

Councillor L E Keise led prayers before the meeting. [Cornwall] Councillors Mrs K Ewert and R Parsonage were in the public gallery. Also in the public gallery: PC Hayley Gething; a number of representatives from YMCA Torpoint who highlighted concerns regarding the recent announcement from YMCA Plymouth; Torpoint AFC representatives, plus a local resident.

In advance of the meeting S Webb gave a presentation on The Suicide Communities Project.

In advance of the meeting G J Davis and J Brogan gave a presentation on the Horson Park Community Sports Hub.

MINUTES of the meeting of Torpoint Town Council held on Thursday 19th February 2026 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room, 4 York Road, Torpoint.

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

	ACTION
<p>190-25 Suspension of Standing Orders: - It was resolved to suspend standing orders, to allow members of the public to speak in open forum. Standing orders resumed at 7.33pm and the meeting commenced.</p>	
<p>191-25 Apologies for absence: - Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor C R Still, also Fr. Michael Brown.</p>	
<p>192-25 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) An NRI (Non-Registerable Interest) was declared by: - Councillor K J Moon – (Agenda item 16c. As a representative of St James Church.) ii) An NRI (Non-Registerable Interest) was declared by: - Councillor G J Davis – (Agenda item 16i. As Director of the Horson Park Community Sports Hub. Also Agenda item 11. Development and Localism meeting minutes – 108-25D&L (c) as Director of the Horson Park Community Sports Hub and highlighted this item is for the wider community benefit.) b) The Town Clerk to receive written requests for dispensations prior to the start of the meeting for consideration. i) To consider: Written request for dispensation from Councillor K J Moon, for agenda item 16c. It is resolved to grant Councillor Moon a dispensation to stay in the room and vote on this agenda item. (Councillor K J Moon left the meeting for this agenda item.)</p>	
<p>193-25 Planning Applications: - None.</p>	
<p>194-25 Cornwall Council Reports: - Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs. J M Martin) thanked [Cornwall] Councillors Mrs. K Ewert and R Parsonage for their written reports. Councillor Mrs. K Ewert highlighted that she was pleased the ownership of the Footbridge at</p>	

The Mill had now been resolved, also acknowledgement of maintenance responsibilities and asked that thanks are recorded to Mr M N Pearn MBE, for providing historical documentation, on the Footbridge, which has assisted with this outcome.

Councillor Ewert highlighted having received two emails from Torpoint residents' regarding the imminent withdrawal of YMCA Plymouth from the management of the Sports Hall, adding that she is happy to support whatever is needed in the future.

Councillor Parsonage highlighted: -

- i) Street lighting: having received a copy of the letter [from Torpoint Town Council] sent to Cornwall Council, requesting that all street lighting is kept on during the hours of darkness across Cornwall, for future Festive periods. Councillor Parsonage has forwarded this letter to all Cornwall Councillors, encouraging them to support this request.
- ii) Bus passes: Having been made aware that Plymouth Citybus does not accept discounted travel for those travelling with bus passes before 9.30am, he is asking Cornwall Council, whether there is anything that can be done to change this.
- iii) Tamar Crossings – A consultation on proposals to increase the TamarTag administration fee will be forthcoming. A current consultation is ongoing regarding the proposed reduction of the opening hours of the Torpoint Ferry offices in the future.
- iv) Thank you to everyone who assisted with the organisation of the Mayor's Charity Ball, it was a fantastic evening.

Councillor J Tivnan BEM commented in response to the bus passes issue, highlighting that in other areas of the county free travel using bus passes is available 24/7; adding that in the past this has been discussed by the Rame Peninsula Public Transport Users Group.

Councillor G J Davis responded to Councillor Parsonage and highlighted, the various issues/events that are unfolding in the town and how they are impacting on the economy and community of Torpoint: -

- i) Torpoint Nursery and Infant School/Carbeile Junior School, consultations to consider a merger of the two schools, due to predicted low numbers;
- ii) Torpoint Community College, 6th Form freeze on recruitment for the next academic year;
- iii) YMCA Plymouth 'pulling out' of the management of the Sports Hall;
- iv) The Torpoint Ferry Offices, a consultation about the proposed closure of these.

