

Reverend Jo Northey led prayers before the meeting. There were several members of the public in the public gallery and questions were raised and answered accordingly. [Cornwall] Councillor Rob Parsonage, PC Hayley Gething and Tri-Service Officer Megan Buckley were in the public gallery.

MINUTES of the meeting of Torpoint Town Council held on Thursday 21st August 2025 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room, 4 York Road, Torpoint.

Present: - Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs. J M Martin), Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs. C E Goodman), Councillors Mrs. S G Bickle, S A Clark, G J Davis, Miss R A Evans BEM, L Hogan, K J Moon, S J Pike, Mrs. J L Reeves, M J Spurling, C R Still, J Tivnan BEM. The Town Clerk & RFO (Clerk) and Town Council Support Officer / Assistant to the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

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84-25 Apologies for absence: - Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. K Brownhill, Mrs. L Fellows and L E Keise. [Cornwall] Councillor Mrs K Ewert submitted her apologies for absence.	
85-25 Declarations of Interest relating to matters on the agenda: - a) To receive any declarations from Members of any registerable (5A of the Code of Conduct) and/or non-registerable (5B) interests in matters to be considered at this meeting. i) Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs. J M Martin) declared a non-registerable interest with regards to Agenda item 14e, as related to the author. b) The Town Clerk to receive written requests for dispensations prior to the start of the meeting for consideration. None.	
a) PA25/05017 – Ground floor porch extension and veranda to the east, reconfiguration to the main pitched roof, new external steps and first floor access door to the west, altered patio levels / boundary treatments to the east garden, replacement garage and larger parking area. 16no. solar panels on the garage flat roof. 17 Marine Drive, Torpoint PL11 2EH. It is resolved there are no objections or observations. b) PA25/05549 – Single storey side extension. 47 Trengrouse Avenue, Torpoint PL11 2DN. It is resolved there are no observations or objections.	
87-25 Cornwall Council Reports: - Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs J M Martin) thanked [Cornwall] Councillor K Ewert for her written report. Councillor Parsonage provided a verbal update.	
For the minutes: i) [Cornwall] Councillor R Parsonage is asked to include an update on the issues being experienced by the residents' at Harvey Street flats and nearby, in future reports to council/at future meetings. ii) [Cornwall] Councillor R Parsonage is asked to pursue the matter of the building works at the Kings Arms, Torpoint, which currently do have planning permission approval. iii) [Cornwall] Councillor R Parsonage is asked to pursue relocating a bin from elsewhere in the town to replace the one removed at Harvey Street flats.	



88-25 Police Activity Report and Liskeard August Newsletter, Engagement Update: -

Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs. J M Martin) thanked PC Hayley Gething for the statistics and Newsletter. PC Gething shared additional information regarding the shoplifting statistics as well as an update on a replacement for PCSO Sid. Additionally, the 'Pubs Against Drugs' initiative had been carried out in Torpoint, Cawsand and Kingsand, this is seen as positive engagement by the public house landlords. Following a question put regarding the speed van being sited during the day time on Antony Road, PC Gething agreed to 'feedback' the suggestion the speed van visits during late evening in the future.

Following a discussion regarding progressing the installation of CCTV proposal for Harvey Street flats, it is **resolved** to direct the Clerk to correspond with Anna Gelderd MP, seeking her support and asked her to correspond with Cornwall Council and Devon and Cornwall Police, on this initiative.

Clerk

89-25 Correspondence

g) To consider: Correspondence regarding parking concerns on Bickern Road – J Connah: -

(The Town Mayor brought this agenda item forward as the author was in the public gallery.)

Having considered the correspondence, when originally received, the Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs. J M Martin) explained that copies of the correspondence had been forwarded to Councillor J Tivnan BEM (in his capacity as former Cornwall Councillor) and [Cornwall] Councillor R Parsonage. The Mayor had also spoke to the Tri-Service Officer, who had followed up with a visit to the resident.

Debate ensued regarding the ongoing issues experienced by several residents' on Bickern Road with Councillor Parsonage agreeing to take up the concerns of the residents' with Cornwall Highways, regarding the re-painting of the yellow lines. Also, a request will be put to ask for the street lighting to be turned back on in Bickern Road, between midnight and 5.00am. The Police representatives agreed to support these initiatives.

During the discussions it was **resolved** to suspend Standing Orders to allow the resident to speak at 7.45pm. It was **resolved** to resume Standing Orders at 7.49pm.

90-25 Minutes of the previous meetings: -

a) It is **resolved** the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th July 2025 as circulated, are adopted.

