

TORPOINT TOWN PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of the AGM held on Thursday 9th September 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Council Main Hall, 4 York Road, Torpoint.

Present:- Councillor E. H. Andrews (Town Mayor/Chairman), Mrs R. A. Southworth (Town Council), Sgt A. Crow (Police Representative), Mr J. Whiting (Vice Chairman – CHAT), Mr J. Higgins (Torpoint and Rame Lions) and Miss D. Farley (UK Youth Parliament).

Apologies:- Councillor M. Pearn (Cornwall Council), Councillor T. R. F. Moore (Town Council), Mrs L. Jeavons (Chamber of Commerce), Mr M. Jeavons (Torpoint and Rame Lions) and Mrs A. Hazeldine (Head Teacher – Torpoint Community College).

The Town Mayor welcomed all to the meeting and reviewed the minutes of the last meeting (10th June 2010). The Town Mayor then enquired if there was any movement on the Town logo to reflect the Town Partnership. Mr Higgins mentioned that as the local schools were now back after the summer holidays the competition could now be advertised. He also agreed that money would be required for prizes.

Potential Projects:- The Mayor talked about the importance of the Cornish Gorsedh event in 2014 being a success. This is the first time Torpoint has ever held the event and is estimated to attract between 2000 – 5000 visitors. Antony and Saltash have already held this event and Torpoint will be shadowing Penryn in 2013. The Mayor suggested that in order to maintain continuity the steering committee for this event not be affected by the elections in 2013. It was suggested that the Chamber of Commerce produce ideas as to how to make the

most of the extra custom in the Town. The Governing Body of Gorsedh would be invited to speak at the December meeting to advise on requirements, ie, security, traffic arrangements, best location, month to be held, etc. The Mayor pointed out that there must be a whole Town commitment to this event. The Mayor suggested Rendel Park and a jetty into water for this event.

Mr J. Higgins then went on to talk about the Diamond Jubilee 2012 and as it is not far off it is necessary to establish funding, also the necessity to book entertainment as soon as possible, establish the date of event, check available funding, possibility of fireworks, etc. To approach Mr J Tiven of Torpoint Events Co and Mr A Martin for assistance. The Mayor and Mrs S Parkin (Town Administrator) to explore possible sources of funding and date of event. Mr J Higgins suggested a memento for the children of Torpoint and where the finance would come from. Also use of the Lawns as a possible place to hold the function. If necessary perhaps arrange a meeting before the December date.

Other Projects:- The possibility of the return of the Torpoint Carnival. The Mayor did point out that the police will not be providing traffic marshalls for future events. He suggested that we look at forth coming events and establish how many traffic marshalls will be needed and create a pool of accredited volunteer traffic marshalls with training paid for by the Council. Sgt A Crow suggested the police could provide accreditation for training traffic marshalls and would enquire the cost implications by mid/end October. The November precept meeting could decide on the allocation of money from the Council budget to fund the training. Various dates and locations were suggested ie starting at Cambridge Field or the school. Points to consider before December meeting – best date, costing, funding, feasibility study, floats from Torpoint and Rame, carnival queen, judges, prizes, theme – French, Diamond Jubilee, Olympics, etc. The Mayor will mention the Carnival in the Advertiser to ascertain public support.

Devon Farley of the UK Youth Parliament brought up a few issues discussed at the Youth Council meeting such as the high cost of public transport in the area compared to other locations and are putting together a presentation for the bus companies. Also the lack of activities and jobs in the area, and the problem with binge drinking. The Mayor suggested that the Youth Parliament present their ideas on up-coming events and perhaps have a regular report in the Advertiser.

Any Other Business:- Nil

Date of next meeting:- Thursday 9th December 2010 at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.