NEWSLETTER



*Celebrating Commonwealth Day*  
*April 2024*



# DIARY DATES

Please note that Diary Dates are subject to change  
To add an event to this diary please email [admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk)

## APRIL

**From Tuesday 2nd**

### **EASTER HOLIDAY KIDS CLUB**

Library & Community Hub | 10am – 12pm  
Mon - Fri during school holidays.  
(Free activities / parental supervision required)

**Saturday 6th**

### **WONKA - COMMUNITY CINEMA**

Council Chambers  
For ticket enquiries contact  
[torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com](mailto:torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com)

**Monday 8th**

### **FRIENDS OF THANCKES PARK GROUP**

Bénodet Park  
Contact [friends@thanckes.org.uk](mailto:friends@thanckes.org.uk)

**Wednesday 10th**

### **CORNWALL COUNCIL WASTE ENGAGEMENT ROADSHOW**

Torpoint Library & Community Hub.  
11am – 3pm

**Saturday 13th**

### **TORPOINT LIBRARY & COMMUNITY HUB SATURDAY OPENING & MEET THE AUTHOR**

'The Life of Bryan' a man on a Mission  
by Bryan Pullinger | 10am – 12pm

**Saturday 13th**

### **TABLE TOP SALE**

Council Chambers | Contact Torpoint  
& Rame Peninsula Lions Club  
[stephenmurray630@gmail.com](mailto:stephenmurray630@gmail.com)

**Thursday 25th**

### **TORPOINT ARCHIVES & HERITAGE CENTRE – 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Hosted by Torpoint Town Council

## MAY

**Friday 3rd**

### **DEMMENTIA UK TIME FOR A CUPPA**

Library and Community Hub

**Thursday 9th**

### **ANNUAL PARISH & TOWN MEETING & 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL**

Also a Development Update  
Main Hall | Council Chambers | 7pm

**Saturday 11th**

### **TORPOINT LIBRARY & COMMUNITY HUB SATURDAY OPENING & MEET THE AUTHOR**

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by Bryan Pullinger | 10am – 12pm

**Thursday 16th**

### **COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING & MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY**

Main Hall | Council Chambers | 7pm

**Saturday 18th**

### **TORPOINT LADY SINGERS CONCERT WITH LOOE VALLEY SINGERS**

Cornerstone Church | 7:30pm  
Contact [curlybo@btinternet.com](mailto:curlybo@btinternet.com)

**Saturday 25th**

### **TABLE TOP SALE**

Council Chambers | Contact Jenny Hughes  
[jenny66hughes@gmail.com](mailto:jenny66hughes@gmail.com)

**Sunday 26th**

### **TORPOINT COMMUNITY CINEMA**

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**From Monday 27th**

### **HALF TERM KIDS CLUB**

Library & Community Hub | 10am – 12pm  
Mon - Fri during school holidays.  
(Free activities / parental supervision required)

**Thursday 30th**

### **FRIENDS OF THANCKES PARK GROUP**

Bénodet Park  
Contact [friends@thanckes.org.uk](mailto:friends@thanckes.org.uk)

## JUNE

**From 1st – 7th**

### **VOLUNTEER WEEK**

**Thursday 6th**

### **D-DAY 80 CELEBRATIONS**

Town Cry & Poem Reading from  
Children / Students' from the three  
local schools at Sparrow Park | 11.00am  
Beacon Lighting at Rendel Park | 9.15pm

**Friday 7th – Sunday 9th**

### **COPPOLA SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS SHOW**

Council Chambers  
Contact [coppolaschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:coppolaschool@hotmail.co.uk)

**Saturday 8th**

### **TORPOINT LIBRARY & COMMUNITY HUB SATURDAY OPENING & MEET THE AUTHOR**

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**Sunday 9th**

RBL Rededication of the Standard Parade  
and Church Service  
March Off from Albion Road | 10:40am  
Service at St James Church | 11.00am

**Saturday 15th**

### **TABLE TOP SALE**

Council Chambers | Contact Torpoint  
& Rame Peninsula Lions Club  
[stephenmurray630@gmail.com](mailto:stephenmurray630@gmail.com)

**Saturday 29th**

### **ARMED FORCES DAY**

**Third Thursday of each month**

### **TORPOINT COUNCIL MEETING**

Committee Room | 7pm  
An open forum will precede the meeting.  
Members of the public wishing to put a question  
to the council can do so, 24hrs prior to the start  
of the meeting, in writing to the clerk.

