

TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Monday 4th November 2024 at 7.00pm in the Council Committee Road, 4 York Road, Torpoint.

PRESENT: - Councillor Miss R A Evans BEM (Chairman), Councillor G J Davis (Town Mayor), Councillors Mrs. L Fellows, Mrs. J L Reeves, C R Sawyer C R Still, J Tivnan BEM and B A Walsh plus the Town Clerk & RFO (Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE: - Councillor Mrs. K Brownhill (Deputy Town Mayor) and Councillor Mrs. J M Martin.

	ACTION
89-24D&L Apologies for absence	
Councillors Mrs. C E Goodman and L E Keise.	
90-24D&L Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda	
None.	
91-24D&L Minutes of the previous meeting	
It was resolved that the minutes of the Development and Localism Committee meeting held on	
Thursday 3 rd October 2024 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.	
92-24D&L Matters arising from the minutes	
a) Feedback on the question put to Cornwall Council re Torpoint Family Hub: -	
Pursuant to minute number 78-24D&L (b), the Clerk explained a response is awaited.	
93-24D&L Community Hub and Library	
a) Newsletter from the Library and Community Hub: -	
The Chairman (Councillor Miss R A Evans BEM) thanked the Community Hub and Library	
Development Manager and staff for the monthly newsletter and report, both are noted.	
b) Café Income & Expenditure: -	
The café income and expenditure, to date, has been shared in advance and members' discussed	
this in detail in preparation for the budget/precept setting meeting.	
94-24D&L Policies referred to this Committee	
a) Town Council Strategy (for annual review): -	
The Chairman (Councillor Miss R A Evans BEM) and Clerk will update the Town Council Strategy, to	Cllr Evans &
include the following changes: -	Clerk
i) Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – to include the accessible play equipment project; drop off	Cicin
point sign installed at Bénodet Park. ii) Section 137 grant funding.	
iii) Tennis courts – two sports wheelchairs now available for use.	
iv) Neighbourhood Development Plan and Lower Fore Street redevelopment (use information	
shared at the Town Meeting in May 2024).	
v) Successes and milestones - remove some of the milestones as already listed.	
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b) Town Council Action Plan (updated - for annual review): -	
The Chairman (Councillor Miss R A Evans BEM) and Clerk will update the Town Council Action Plan,	Cllr Evans &
in line with updating the Strategy. Both documents will be represented at the next committee	Clerk
meeting for consideration.	



The Town Mayor (Councillor G J Davis) suggested the Action Plan is updated following the recent presentation to council from Torpoint Ramps Forum. It is therefore recommended to include the	Council				
Skate Park Project in the updated Town Council Action Plan, as well as note the presentation given and attach the same to the minutes of this committee meeting. [Clerk to attach the presentation to these minutes, in anticipation of this proposal.]	Clerk				
95-24D&L To consider the Council Business Risk Management					
a) Budget Variance – Development and Localism Committee Responsibilities: -					
The Committee considered the updated September 2024 financial information, as previously					
circulated and the items relevant to this committee. The Clerk explained the cost centre allocation					
for the October 2024 newsletter expenditure.					
b) Update on the budget discussions for 25/26, in advance of budget setting meeting: -					
Pursuant to minute 78-24D&L (b) members' are content that all projects, with the addition of the Skate Park project in the financial year 2026/27, are included.					
c) Engineering and Construction Renewal 2024 – Engineering (for Lift) renewal period 30 th October					
2024 to 29th October 2025 (presented to this committee for expediency) – James Hallam					
Insurance: -					
It is resolved to delegate to the Clerk to proceed with the renewal of the insurance for the lift,					
period 30 th October 2024 to 29 th October 2025.					
96-24D&L Items Referred to this Committee					
None.					
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a) Tennis courts and equipment update: -

Pursuant to minute 80-24D&L (a) the Clerk presented a brief update on tennis courts and equipment, which had been circulated in advance.

- > Damage to the fencing on court 2, repaired by the Operations Team.
- > The sports wheelchairs have arrived and are being built by the Operations Team, a publicity photo is being arranged. For the winter the wheelchairs will be stored in the tennis hut, with a more permanent solution being sought.
- > Following a report of rust on the gate lock, this has been serviced under the maintenance agreement and will be closely monitored by the Operations Team and the LTA.
- > Tamar Clean SW has offered to treat and clean both courts, for free, this is dependent upon the water pressure being sufficient. If the pressure is not sufficient, there will be a cost to hire water bowsers.
- > Due to the daylight hours reducing, the last court booking will now be changed to 5.00pm and this will be reviewed on a weekly basis.
- > An update on the tennis courts had been included in the latest town council newsletter, with members currently standing at 231 active members.
- > A meeting with the Tennis Activators who have completed the DBS check and undertaken the online training is being arranged.
- ➤ The council will look to recruit a coach for the courts in Spring 2025.
- b) To consider entering into conversation with Cornwall Council about 'The Promenade' and/or 'Rowe Street mural': -

Following consideration, it is agreed not to proceed further with any conversation with Cornwall council about 'The Promenade' and a review of the position with 'Rowe Street mural' will be made in Spring 2025.



