

South East Cornwall CAP - Town & Parish Council update reports

Town/Parish Council: Torpoint Town Council – August 2024

Transport & Connectivity:

The Town Team Project Board will be discussing the way forward with the proposed Jetty at Torpoint.

Economic Development & Housing:

Funding was secured from the Good Growth Fund to supply a RIBA 2 Feasibility Study for Torpoint Lower Fore Street Community Building, located at the 'old Police Station' site. The planned demolition of the 'old Police Station' site is now complete and the concrete lego blocks are all on site, these are needed for the installation of the hoardings, which are expected to be installed by the middle of September.

The development of a Masterplan for this site is now complete, the Town Team Project Board and Torpoint Town Council have adopted the Masterplan for the site, which included the 'old Police Station' site. There is an opportunity to progress one of the CIL funding 'expression of interest forms' to a full funding submission to Cornwall Council, supporting next steps for the site.

The application for Town Accelerator Funding, for the 25% uplift on the town's original Town Vitality Funding has been agreed by Cornwall Council, supporting the delivery of an initial visitor website for a period of two years, an invitation to tender will be drafted and issued in September.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan was re-submitted to Cornwall Council for expedited legal compliance, the Regulation 16 consultation is now underway and concludes Friday 20th September 2024 at midnight.

Climate Change & Nature Recovery:

The town council continues to work closely with local community group Friends of Thanckes Park and the Urban Green Shoots team, making improvements to Thanckes Park, as an amenity for local people and to stimulate interest in its historic and heritage value.

Health & Deprivation:

Tennis Courts

Following the refurbishment of the tennis courts (in April 2024), an appropriate accessible pathway has also been installed to court 1 to enable wheelchair users to enjoy games of tennis. An application to the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust for a grant towards the cost of two wheelchairs, has been successful. The council will contribute £300.00 towards the cost of each wheelchair, this will enable a young person and an adult to participate in wheelchair tennis. The LTA and town council are now working together to recruit Tennis Activators to provide opportunities for 'Free Park Tennis', see this link <https://www.lta.org.uk/play/free-park-tennis/>.

Torpoint Library and Community Hub

Torpoint Library and Community Hub has been successful with the bid for grant funding to the University of Plymouth to purchase digital equipment.

During the summer holidays, a daily programme of fun activities for children have been arranged at the Library and Community Hub, these include: sunflower planting; clay sessions; silent disco yoga and easy baking biscuits!

3G Football Turf Pitch 9v9

The town council continues to collaborate with Torpoint Community College, Plymouth YMCA, Torpoint and Rame Active Community Network and Cornwall FA to have a 3G Football Turf Pitch built behind the YMCA Sports Hall, on the Community College grounds. The Football Foundation has confirmed the project now has a place in their funding pipeline, with a decision expected no later than April 2025. If successful, it is hoped the facility would be open to the community during Autumn 2025, provided there are minimal delays during the construction process.

Water Refill Station

Working closely with Our Only World, Cornwall Council and the Torpoint Environmental Action (TEA) group, a water refill station has being installed in Bénodet Park, a fabulous environmentally friendly asset to the parks and tennis courts. On 2nd July, the dolphin fountain which has been named Tea-na in recognition of the group, was unveiled!



Accessible Play Equipment

At the July 2024 town council meeting it was agreed to work towards the installation of three pieces of accessible play equipment into one of the devolved (from Cornwall Council) play parks. Funding bids will be completed and submitted, as well as fundraising events planned and local sponsorship sought. The council will consult with the community and the Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel, with an invitation to tender drafted for the proposed works.

Any other highlights:

Tourism event 2025

The town council has agreed to support, organise and subsidise a tourism event to be held at Thanckes Park, in June 2025. The event will benefit the community, it will have been three years since the last one in 2022, which celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee and will follow a similar format to those previously arranged in 2002, 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2019.