**Last Sunday of each month**

### **April - November**

### **TORPOINT STREET MARKET**

Fore Street | 10am – 3pm  
Contact [torpointmarkets@gmail.com](mailto:torpointmarkets@gmail.com)

## JULY

**Friday 5th**

### **SUMMER CRAFT FAYRE**

Library and Community Hub

**Saturday 13th**

### **TORPOINT LIBRARY & COMMUNITY HUB SATURDAY OPENING & MEET THE AUTHOR**

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by Bryan Pullinger | 10am – 12pm

**Sunday 14th**

### **CIVIC SERVICE AND PARADE**

March Off from Buller Road | 10:40am  
Service at St James Church | 11.00am

**Saturday 20th**

### **TORPOINT AND RAME PENINSULA LIONS CLUB SUMMER FAYRE**

Venue and Details to Follow  
Contact [stephenmurray630@gmail.com](mailto:stephenmurray630@gmail.com)

**Summer Holiday**

### **SUMMER HOLIDAY KIDS CLUB**

Library & Community Hub | 10am – 12pm  
Mon - Fri during school holidays.  
(Free activities / parental supervision required)

**Monday 29th**

### **FRIENDS OF THANCKES PARK GROUP**

Bénodet Park  
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**Last Sunday of each month**

### **SUSTAINABLE SUNDAYS & REPAIR CAFÉ**

Torpoint Library & Community Hub | 10am -1pm  
Torpoint Environmental Action Repair Café  
The Toolbox Team will be present for small repairs  
to household items & the Sewing Repair Team for  
any sewing repairs.

**Fourth Wednesday of**

### **every month**

### **TORPOINT & RAME U3A**

Council Hall | 10am – Midday  
[u3asites.org.uk/torpoint-rame/groups](http://u3asites.org.uk/torpoint-rame/groups)

## 50th Anniversary of Torpoint Town Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

# NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL TOWN (PARISH) MEETING FOR TORPOINT

*Notice is hereby given that on*

**Thursday 9th May 2024**

**Main Hall | Torpoint Council Chambers 7.00pm**

- 1) Minutes of the last Town (Parish) Meeting - Thursday 25th May 2023
- 2) Matters Arising
- 3) Report from the Town Mayor covering the activities of the Town Council, to include updates on the following:
  - i) 3G Football Turf Pitch
  - ii) Lower Fore Street Development
- 4) Questions from Electors of the Parish
- 5) Any Motions from the Electors of the Parish
- 6) Date of the Next Meeting - to be agreed



**Councillor Gary Davis**

Town Mayor  
15th April 2024



## Update from the Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel

In May 2022 Torpoint Town Council adopted their Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy. Within this policy it is recognised that to truly understand accessibility issues throughout our community, we would require a group of community focussed residents to come together. In October 2022 the Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel met for the first time to establish the purpose of the panel, what role they play and how they can provide support to the town council.

Since this time, we have made great strides in our purpose to improve accessibility within Torpoint and are working through the accessibility audit, conducted in September 2022 of all council premises.

An accessible drop off sign is now in place at the entrance to Bénodet Park. The hearing loop within the Council Chambers has been serviced. The council is seeking permission to remove the handrail at the Barossa Road entrance to Cambridge Field.

We are very excited to tell you that we are inviting all local businesses, organisations and community groups to join the 'Inclusive Partner Scheme' that Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel is launching, please see below or scan the QR code for further details of how to get involved.

More information will be shared over the coming weeks.

An important plea is to ask all Torpoint residents and visitors to be considerate when parking in and around Torpoint, this includes parking on pavements and close to junctions.



**Would you like the  
Town Mayor to attend  
your significant family  
birthday, wedding  
anniversary or event?**

Please email [admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk)





# TORPOINT TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR A 9v9 3G FOOTBALL TURF PITCH

The design, construction and build of a 9v9 3G Football Turf Pitch to benefit Torpoint and the Rame Peninsula is among several projects across Cornwall to share almost £1.8m in grants from Cornwall Council.

Cornwall Council launched the third round of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund last summer, to fund infrastructure projects that benefit children and young people. Now, after a vigorous and competitive application and selection process, the successful projects have been announced.