91-25 Matters arising from the minutes: -

- a) Climate and Environmental Action Plan the website has been updated accordingly.
- b) Christmas Lights progress. The Chairman of the Finance and Operations Committee, Councillor M J Spurling, has met with the proposed contractor for the installation of the hired Christmas lights. As a priority, the anchor bolt testing needs to be formally agreed by this council. Therefore, it is **resolved** to delegate to the Clerk, to instruct the anchor bolt testing, up to a value of £1,000, for the Christmas lights to be suspended from, in Fore Street.

Clerk

Councillor M J Spurling highlighted the urgency, due to the need to consider contracting an external contractor for the put up and take down of Christmas lights in 2025/26 whilst agreeing the way forward with the hire of Christmas lights, for Fore Street. It is therefore



resolved to delegate to the next available committee to make a council decision, once the
installation quotation is received, to consider and appoint a contractor, also the same for
the hire of Christmas lights, with all members' invited to participate and accordingly vote.

Clerk

92-25 Mayor's communications: -

Mayor's Communications – Thursday 21st August 2025

"Welcome Councillor L Hogan to your first council meeting. Last month I was delighted to attend the Coppola School of Performing Arts Awards Party. Previous Mayors who have attended will concur, I'm sure, that it is always a great family occasion. I was asked to present a number of awards to the students' and they ran a raffle on the night making £108 for my Mayor's Charity. I am pleased to be able to say that the Mayor's Charity Fund for this year currently stands at £728.

On 23rd July a number of us attended Captain Jane Roe's leaving curry at HMS Raleigh. It was a lovely evening and I was pleased to be able to present Jane with a framed photographic montage depicting her time here and to wish her well for the future.

Also last month I was pleased to re-visit the much-improved Sydney Road with Councillor Tivnan, I congratulate him and the residents who have fought tirelessly for these improvements.

On Saturday 26th July Andy and I made the journey to Stithians Showground for the opening ceremony of the Scout Kernow Jamboree 2025. We joined six other Mayors and their Consorts from across Cornwall and the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall to witness 1,000 Scouts from across the UK and a contingent from New Zealand proudly parading to a large marquee, needless to say 2nd Torpoint were very vocal when they saw us!

Earlier this month myself and the Town Clerk had a meeting with Cornwall Councillor Parsonage to discuss issues in the town and those raised by residents which need referring to County.

Last Friday saw the community come together in commemoration of VJ Day 80. From the flag raising ceremony in the morning to the Drumhead Service in the evening, all was well planned and well received by those in attendance. Congratulations to Councillor Tivnan and the RBL for their organisation. I also visited the VJ Day 80 display at Torpoint Archives on Friday, it was very informative but also very thought provoking on what people endured at that time.

This Monday just gone the Torpoint Library and Community Hub held an event bringing residents from Afghanistan and Ukraine together. My grateful thanks to Madam Deputy Mayor for representing me and congratulations to Tania and her team for organising such an excellent event.

Forthcoming dates for your diaries

Sunday 21st September 2pm – Torpoint Bowling Club Vs The Mayor's Team – please come along to either play or spectate. The bar will be open and there will be a raffle in aid of the Mayor's Charity, so any donations of prizes would be very much appreciated.

Sunday 28th September – Freedom of the Town Parade Saturday 14th February 2026 – Mayor's Charity Ball

93-25 Current Projects: -

a) To consider and accept: Accessible Play Equipment Project

i) Invitation to Tender (to be issued Friday 22nd August 2025)

Clerk



It is **resolved** to accept the Invitation to Tender, Councillor G J Davis will contact the Clerk the following day for clarification on one point, it can then be issued.

- ii) To note the results of the Accessible Play Parks online survey: -Noted. This will be included on the Development and Localism committee meeting for further discussion.
- b) To consider: As part of the CLUP (Year 4) Torpoint Event and Facilities Improvements project, the recommendation to Waive Financial Regulations: -
- i) To purchase one 10x15 Mammoth SHED for Bénodet Park from Shire, payment in full in advance is required quotation attached @ £3,023.33 + VAT (delivery included). (The quality of this product has been reviewed against other suppliers, additional quotation Daves Sheds attached.)

It is **resolved** to waive Financial Regulations to purchase one shed for Bénodet Park from Shire, payment in full in advance is required @ £3,023.33 + VAT.

ii) To purchase two solar powered classic SMART benches for £2,800 + VAT each, total £5,600 + VAT, 50% payment in advance is required (invoice as circulated). It is **resolved** to purchase two solar powered classic SMART benches for £2,800 + VAT each, total £5,600 + VAT, 50% payment in advance is required.

