

TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Thursday 27th November 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), Councillors E H Andrews, Mrs C E Goodman, L E Keise, Mrs J M Martin and J Tivnan plus the Town Clerk.

49- 14DL Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs C A Jackson and Miss J L Kinsman.

50- 14DL Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda

None.

51- 14DL Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th October 2014 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

52- 14DL Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

53- 14DL Localism

The Chairman confirmed that both bids (Social Investment Business (SBI) and Awards for All) for grant funding have been submitted. The Chairman informed the meeting that the outcome of the SBI submission should be known within 4 weeks with the Lottery Awards for All in around 4 months. The Chairman also reported that information would be circulated to members and Stakeholders. The Chairman outlined the mechanics and procedures of the process to be undertaken but stressed that currently work cannot commence until the funding has been secured. The Chairman then asked if the Council could start after the results are known from the first submission by suggesting that the Council has finances within next year's budget. It was noted that this would have to be a Council discussion and decision. The Chairman went on to inform members of the process with community engagement and also the consultation process. Councillor Mrs C E Goodman asked if information from the grant application forms could be shared with those submitting bids on behalf of the Sportshall. Councillor Mrs Goodman was eager to avoid any conflicting information or requests. Councillor L E Keise suggested that the Council was putting all its "eggs in one basket" and asked if there was a contingency should the funding bids fail. The Chairman spoke again on using some Council financial resources together with the possibility of additional funding submissions. The Chairman spoke on a vision for the area and also briefed members on his discussion with the Rame Peninsula Trust. Receipt was reported of a paper from the Peninsula Trust in which the suggestion was ventured that this organisation could be engaged to lead a project at a cost of £95,740, to look at producing a full-scale business plan and assisting with other processes with the majority of finances possibly coming from successful funding applications. The Chairman detailed roles of some of the Trust employees contained in the proposal but concluded by suggesting that this might be too early to consider within the process. The Chairman apologised for not circulating this information prior to the meeting. Councillor E H

Andrews did not consider it appropriate to support such a proposal claiming that the outcome could be a “book” with no guarantee of further progression. Councillor Andrews suggested that localism projects should be considered in the New Year when it is intended to discuss possible initiatives with the port-folio holder from Cornwall Council. The Chairman then spoke of a visioning exercise in May and detailed the scope of the exercise. After an exchange of views on this matter members considered that the prime location to be pursued within the lower Fore Street area was the Police Station. The Town Mayor, Councillors E H Andrews and J Tivnan emphasised the strategic importance of this building and suggested that the remainder of this area and also other sites within the town could be considered at a later date. Various suggestions was forthcoming on what could be located within the police station although Councillor Mrs C E Goodman cautioned that the Council was working in a vacuum if we did not know the cost or what we wanted.

Following further discussion it is was **recommended**

- That this Council seeks to engage with Cornwall Council with dialogue on proposals for the Library to be linked with other discussions when the relevant port-folio holder meets with members in the New Year.
- That this Council should open dialogue with the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary and register an interest in the Police Station before it is sold. That communication is maintained with the Property Manager at Devon and Cornwall Constabulary to ascertain at what stage in the process are negotiations with the proposed sale of the building.

54- 14DL Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman briefed members on a recent meeting with Clifton Emery the project team that would be engaged to undertake the study and also Cornwall Council Officers. The Chairman reported that the Cornwall Council Officers were keen to see the plan progress. The Chairman reported on the proposed process to date and the future consultations required to produce the plan. The Chairman reported that the Cornwall Council officers had offered to assist with contact within the Neighbourhood Planning team in Cornwall Council. Councillor J Tivnan stressed the importance of progressing the plan for the town. The Chairman concluded that whilst there are links the focus of the plan was within the Town Council geographical boundaries.

55- 14DL Planning Applications:-

None

56- 14DL Correspondence:-

None.

57- 14DL Accounts for payment:-

PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	(VAT)	NETT
Marion Cocks	Reimbursement Cleaning Materials	3.37	0.23	3.14
Viking Direct	Stationery etc	47.99	8.00	39.99

58- 14DL Date of the Next meeting

Thursday 22nd January 2015.

59- 14DL Any Business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting

None.

Meeting closed at 7.54pmChairman