Councillor Davis sought the support of Councillor Parsonage to "fight for everything in Torpoint", particularly with sitting on the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee, highlighting that "we have a strong Vision for Torpoint, the Economic Plan, as well as the plans for Lower Fore Street".

In response, Councillor Parsonage acknowledged the pleas from Councillor Davis to work for the benefit of Torpoint residents, this led to discussion around Councillor Parsonage arranging a community meeting regarding the imminent closure of the Sports Hall.

Councillor Tivnan echoed Councillor Davis' comments, adding that support is still needed at County Hall regarding the Off-Street Parking Order consultation, which currently proposes the implementation of charges at Thanckes Park car park.

195-25 Police Activity Report

Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs. J M Martin) thanked PC Hayley Gething for the statistics, who it transpired is currently Acting Sergeant Gething, who announced good news that the recently

<p>appointed PCSO is currently undertaking training, this is likely to conclude in April.</p> <p>Several questions were posited, including one around whether the crime statistics show an increase, as a result of the street lighting being turned off between midnight and 5.00am.</p> <p>Councillor Tivnan highlighted the Town Council's request to county to ask for all street lighting to be turned off during future Festive periods.</p> <p>Following a suggestion from Councillor Moon regarding the possibility of seeking opinions / undertaking a survey, to ascertain who people feel about the street lighting being turned off, Councillor Parsonage highlighted that Cornwall Council has the ability to receive feedback and perhaps this could be suggested to residents.</p> <p>Councillor Davis contributed to the discussion, highlighting that with the World Cup Football matches in July, many games will be 'finishing' beyond the hours that the street lights are turned on for. Acting Sergeant Gething agreed to seek guidance from Licensing.</p>	
<p>196-25 Minutes of the previous meeting: - a) It is resolved the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th January 2025 as circulated, are adopted.</p>	
<p>197-25 Matters arising from the minutes: - a) Respond to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change at Cornwall Council with a suggestion to keep street lighting turned on across the county for dates starting prior to Christmas and ending early in New Year – actioned. b) Respond to proposals to implement charging at Thanckes Park car park, by the consultation deadline; also send the same correspondence to the Portfolio Holder for Transport at Cornwall Council – actioned. c) Respond to the Torpoint Schools consultation on the 'Let's Talk' page of the Cornwall Council website, for and on behalf of the town council, following consideration at committee meetings – actioned. d) Amend the annual Budget Statement 2026/27 and issue to Cornwall Council - actioned. e) Accept the grant funding offer for the CCTV project from the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner – actioned.</p>	
<p>198-25 Mayor's communications: - Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs. J M Martin) gave her Mayor's Communications.</p> <p>"At the end of last month I was pleased to attend three presentations; one at the Wilcove Inn, along with Councillor Fellows, to receive £429.05 towards the Accessible Play Equipment Project, the Sea Cadets Awards Evening at HMS Raleigh where I presented some awards and gave a speech and at The Carbeile Inn to congratulate Councillor Tivnan on being awarded the Bob Davidson Award (for the second time) for the Veterans Oak project.</p> <p>Myself and four other Councillors attended the Resilience Seminar at HMS Raleigh on 28th January, a very sobering yet uplifting afternoon demonstrating strength and courage striving through adversity.</p> <p>Thank you to all those who supported the Neighbourhood Development Plan event on Thursday 29th. It was good to officially recognise this achievement.</p> <p>I attended the official launch of the Torpoint Arts and Culture Strategy on Friday 30th and Saltash Civic Service on Sunday 1st February. On Wednesday 4th February I was pleased to host Julie Zessimedes Head of Culture, Leisure</p>	