98-24D&L	Planning Applications
None.	

99-24D&L Localism

a) Town Team Project Board (TTPB): -

The Town Mayor (Councillor G J Davis) updated members' on progress with the TTPB, the Masterplan consultation will commence shortly.

b) 3G Pitch 9v9 Project: -

Pursuant to minute 84-24D&L (b) (i), the project is progressing, documentation for the planning application is being prepared ready for submission to Cornwall Council on behalf of the Football Foundation. An update by the Clerk prompted members to direct the Clerk to advise Torpoint Community College the councils support is available, should it be needed. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 14th November.

c) Vision and other Projects: -

No other projects currently being considered.

d) Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP): -

The Town Mayor (Councillor G J Davis) explained there had been a meeting today, to discuss the queries regarding Defiance Field and the proximity of the site of the Oli and Pipelines Agency. The outcome of the meeting, is likely to mean updates will be needed to the Neighbourhood Plan and the Regulation 16 consultation undertaken again. More information will be known by the end of November 2024, when a follow-up meeting is being scheduled.

e) Tourism event 2025: -

A grant submission has been made to The National Lottery Community Fund, the outcome is awaited; the 'save the date' poster has been included in the recent newsletter. A project initiation document will be completed.

100-24D&L Climate Emergency Action Plan

a) To consider the actions relating to this Committee: -

Award incentives – contact the local schools and Oakwood College to look at collaborating on climate emergency initiatives as well as the possibility of award incentives. Councillor Mrs. L Fellows will contact Councillor Mrs. C E Goodman before proceeding with making enquiries to the local schools and Oakwood College.

Cllr Fellows

101-24D&L Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

a) Update on accessible play equipment project: -

Councillor Mrs. L Fellows explained a funding letter, seeking financial support for the accessible play equipment project has been forwarded to several local organisations and already donations have been secured. Presentations of donations are being made from the Royal Naval Association (RNA) and 1730 Club in November, and a funding bid for £5k has been submitted to the Wooden Spoon Charity. An update on the fundraising position will be presented to the next meeting of this committee.

b) Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel update: -

No further update since the last meeting.

102-24D&L Accounts for Payment.

PAYEE	Invoice Number	Total	TAX	NET	Description
James Hallam	538541024	522.37	67.56	484.81	Renewal - British Engineering Services accessible lift inspection
L& L Diverse Solutions	025/2024	2,466.00	411.00	2,055.00	3.0 Days Consultancy at £685 per



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Print Options	INV-14822	1,885.00	70.00	1,815.00	October Newsletter Printing and Artwork
FOY-AIR (LittleMops)	2257	125.73	20.96	104.77	Consumables Council Chambers
Biffa	522C74052	31.90	5.32	26.58	Recycling Collection Library
Biffa	522C74053	44.86	7.48	37.38	General Waste Collection Library
Biffa	522C74054	31.90	5.32	26.58	Recycling Collection Council Chambers
Biffa	522C74055	58.56	9.76	48.80	General Waste Collection Council Chambers
Cornish Tea & Cornish Coffee Co Ltd	SL92647	120.00	0.00	120.00	Coffee Machine Rental October 2024
Richards Builders Merchants Ltd	913038	7.52	1.25	6.27	Parks Maintenance
Richards Builders Merchants Ltd	912393	14.24	2.37	11.87	Parks Maintenance
Richards Builders Merchants Ltd	911403	70.49	11.75	58.74	Parks Maintenance
Richards Builders Merchants Ltd	911108	34.43	5.74	28.69	Public Conveniences Maintenance
Richards Builders Merchants Ltd	910944	56.93	9.49	47.44	Public Convenience Maintenance
Complete Weed Control	SW3807	1,764.00	294.00	1,470.00	Weedspraying Provision
FOY-AIR (LittleMops)	2258	185.04	30.84	154.20	Consumables Public Conveniences
Cornish Tea & Cornish Coffee Co Ltd	SL91413	120.00	0.00	120.00	Coffee Machine Rental September 2024
Cornish Tea & Cornish Coffee Co Ltd	SL93020	414.86	0.00	414.86	Coffee Beans and Milfresh Gold Powder
Security Dynamics	INV-0360	210.00	35.00	175.00	Engineer to Attend and Replace Faulty Camera
Every Corner Distribution	TTCECD011	714.00	119.00	595.00	Distribution of October Newsletter
TOTAL		8,877.83			

103-24D&L Correspondence

a) CALC: A Formal Notice to CALC AGM Tuesday 12th November 2024 and CALC: News Round Up 11/10/24: -

Noted.