Olly Monk, Cornwall Council cabinet portfolio holder for housing and planning, said:

*"The Community Infrastructure Levy allows us to raise funds from new developments and pass this on to community projects making a real difference."*

*"With this funding we are able to support many worthwhile schemes and organisations working to improve facilities and access to opportunities."*

CIL payments are set aside to be spent on infrastructure projects to benefit communities and support development. Between 15 to 25 per cent of the levy goes to the town or parish council where the development has taken place.

The remaining CIL collected is used to deliver infrastructure that will help alleviate the wider impact of development.

Applicants needed to show how there was local need and community support for their project, as well as how the projects will directly support children and young people in their area.

Torpoint Town Council is among 26 successful applicants and has been offered £85,000 to support the design, construction and build of a 9v9 3G Football Turf Pitch on the grounds of Torpoint Community College. This project is a collaborative effort between Torpoint Community College; Torpoint Town Council; Torpoint YMCA;

the Football Foundation; Torpoint and Rame Active Community Network and the Cornwall FA, and aims to provide a state-of-the-art facility for the benefit of College students' and the wider community. The aim is to start building the facility in Spring 2025 ready to open for the commencement of the academic year in September 2025.

Councillor Gary Davis, Mayor of Torpoint said:

*"As one of my Mayor's Charities for the year, I am delighted the project has been allocated this CIL funding and am grateful to the community for supporting the continued fundraising efforts for the 3G Football Turf Pitch."*

*The project has already received positive feedback from various stakeholders, including local football clubs, the local parish councils, community groups, Argyle Community Trust, Cornwall FA and the Football Foundation. The Football Foundation has indicated they would support a funding bid for a 9v9 3G Football Turf Pitch in Torpoint, as it would meet their criteria for sustainability, demand and impact."*

*The project would also align with the Cornwall FA's strategic plan to increase participation and retention in football, especially among under-represented groups such as women and girls, and disabled people."*

A fourth round of the CIL Fund has been launched, more information on CIL and previous rounds of the fund are available at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/cil](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/cil).



## Worried about tolls - we are



Both Sheryll Murray MP and local Torpoint Councillor John Tivnan are concerned about tolls going up. John voted against this at Cornwall Council and Sheryll is working to convince the Secretary of State not to allow this.

You can help by signing the petition at: [tollspetition.co.uk](http://tollspetition.co.uk)

Contact Sheryll Murray MP, The Parade, Liskeard PL14 6AF

Tel: 01579 344428 email: [Sheryll@sheryllmurray.com](mailto:Sheryll@sheryllmurray.com)

Contact Cllr John Tivnan: Mobile: 07505 210648

Email: [cllr.john.tivnan@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.john.tivnan@cornwall.gov.uk)

Promoted by R. Davidson on behalf of Sheryll Murray & John Tivnan both of the Conservative Party, Liskeard Constitutional Club, 9 Market St, Liskeard PL14 3JH & Printed by Torpoint Town Council, 1-3 Buller Rd, Torpoint PL11 2LD

The information contained in this advertisement is provided solely for general interest and Torpoint Town Council does not endorse the contents therein.

## TENNIS COURTS IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

The gate access system has now been fitted and the line painting works are being scheduled for the end of March/early April weather permitting. Once the line painting works are complete, the posts and nets will be scheduled to be installed. Accessibility to the 'top court' is being improved, to ensure a manual wheelchair user can access both sides of this tennis court.

The online booking system is being developed and as soon as it is live the link will be shared. A family can either purchase an annual membership for £35 per year **OR** courts will be bookable for £6 per hour, maximum 6 hours per week.

Thank you to Devonport Royal Dockyard Sport & Social Club for their kind donation of £4,000 towards the tennis courts improvements.

A grand opening event is being planned for a Saturday in April, where members of the community and all those who have supported the improvements will be invited to attend.

Friends of Thanckes Park has kindly offered to support this event.

# BUDGET STATEMENT 2024/25

Scan the QR code to view the budget



In order to push forward with key improvements in the town, whilst recognising the current cost of living challenges, the Town Council reluctantly agreed an increase of 10.74% in the budget for 2024/25, to endeavour to ensure the financial stability of the Town Council.

The Library and Community Hub continues to grow from strength to strength, fundraising events for the Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal, Macmillan and BBC Children in Need have all been supported.

In 2023/24 grant funding of £20,000 was secured, via Volunteer Cornwall, to continue to provide a community space and warmth hub.