<p>and Libraries and Claire Simpson Strategic Director for a whistlestop visit to our Library and Community Hub. Claire is new to post and Julie wanted to show her our flagship facility.</p> <p>On Friday 6th I was delighted to show my support to the Torpoint Players and their wonderful pantomime Sleeping Beauty. Anyone who missed it missed a real treat and all involved are to be congratulated on their sell out shows.</p> <p>On Saturday 7th I attended Truro Cathedral for the St John Ambulance Service of Dedication and Presentation of Awards. It was good to see Torpoint represented and pick up a number of awards.</p> <p>After the shock announcement on Monday 9th February of the YMCA Plymouth ceasing management of the Community Sports Centre I was pleased to be able to meet with Dr Jeremy Plumb and Ian Smart of Torpoint Community College the following day. They were disappointed that the YMCA hadn't given them an opportunity to prepare a statement before the news was released and they were still waiting on the official legal notice. Their Governors are due to meet the week after half-term and I asked that Torpoint Town Council be kept up to date with developments.</p> <p>Thank you to those who attended and participated in the meeting last Thursday with Hazel Moorey, Anna Gelderd's Constituency Support Officer. I think it is useful to be able to share information and keep our MP up to date with issues that are important to the Town.</p> <p>Last Saturday was my Mayor's Valentines Ball. It was a fabulous evening and raised £1,063.50 for my Mayor's Charity fund, taking the total so far this civic year to £3,077.15. Thank you to everyone who attended the ball, provided raffle prizes, bought raffle tickets and bid at the auction, you all made it a very successful event.</p> <p><u>Dates for your Diaries</u> Commonwealth Day – Monday 9th March 11am Torpoint Nursery and Infant School Council Visit – Friday 13th March 1pm Torpoint Ferry Public Consultation Meeting – Tuesday 17th March 4pm start Mayor's Skittles Evening – Friday 27th March 7.30pm, Bowling Club, all welcome.</p> <p>There is an invitation from the Torpoint Sea Cadets to their 10th Anniversary Dinner and Dance, Saturday 30th May, Black tie evening, £40.00 per person, details will follow.</p>	
<p>199-25 Personnel Committee: - It is resolved the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026 and recommendation in the minutes: -: 26-25Pers Training for staff 26/27 financial year is adopted, as circulated.</p> <p>Pursuant to minute number 30-25Pers (a) Agree a Service Level Agreement between Cornwall Council and the Town Council to enable Cornwall Council to continue to provide payroll services at costs as detailed, it is resolved to Agree a Service Level Agreement with Cornwall Council for one year, at a charge of £10.90 per payslip, and research alternative suppliers during the year ahead, as circulated.</p>	Clerk
<p>200-25 Finance and Operations Committee: - It is resolved the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026 and the recommendation in the minutes: -: 124-25F&O (f) Request to fly the Ukrainian flag on the 4th Anniversary of Russia's invasion on Ukraine is adopted, as circulated.</p> <p>It is resolved that pursuant to minute number 124-25F&O (g) Respond to Cornwall Council</p>	Clerk

