

TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Thursday 22nd January 2015 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.

60- 14DL Apologies for absence

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

61- 14DL Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda

None.

62- 14DL Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

63- 14DL Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Police Station:-

Pursuant to minute 53-14DL the Clerk reported on a conversation with the Property Manager of the Devon and Cornwall (D & C) Constabulary. It is understood that an expression of interest has been expressed on this building but the owners are currently interested in working with both statutory councils on this matter. It is understood the D & C Constabulary are anticipating the sale of this building in the 2015-16 financial year. Councillor J Tivnan urged the council to submit an expression of interest possibly listing some future uses of the building. Councillor Tivnan conceded that if in future a different use is designated then this could be amended. Some uses that were posited included expansion of the Torpoint Archives making it more accessible, a tourist information office and also accommodation for the Library. Councillor B Hobbs understood that funding of around £2 million was available for this type of project and suggested that the Council might wish to explore this option. It is **recommended** that the Council confirms with the police authority the interest of possible future use being that for the Archives and delivery of Cornwall Council services. Councillor E H Andrews voiced the opinion that the Council should do both. Councillor G J Davis spoke of correspondence from Mr Simon Ryan who wished to talk to the Council on possible projects. It was suggested that the Councillor Davis and the Mayor make arrangements and the Mayor calls an extra-ordinary meeting of the Council to discuss this matter further.

b) Meeting with the Cabinet Port-folio holder:-

Pursuant to minute 53-14DL the Clerk reported he had contacted the Head of Communities and Customers and it was suggested that the Council suggest possible dates and times and arrangements would be made to meet with the cabinet port-folio holder. It was suggested that the venue would be in Torpoint. It is **recommended** that no dates or times are ventured until after any extra-ordinary meeting of this Council.

64- 14DL Localism

a) Consultation Specifications for the Visioning Exercise and Neighbourhood Plan – Chairman. The Chairman circulated some draft proposals detailing key areas that should be included within any specifications or terms of reference for contractors interested in delivering the visioning plan could tender against. The Chairman apologised for not presenting the completed document for consideration by this Committee but this was as a result of the paucity of time given the funding bodies regulations on spend. Councillor B Hobbs reported on a recent meeting of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee when the proposed jetty at Rendel Park was discussed. Councillor Hobbs reported that the Joint Committee were determined to progress this project and suggested Torpoint Town Council might wish to take the lead. Councillor Hobbs reported that funding from the LEP would probably realise £150,000 with the remainder having to be match funded. Councillor Hobbs reported that the Joint Committee were looking to relocate to new offices and suggested that this might become part of the equation and mix. The Mayor expanded on the report by Councillor Hobbs by explaining that it was not just offices but also new workshops the current premises being too small to accommodate the increase in work. It was suggested that Mr Ryan also discusses this project and also that Cornwall Councillor G Trubody be invited to address members and this also would form part of the extraordinary meeting. Councillor J Tivnan reminded the Chairman Councillor G J Davis, that papers and proposals on the two subjects should be circulated prior to the meeting so that members were fully briefed of the items to be discussed and not be presented with information at the meeting. The Chairman confirmed that he would do this.

b) Youth Club – Councillor Mrs A I Johnson.

Councillor Mrs Johnson referred to a recent email from a member of the Youth Club drawing attention to the withdrawal of finances by Cornwall Council. Councillor Mrs Johnson acknowledged that the Council had discussed youth provision at previous meetings but drew attention to proposals to engage with Young People Cornwall and also the Torpoint Town Partnerships and this should be a holistic approach. Councillor Mrs Johnson concluded to remind members that Cornwall Council were intending to withdraw funding to the Youth Open Access. Councillor E H Andrews whilst sympathising with the situation was did not understand where this Council was going with this. Councillor Mrs C E Goodman observed the situation was still unclear and it might be premature to undertake a course of action at this time other than possibly to acknowledge the letter and confirm that this Council are sympathetic and supportive. Councillor E H Andrews observed that if this Council had known prior to the precept then it could have been considered although Councillor Mrs J M Martin was of the opinion that even if this Council had known it could not have been financially supportive and suggested that the club had to actively seek alternative finances. Councillor Hobbs spoke of actions being taken to source financial assistance and suggested that the club might consider renting out part of the building to other tenants. Following further discussion and on the proposal of Councillor Tivnan it is **recommended** that the Mayor writes on behalf of the Council acknowledging and supporting the work that the Youth provision gives to the town and congratulating the author on the passion and initiative in writing to this Council.

65- 14DL Neighbourhood Plan

It was reported that the application for grant funding from the Localities budget had been completed and was awaiting the Chairman's comments. The Chairman expressed satisfaction at the form and the Assistant Town Clerk was authorised to submit the form. It was noted that the form had arrived with only 4 days in which to complete. It was also noted that if successful the money had to be spent by the 31st March 2015.

66- 14DL Planning Applications:-

a) PA14/12190 – 10, Maple Avenue, Torpoint – Proposed Conservatory.
No objections or observations.

b) PA15/00101 – 35, Roeselare Avenue, Torpoint – Proposed rear Extension.
No objections or observations.

67- 14DL Correspondence:-

None.

68- 14DL Accounts for payment:-

PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	(VAT)	NETT
Firewatch	Fire Risk Assessment	300.00	50.00	250.00
Ian Baard	Refund - Hire of Bolt Croppers	5.00	0.00	5.00
Torpoint Computers	Upgrade BIOS (Clerks Laptop)	30.00	5.00	25.00
ITEC	Photocopies	22.33	3.72	18.61
CORY Environmental	Wheelie Bin	105.20	17.53	87.67
British Telecom	Phone Bill	28.92	4.82	24.10

69- 14DL Date of the Next meeting

Thursday 26th February 2015.

70- 14DL Any Business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting

- Councillor Mrs C E Goodman informed the meeting that the grant application for the MUGA has now been submitted.
- Councillor J Tivnan apologised for not being able to attend the next meeting of this committee.

Meeting closed at 7.58 pmChairman