- b) Highway dedication of Adams Crescent, Torpoint Cornwall Council: -
- c) Update on Saltash tunnel Technology upgrade system from National Highways via Cornwall Council: -

Noted.

d) Bait digging enquiry at Marine Drive – Mr A Fieldhouse (information as circulated, including Byelaw Prohibiting Bait Extraction from the foreshore at Torpoint, Cornwall [as provided by Cllr J Tivnan]): -

No further additional information to be added, however, it is certainly not clear how bait digging at Marine Drive is enforced.

e) Cornwall Community Flood Forum (CCFF) Annual Conference 8th November - CCFF: -



Noted.		
f) Correspondence to the town council – Mr M Watkiss: -		
The Clerk is directed to explain that [Cornwall] Councillor 3	J Tivnan BEM had spoken to the resident	
on the telephone and had offered to meet with the resider	nt at the library and community hub and	
to reiterate that this offer to meet continues to be available	, ,	
g) Enquiry from a resident – Are there plans to introduce a	a mosque to Torpoint? – via Constituency	
Support Officer for Anna Gelderd MP: -		
Members are not aware of any plans to introduce a mosqu	ue to Torpoint.	
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104-24D&L Date of next meeting		
Thursday 5 th December 2024.		
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105-24D&L Any Business that has been disclosed	to the Chairman and members prior	
to the meeting		
None.		
Meeting closed at 8.14pm	Chairman	



A brief intro to Torpoint Ramps Forum







HOW? Emerging from a Friends of Thanckes Park project where parents and young people came together to explore skateparks and establishing Torpoint Ramps Forum.

WHO? We are a voluntary group committed to developing a better skatepark for Torpoint, giving young people a voice in shaping what is possible.

WHY? A new skatepark will help bring families together and contribute to Torpoint's strategy to become a destination.









Monthly group meetings

Sunday Torpoint Street Markets

Kick-started a skatepark design competition

Launched a **community skatepark survey**

We've created a survey as a way of getting local feedback

We've had over 120 responses and 96% of those feel a new skatepark will benefit Torpoint

If there was a new skatepark, 82% of people said they would use it regularly

Snapshot of what people have told us:

A new skatepark supports the **Torpoint Plan's** aim for 'a rich mix of projects' and meeting ambition as 'Torpoint becomes a destination of choice.'

"I have been a skater most of my life and it has always given me a massive outlet. As a kid I met most of my long time friends through a shared love of skating, and it generally kept us all out of trouble."

"Me and my friend group go there often but we have basically mastered everything in Torpoint skatepark and we want to learn more but we are very limited to what we can do [we] go to Plymouth and Millbrook very often because there's more stuff to do. When it comes to safety me and my friends have had some very nasty falls due to the concrete being very bumpy and covered in pebbles so i would REALLY love a new skate park"

"It's a positive area where myself and friends can get creative and keep fitness up. Keeps our mental health in a good place too."

"My young children love riding their bikes and scooters here. The facilities are very run down and would benefit greatly to be improved and updated."

"Torpoint's children, youth and adults deserve a good facility in which to go and skate. We lag behind other towns and villages who have already invested in good skating facilities."

Young people often leave Torpoint to use other skateparks. Plus potential visitors are passing through the town to use Millbrook Skatepark.

"Having a skatepark in Millbrook has transformed the children's lives. They have a focus and a safe space. Also there has been a lot less anti social behaviour within Millbrook amongst the youths which has been amazing!"



Once the 'wheels' are in motion we can work together to make a new skatepark.

We are consulting young people to ensure their voices are central to design and future skatepark construction

We will help raise capital and engagement funding through **grants and Crowdfunding**

Education

Bike Space CIC youth when engaged in outdoor activities and learning new skills
During their recent education work, 3 out of 5 students had returned to mainstream classes after a 6 week bike programme.



Once a new skatepark is built we will continue community engagement and keep youth activities going!

Great skateparks last generations

Harrow Skatepark was built in 1978 (right)





... and also a thank you for the **Section** 137 grant that supported us to get going!

Any questions?