<p>indicating this council has 'no interest' in the Land adj: 34-42 Wavish park / Land to the rear of 4 & 16-18 Adams Crescent, with the comment 'provided the trees and public access is maintained', is adopted. Prior to the vote being taken, the proposal prompted further discussion. Councillor Moon having seen an advert placed in the Cornish Times, highlighted that Cornwall Council had advertised additional 'areas of land' also being considered for disposal in the town. When the proposal was put and subsequently seconded, it is resolved to include 'we ask that the Town Council is made aware of ALL areas of land, being considered for possible disposal.'</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>201-25 Development and Localism Committee: - It is resolved the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th February 2026 and the recommendations in the minutes were considered.</p> <p>Councillor G J Davis presented the minutes of the committee meeting. Pursuant to recommendation 108-25D&L (c) Community Highways Programme, Councillor Davis highlighted that as he was not present at the meeting and did not feel able to make the proposal. Therefore, Councillor J Tivnan BEM put the recommendation to submit to the Community Highways Improvement scheme to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph, from the current 40mph limit at Wilcove and end where the 30mph speed limit is at Antony Village. The proposal was seconded. Councillor S J Pike called for the public to be involved in the consultation. Councillor K J Moon responded [having been at the committee meeting] and highlighted that with all the future changes planned for the town, the Northern Fringe, entrance to Torpoint Cemetery, this would not just affect us. Councillor S Pike presented some statistics regarding this stretch of road. Councillor Tivnan responded providing background on previous speed limit changes. Councillor J L Reeves corrected Councillor Pike regarding the number of fatalities.</p> <p>Councillor G J Davis summarised having spoken to [Cornwall] Councillor Mrs. K Ewert a week ago, who had explained that over 15% of vehicles had been recorded at travelling over 59MPH. Councillor Davis continued that the road by design is a fast highway and with the turning off to the left and the right at Antony House and Goad Avenue plus the Cemetery and where the footpath crosses the road, there is a process which the CAP (Community Area Partnership) uses for assessment and then a Traffic Regulation Order would be drafted and consulted on. Councillor Davis continued and suggested the speed limit reduction should end at an appropriate point on Horson straight, after the Cemetery turning. Clarification was sought on the wording of an 'appropriate point', and subsequently Councillor Davis proposed an amendment to the existing proposal. The amendment was 'to move the proposed speed limit reduction to end near the Cemetery on the A374, not at Antony 30MPH.' The amendment was seconded and voted upon. The Votes were: 7 FOR, 7 AGAINST, 1 ABSENTION, with the Chairman having the casting vote. The Chairman voted 'FOR' the amendment, the amendment was passed and this became the substantive proposal.</p> <p>Further clarification of the process and what members' were going to be asked to vote on next, was sought by the Chairman and discussions ensued in the chamber.</p> <p>Councillor Davis clarified the position in advance of the next vote. He explained that if members vote "no" on this new motion then things will stay as they are, there will be no change to any limit anywhere, as the council cannot go back and discuss the previous motion as that is done. He summarised the proposal for the location of the speed limit change, which was now at the new Torpoint Cemetery.</p>	