Clerk

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94-25 Question of which notice has been given or notice of motion: - None.

95-25 Torpoint Ferry Statistics: -

The Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs. J M Martin) thanked the Torpoint Ferry staff for the report.

- a) To note: Press release on successful completion of work experience placement at Torpoint ferries: Noted.
- b) To note: Press release on new partnership with Action for Children: Noted.
- c) To note: Press release on election of new Joint Chairs: Noted.

96-25 Financial Information: -

It is **resolved** that the July 2025 Budget Variance as circulated, is received and adopted.

97-25 Accounts for Payment: -

Contact Name	Invoice Number	Total	VAT	NET	Description
Cornwall Council -	Hamber				
Bus Rate Tennis	\				Business Rates Tennis
Courts	802923069	48.00	0.00	48.00	Courts September
Cornwall Council					Business Rates Room 4
Bus Rates Room 4	802980235	61.00	0.00	61.00	September
Cornwall Council -					Business Rates Library
Bus Rate Library	802715760	555.00	0.00	555.00	September
Cornwall Council -					Business Rates
Bus Rate Chambers	802311466	1,322.00	0.00	1,322.00	Chambers September
Richards Builders					
Merchants Ltd	943320	27.87	4.64	23.23	Parks Maintenance
Richards Builders					
Merchants Ltd	943450	20.38	3.40	16.98	Parks Maintenance
	Out With				
Penny Madge	Friends	75.00	0.00	75.00	Bus Transport - Library



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Cornish Tea &					
ornish Coffee Co d	6,400.00	242.25		2.2.2	Cafa Con II III
	SL102432	218.84	0.00	218.84	Cafe Supplies Library
rnish Tea & rnish Coffee Co					Coffee Machinie Rental
	SL102983	120.00	0.00	120.00	Library
vid Green	AHGTC	30.00	0.00	30.00	AHGTC Membership
nish Tea &	7	30.00	0.00	30.00	,p
nish Coffee Co					
	SL103062	218.84	0.00	218.84	Café Supplies - Library
stern Web					
nited	25047	90.00	15.00	75.00	Changes to the website
son's Cornish Ice					
eam	SL7647	50.40	7.20	43.20	Café Supplies - Library
					Photography Civic
dy Campfield	Civic Parade	30.00	0.00	30.00	Parade
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nards Builders					Maintenance Council
rchants Ltd	946622	37.11	6.18	30.93	Chambers
ards Builders					Maintenance
chants Ltd	947612	8.98	1.50	7.48	Cambridge Field
hards Builders					Maintenance Council
rchants Ltd	9466881	35.93	5.99	29.94	Chambers
hards Builders					Maintenance Tennis
chants Ltd	948831	79.91	13.32	66.59	Courts
'-AIR Enterprises					Consumables Council
T/A LittleMops	2341	114.59	19.10	95.49	Chambers
					Recycling Collection
a a	522C54400	85.42	14.24	71.18	Council Chambers
					Admin Fee - Road
nwall Council	8100597006	61.00	0.00	61.00	Closure - Civic Parade
					Festoon Lighting and
stivo Lights	\$02007225	720.00	121.02	600.13	Attachments - CLUP
tive Lights	SO2097235	730.96	121.83	609.13	Funding
Y-AIR Enterprises T/A LittleMops	2343	207.99	34.66	173.33	Consumables Public Conveniences
	2543	207.99	54.00	1/3.33	Conveniences
'-AIR Enterprises T/A LittleMops	2342	184.31	30.72	153.59	Consumables Library
1/A Littleiviops	2342	104.51	30.72	155.59	Outdoor Annual Life
e Play Inspection					Expectancy Inspection
npany	79289	649.80	108.30	541.50	(All Playparks)
P Pipe Systems					Repair to Boiler -
ited	4146	612.00	102.00	510.00	Council Chambers
					General Waste
					Collection Council
fa	522C54401	118.94	19.82	99.12	Chambers
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2	522C54399	103.18	17.20	85.98	Collection Library