The team are working collaboratively with Awenek Studio CIC, Community Health around Torpoint (CHAT), Cornwall Council's Adult Education team, also the Royal Navy, VIVO, Jobcentre Plus and Team Raleigh CIC. Opening hours continue to be Monday to Friday, 0915 – 1630, with additional opening from 1000 to 1400 on the last Sunday of every month, except December.

The play parks at Cambridge Field, Borough Farm, Chestnut Close and Thanckes Park Play continue to be maintained by the Operations Team, also Rendel, Sparrow and Bénodet Parks together with the Skateboard Park at The Lawn. Recently, the Town Council and the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) has announced a partnership to invest and refurbish the public park tennis courts in Thanckes Park.

Two tennis courts will be renovated, with investment of £60,000 helping ensure that quality facilities are available for the local community.

Investment comes from the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation's Park Tennis Project.

Works are scheduled to commence in the New Year and be completed ready for Spring 2024. The Town Council is grateful to The Rame Group Practice, Torpoint Street Markets and Friends of Thanckes Park for the additional funding support they have provided. Accessibility improvements are being included in these works.

The Town Council is working in partnership with Cornwall Council to deliver suitable redevelopment of the lower end of Fore Street. The town is benefitting from funding secured, including:

£76,850 from the Shared Prosperity Fund - Community Levelling Up for "Torpoint Integrated Travel Network (TITAN) - Initial 6 Mobility Hubs Feasibility study". £74,000 from the Shared Prosperity Fund – Good Growth for "Lower Fore Street Community Building Feasibility Study". £7,756 has been secured from Locality, for the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Town Council anticipates financially supporting these projects in the future:

Torpoint and Rame Peninsula 9v9 3G All Weather Football Turf Pitch. This project is a collaborative effort between Torpoint Community College, the Town Council, Plymouth YMCA, Torpoint and Rame Active Community Network, Cornwall FA and the Football Foundation. It aims to provide a state-of-the-art facility for the benefit of College students' and the wider community. Once funding is secured, building of the facility could be scheduled for Spring/Summer 2025 ready to open for the commencement of the academic year in September 2025.

Additional Vision Projects.

The Town Council has continued to provide free-of-charge facilities for pop-up vaccination clinics which were held at the Council Chambers building.

In September 2023 the Town Council hosted a public development update, residents' were invited to come along and find out about the plans happening in the town. The Town Council has approved several proposals around equality, diversity and inclusion and this has resulted in the adoption of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and the council operating in accordance with the best practice document.

The Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel, which consists of Councillors and local residents living with a disability, meets quarterly to review the access audit. The Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and a Climate Emergency Action Plan is on the home page of the Town Council website.

The Town Council produce and distributes a Newsletter to all households in the town, it is anticipated this will continue to be produced four times per year with chargeable advertising space available.

## SUMMARY OF PLANNED EXPENDITURE 2024/25

2023/2024 BUDGET		2024/2025 BUDGET
£		£
115,311	ADMINISTRATION	114,695
-	ADVERTISING & MARKETING*	9,000
114,643	YORK ROAD COMPLEX	146,496
24,713	OTHER PROPERTIES INCLUDING PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	27,764
94,306	PLAY PARKS / OPEN SPACES*	98,094
29,707	LOCALISM /FUNCTIONS/SERVICES MAYOR ALLOWANCE/FREEDOM PARADE* SECTION 137 GRANTS*	28,478
120,300	LIBRARY and CAFÉ	136,604
5,000	ELECTION COSTS*	10,000
47,000	OTHER PROJECTS LOWER FORE STREET REDEVELOPMENT* ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS*	27,000
<b>550,980</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>598,131</b>
-37,485	LESS INCOME	-44,495
<b>-74,956**</b>	CONTRIBUTION FROM RESERVES*	<b>-65,837**</b>
-800	OTHER INCOME	0
-20,000	LIBRARY CAFÉ INCOME	-25,000
<b>417,739</b>	<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>462,799</b>

### Parish Band "D" for 2024 / 2025

**£195.44**

Council Employees at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024: - 4F/T 8P/T (Full time equivalent 8.36 employees)  
Expected Council Employees at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025: - 4F/T 8P/T (Full time equivalent 8.36 employees)

\* The table details the amount to be allocated from reserves for 2024/25 financial year.

