Lower Fore Street, Torpoint - Funding secured to deliver RIBA Stage 3 Detailed Design Reports - for immediate release – May 2025

The Torpoint Town Team Project Board has secured £235,263 of funding from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The funding was bid for and won by the Project Board to deliver a Royal Institute of British Architects detailed design report on the land that formally housed the police station at the bottom end of town. The aim is to have completed the detailed design using a lead architectural company, which is currently being procured, and submit an outline planning application by December 2025 for consideration by Cornwall Council.

Working in partnership with Cornwall Council, the Project Board is seeking to find a developer who would be keen to help them develop the site into accommodation and a community hub to enable the existing library and community hub building to be cleared, demolished and replaced with homes and a town square. Public consultation has taken place on the Masterplan and the feasibility studies. This will continue throughout the year as the design develops, in order to gain feedback from local residents.

Torpoint Town Councillor Gary Davis, Chair of the Town Team Project Board and current Town Mayor said, "This is fantastic news for Torpoint. The redevelopment at the bottom end of the town centre promises to create a vibrant new gateway for Torpoint and Cornwall. With plans for over 35 homes, a new library and community hub, plus additional retail space, this project will be instrumental in revitalising our town. Bringing this site back into use is an objective in delivering our Vision for Torpoint and we remain firmly on track for development to commence within the next 18 months.

It has been a long journey since 2016, but we are now seeing real progress with the initial site cleared for development and detailed plans now funded. Securing this funding is a significant step forward and further demonstrates the confidence funders have in Torpoint, the Town Council, and the Torpoint Town Team Project Board."

For further information, please contact the Town Clerk at Torpoint Town Council via email: <u>clerk@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk</u> or telephone 01752 814165.

Notes to editors:

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Good Growth Programme

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