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Biffa	522C54398	85.42	14.24	71.18	Recycling Collection Library	
ITEC	1124812	98.69	16.45	82.24	Meter Readings Xerox	
ACF Cleaning	24942	57.65	9.61	48.04	Laundering of Tablecloths	
Torpoint Sea Cadets	314	300.00	0.00	300.00	Sea Cadets Band - Civic Parade and DDay 80	
Don Benson	66	70.00	0.00	70.00	Clock Winding St James	
L&L Diverse solutions Limited	035/2025	822.00	137.00	685.00	1 day consultancy - Torpoint Vision Projects PO-0410	
Clifton Emery Design	SI-5342	43,835.70	7,305.95	36,529.75	Ref PO-0418 RIBA 3 Detailed Design Reports	
Clifton Emery Design	SI-5387	720.00	120.00	600.00	Review and update the NDP document to reflect comment from External Examiner. Policy map changes and adjustments throughout the document	
	To be				10 x 15 Mammoth Shed, no windows, delivery charge included - CLUP	
Shire*	advised	3,628.00	604.67	3,023.33	Funding 2 x Solar Benches (50% deposit) - CLUP	
The Solar Range*	S1171	3,360.00	560.00	2,800.00	Provision of online consultation (50%) for RIBA 3 Reports	
Go Collaborate**	051	870.00	145.00	725.00		
TOTAL		63,032.91	9,986.02	52,321.89		
* Council to consi	der Waiving F	Financial Regul	ations – see	Agenda 9b		
** Invoice already	paid to instr	uct works to c	ommence			
XERO	CC Aug 2025 subscriptio n	39.60	6.60	33.00	XERO - Monthly accounting software subscription June 2025	
Adobe Systems Software Ireland Ltd	CC Aug 2025	16.64	0.00	16.64	Adobe Systems Software Ireland Ltd - Monthly subscription June 2025	
HAV Control ltd	CC 3188	20.88	3.48	17.40	HAV Control ltd - Exposure point labels	
SAINSBURYS S/MKTS	CC R35301	28.58	4.76	23.82	SAINSBURYS S/MKTS - cafe supplies	



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Amazon	CC Amazon	13.98	2.33	11.65	Amazon - CCTV monitoring signs
Amazon	CC Amazon	8.99	1.50	7.49	Amazon - Security Screws
Amazon	CC Amazon	7.29	1.21	6.08	Amazon - Lock Nuts
Amazon	CC Amazon	16.59	2.76	13.83	Amazon - Security Screws
Amazon	CC Amazon	4.49	0.75	3.74	Amazon - Security Screws
Amazon	CC Amazon	(0.22)	(0.04)	(0.18)	Amazon - promotion applied
SAINSBURYS S/MKTS	CC R04711	16.39	2.73	13.66	SAINSBURYS S/MKTS - cafe supplies
SAINSBURYS S/MKTS	CC R04711	3.40	0.57	2.83	SAINSBURYS S/MKTS - Newspapers
Booker	CC 0418327	410.40	68.40	342.00	Booker - Cafe Supplies
Booker	CC 0418327	261.45	0.00	261.45	Booker - Cafe Supplies
Amazon	CC Amazon	11.99	2.00	9.99	Amazon - Universal Power Adaptor
Clifford Motors	CC 304	27.88	4.65	23.23	Clifford Motors - Fuel for the Machinery
Waitrose	CC R11845	8.60	1.43	7.17	Waitrose - Cafe Supplies
Lidl	CC 214416	8.47	1.41	7.06	Lidl - Cafe Supplies
CO-OP GROUP 380558	CC Co-op	245.53	40.91	204.62	Co-op Café Supplies and Newspapers Library
Total	сс со-ор	1,150.93	145.45	1,005.48	Library
Total		1,150.95	143.43	1,005.48	
ALD Automotive Limited t/a Ford Lease	DD Aug 2025	747.42	124.57	622.85	ALD Automotive Limited t/a Ford Lease - Monthly lease payment for vehicle Aug 2025
XEROX Finance	DD Aug 2025	224.22	37.37	186.85	XEROX FINANCE LIMI 5006818897922891
ENGIE Electricity Cambridge Field	DD 2- 05381442	47.23	7.87	39.36	ENGIE Electricity Cambridge Field - Electricity Supplied to Cambridge Filed 01/07 - 31/07
ENGIE Electricity Public Conveniences	DD 2- 05367233	176.48	29.41	147.07	ENGIE Electricity Public Conveniences - electricity supplied to public conveniences 01/07 - 31/07
ENGIE Electricity Council Chambers	DD 2-	27 01 10	114.21	571.04	ENGIE Electricity Council Chambers -