Project Details	Amount allocated from Reserves (£)	Notes
Advertising & Marketing	9,000	Unbalanced budget (expenditure from General Reserves for 2024/25)
Play Parks/Open Spaces	7,500	Plus any unspent funds from 2023/24
Freedom Parade	1,500	Bi-annual event
Section 137 Grant funding	10,837	Unspent funds from previous years
Election Costs	10,000	Maintain total of £10k in reserves for 2024/25
Vision Projects – Lower Fore Street Redevelopment	20,000	Allocate £20k from general reserves
Accessibility Improvements (also Tennis courts)	7,000	Unspent funds from 2023/24, utilise the donation from Friends of Thanckes Park
<b>TOTAL FROM RESERVES**</b>	<b>65,837</b>	

# TORPOINT LIBRARY & COMMUNITY HUB

## What's on in April...

**Blood Pressure Monitors** as part of a trial you can now borrow blood pressure monitors from Cornwall Library Services. You can record your results for three weeks and send to your GP.

**Armed Forces Family and People Support** - Various organisations drop-in. Second Tuesday of each month (9th April).

**Community Pantry** - Come and take a look at our pop-up Community Pantry with food rescued from food waste supplied from Coop, Cornwall Gleaning Network and Marvellous Weighs. Every morning we are open and soup on a Friday.

**Cornwall Council new waste scheme road show** 10/04/2024 11:00-15:00 Information about the roll-out of the new waste collection service.

**Art for Wellbeing with Awenek** Tuesday Morning 10-12pm An informal and relaxing session where participants can come out to meet friends, learn new art techniques and take a little time for themselves to step away from their busy lives. A lovely friendly group.

**Brew and Banter** Team Raleigh CIC are running a meet up on the third Thursday morning of each month for Veterans. Please join us for a chat and a cuppa.

**Knit and Natter** Thursday afternoon get together for all things knitting, crochet or needle work. Another very friendly group for people to join.

**Antiques Valuations** Thursday 11th April 2pm - 4pm

All groups are free\*

**IT and Printing** - Access to our printing service and computers with library membership.

**Help and Support** - We offer a daily support service for money, health and general advice.

If you are struggling come and see us or alternatively call

**Cornwall Gateway helpline on 01872 266383 (8am-8pm 7 days)**

**We are open Monday - Friday | 9.15am - 4.30pm.**

Please email or call with enquiries. 01752 812215 | [torpoint.library@liscornwall.org.uk](mailto:torpoint.library@liscornwall.org.uk)

## Monday

Quiet Library/Café

## Tuesday

Social Prescriber (appointments)  
Armed Forces Support 10am-12pm (2nd Tues of month)  
Awenek Art for Wellbeing 10am-12pm (weekly)

## Wednesday

Rhyme Time 10-11am (weekly)  
Council Tax and Housing Benefit Support 10am-12pm  
Friendship and Musical Memory's Singing Group 1-3pm  
Police Drop-in 1st (10am) and 3rd (1pm) Weds of Month)  
LEGO CLUB 3.30-5pm

## Thursday

Knit and Natter 1-4pm Drop-in (weekly).  
Brew and Banter (veterans support, 3rd Thursday of month 10am-12pm)

## Friday

Quiet Library/Café  
Free Soup Friday  
Art Club 10am-12pm (weekly)

## Saturday & Sunday

Sustainable Sundays and Repair Café 10am-2pm (Last Sunday of Month)  
2nd Saturday of the month open 10am-12pm



We would love you to come and join us at the Community Cinema, our next movies are:

7th April	4pm	Wonka
26th May	4pm	A Haunting in Venice (with Afternoon Tea)
26th May	6pm	Super Mario
1st September	4pm	Shrek
3rd November	4pm	Frankenweenie
22nd December	4pm	Polar Express

For more info: T | 07870453641 E | [torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com](mailto:torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com)



**Torpoint Council Chambers**  
**Every Tuesday**

**8am, 9.30am, 11.30am**

**Call Louise 07914 320697**



[slimmingworld.co.uk](http://slimmingworld.co.uk)



# TORPOINT STREET MARKET



## **2024 DATES**

**FORE STREET | PL11 2AB**  
**10AM - 3PM**

*Sunday 28 April*

*Sunday 26 May*

*Sunday 30 June*

*Sunday 28 July*

*Sunday 25 August*

*Sunday 29 September*

*Sunday 27 October*

*Sunday 24 November*

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