Everflow Water	DD 4620228	133.92	8.62	125.30	Chambers Water Rates Corona Energy -	
Everflow Water	DD 4620228	118.60	7.53	111.07	Everflow Water - Library Water Rates Everflow Water -	
Everflow Water	DD 4620228	333.20	21.64	311.56	Everflow Water - Public Conveniences Water Rates - Water 18/09/2025 - 17/10/2025	
Corona Energy - Chambers- Gas	DD 19402996	13.78	2.30	11.48	Corona Energy - Chambers- Gas - Gas Supplied to council chambers June 2025	
EE	DD V02377418 893	115.66	19.28	96.38	EE - Mobile phone contracts August 2025	
ENGIE Gas Library and Community Hub	DD 1- 01776330	85.62	14.27	71.35	engle Gas Library and Community Hub - Gas Supplied to Library 01/07-31/07	
ENGIE Electricity	DD 2- 05367232	366.70	61.12	305.58	ENGIE Electricity Library - Electricity supplied to Library 01/07 - 31/07	
					electricity supplied to council chambers 01/07 - 31/07	

98-25 Correspondence: -

a) To consider and minute/ratify: LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2025/26 The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached an agreement on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. Employers are encouraged to implement the pay award as soon as possible - issued 24th July 2025 – via CALC/NALC: -

It is **resolved** to minute/ratify the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2025/26 The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached an agreement on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

- b) To consider and note: Public Space Protection Order: Review of existing dog bans on beaches, opportunity to comment Cornwall Council: Noted.
- c) To note: Invitation to join free 'Climate Skills with Creativity Course', several start dates available Climate Vision: Noted.
- d) To consider: Enhanced LMP Grant for 2025 2026 funding opportunity (up to £15k) to improve the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) network within the parish boundary, operating on a first come, first served basis Countryside Officer, Cornwall Council: It is **resolved** to delegate to the Clerk to submit an application for funding from the Enhanced LMP Grant for 2025 2026.

Clerk



- e) To consider: Thank you following Civic Award 2025 and enquiry re Performing Arts space Mrs. K-J Brown, Coppola School of Performing Arts: Noted.
- f) To consider and note: CALC Training Update July 2025 and CALC News Bulletin July 2025 (with documents) CALC: Noted.
- g) See previous minute number 89-25.
- h) To consider and note: Employer Day Expression of Interest Cornwall Pensions: Clerk to forward / Noted.

99-25 Reports: -

- a) To receive: Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP): A referendum date is awaited.
- b) To receive: Torpoint Town Partnership (TTP) update: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9th September. Thank you to Councillor Mrs. K
 Brownhill for organising the recent Family Dog Show.
- c) To receive: Town Team Project Board (TTPB) update and minutes of the meeting held Monday $11^{\rm th}$ August 2025.

The meeting notes of Monday 11th August 2025 are accepted.

- d) To receive: Reports from delegates to outside bodies.
- i) Torpoint Archives & Heritage Centre July 2025: -

Noted, thank you for the monthly report.

ii) Torpoint Environmental Action (TEA) – The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs. C E Goodman) explained: "We continue to attract new members. Recently, we held a Rebel Botanists event starting in Rendel Park. This was well supported. It was an informative evening learning to identify species on a variety of apps, learning the common and Latin names for the plants. We intend to hold another session next Summer with TEA taking the lead

Some of our members attended the Plymouth University Tree Survey session last week which was both interesting and informative.

Some of our Repair Café team were present also at the very successful afternoon at the Torpoint Library and Community Hub, on hand to assist our Afghan and Ukranian friends in using sewing machines as part of the Resettlement Programme.

Our Litter Picking team report an increase in fly-tipping and dog-poo bags being left where the three bins were removed by Cornwall Housing. They also note an increase in the 'fly-tipping' of garden waste around the town.

TEA would like to thank the two members' of our community who donated sewing machines to the Repair Café, which will enable people, who can use a sewing machine, but do not have access to one, to use these machines on Sustainable Sundays.

We look forward to our next open house Sewing Machine Tutorials at Torpoint Library and



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Community Hub on Saturday 13 th September 2025."	
iii) Friends of Thanckes Park – Councillor M J Spurling invited attendance at the forthcoming AGM, Monday 8 th September at 7.00pm.	
iv) Councillor Mrs. J L Reeves requested to be removed as a representative to outside body for the Torpoint Ramps Forum.	
v) Torpoint Artists Collective (TAC) – Councillor K J Moon highlighted the survey is available and ongoing. Lizzie Hilton is progressing the Arts Strategy and has organised consultation events at various locations.	
vi) St. James Church – Councillor K J Moon explained a funding bid has been successful to enable a wi-fi hub to be installed at the church, which will improve functionality.	
100-25 Date of next meeting:	
Thursday 18 th September 2025.	
Apologies in advance from the Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs. J M Martin) and thanks in advance to Madam Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs. C E Goodman) who will Chair the meeting.	
Meeting closed at 9:30pm Town Mayor	
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