<p>(At this point Councillor K J Moon left the chamber and the meeting.)</p> <p>Councillor M G Spurling sought further clarification regarding the next vote.</p> <p>Councillor Davis put the proposal to submit a speed reduction from the Wilcove turning to an appropriate point near the new Torpoint cemetery, from 60MPH to 40MPH, this was seconded and voted upon. The Votes were: 8 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 5 ABSENTIONS, and it is resolved to submit speed reduction to the Community Highways Improvement Scheme.</p> <p>It is resolved the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th February 2026 and the recommendations in the minutes: - 115-25D&L (f) Submit and Expression of Interest for the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund Round 5 for £75,000 towards the Skate Park Project, collaborating with the Torpoint Ramps Forum and 115-25D&L (f) to support the submission of an Expression of Interest to the UK Town of Culture competition 2028, on the understanding the submission from Torpoint would be 'pulled together' by Jonny Birkett and this would be done free of charge. The Clerk explained there would be expenses incurred by Jonny Birkett, up to a maximum of £800 and it is suggested that these costs are shared between Torpoint Artists Collective CIC and the Town Council, are adopted.</p> <p>a) To consider the results of the Invitation to Tender for 'To appoint a single contractor to design and build a Skatepark Facility for the community of Torpoint': - It is resolved that Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 the public and press will leave the meeting for any confidential discussions, to discuss this agenda item. For the minutes: the discussions were confidential and the award notice is detailed below.</p> <p>Prior to taking the vote on the project, the Clerk explained the budget position on the project, highlighting the need to raise the funding for the project to come to fruition.</p> <p>Following consideration, it is therefore resolved to award the contract to Canvas Spaces Ltd., 'To appoint a single contractor to design and build a Skatepark Facility for the community of Torpoint', for a cost of £386,590.00 + VAT (this is subject to review).</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>												
<p>202-25 Question of which notice has been given or notice of motion: - None.</p>													
<p>203-25 Torpoint Ferry Statistics: - Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs. J M Martin) thanked the Torpoint Ferry staff for the report.</p> <p>Following statements made by several members' regarding the current service levels which have been reduced on several occasions due to staffing along with other issues. The Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs. J M Martin) drew the issues to a close and suggested arranging a meeting with the Torpoint Ferry staff.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>												
<p>204-25 Financial Information: - It is resolved that the January 2026 Budget Variance as circulated, is received and adopted.</p>													
<p>205-25 Accounts for Payment: -</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="103 1944 1279 2078"> <thead> <tr> <th>Contact Name</th> <th>Invoice Number</th> <th>Total</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>NET</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Isla Sell</td> <td>048</td> <td>420.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>420.00</td> <td>Provision of Chair Pilates Sessions -</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Contact Name	Invoice Number	Total	VAT	NET	Description	Isla Sell	048	420.00	0.00	420.00	Provision of Chair Pilates Sessions -	
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Isla Sell	047	50.00	0.00	50.00	Provision of Health Session - Pain Café - Library
Unique Fire & Security	SI53205	97.39	16.23	81.16	Maintenance to Fire Alarms
Richards Builders Merchants Ltd	966712	10.49	1.75	8.74	Parks Maintenance
Richards Builders Merchants Ltd	967286	18.61	3.10	15.51	Library Maintenance
Richards Builders Merchants Ltd	967330	4.25	0.71	3.54	Chambers Maintenance
Cornish Tea & Cornish Coffee Co Ltd	SL110390	218.84	0.00	218.84	Café Supplies - Library
Richards Builders Merchants Ltd	967609	62.28	10.38	51.90	Library Maintenance
Richards Builders Merchants Ltd	967610	1.40	0.23	1.17	Chambers Maintenance
Richards Builders Merchants Ltd	967743	13.10	2.18	10.92	Library Maintenance
Richards Builders Merchants Ltd	967899	7.24	1.21	6.03	Library Maintenance
Richards Builders Merchants Ltd	968619	38.32	6.39	31.93	Parks Maintenance
ITEC	1175025	26.74	4.46	22.28	Xerox Meter Readings
Western Web Limited	25369	114.00	19.00	95.00	Renewal of Domain Name
Bodyworx	#005	275.00	0.00	275.00	Provision of Community Wellbeing Sessions and Pain Café at Library
South West Hygiene	353966	311.65	51.94	259.71	Hire and Emptying of Grey Bins 2026 - 2027 - Library
CIA Fire and Security Ltd	297107	687.60	114.60	573.00	Renewal of Subscription for Electronic Gate System - Tennis Courts
Cornish Tea & Cornish Coffee Co Ltd	SL110874	218.84	0.00	218.84	Café Supplies - Library
Aimee Knight	#[02]	50.00	0.00	50.00	Provision of Pain Café Sessions - Library
Sutcliffe Play	7728	39,492.00	6,582.00	32,910.00	Installation of Accessible Play Equipment @ Cambridge Field and Borough Park Play Park
Sutcliffe Play	7729	12,456.00	2,076.00	10,380.00	Installation of Rubber Matting @ Chestnut Close Play Park
Penny Madge	Out With Friends	80.00	0.00	80.00	Bus Travel - Library Community Funding

Don Benson	72	56.00	0.00	56.00	Clock Winding St James
TOTAL		54,709.75	8,890.18	45,819.57	
XERO	CC February 2026 subscription	39.60	6.60	33.00	XERO - Monthly accounting software subscription February 2026
Adobe Systems Software Ireland Ltd	CC February 2026	16.64	0.00	16.64	Adobe Systems Software Ireland Ltd - Monthly subscription February 2026
SAINSBURYS S/MKTS	CC R83482	30.56	5.09	25.47	SAINSBURYS S/MKTS - Cafe Supplies
Amazon	CC Amazon	9.99	1.66	8.33	Amazon - Push Pin Tacks
Amazon	CC Amazon	6.02	1.00	5.02	Amazon - Drawing Pins
Amazon	CC Amazon	32.33	5.39	26.94	Amazon - Guillotine
Rame Framing	CC 2586	30.00	5.00	25.00	Rame Framing - re-framing of the king
Amazon	CC Amazon	29.99	5.00	24.99	Amazon - Essential Hand Towels
CO-OP GROUP 380558	CC Co-op	196.52	32.70	163.82	Café Supplies and Newspapers
Amazon	CC Amazon	67.95	11.35	56.60	Biodegradable Trash Bags
Amazon	CC Amazon	59.95	10.00	49.95	EcoHound Dog Waste Bags
Amazon	CC Amazon	8.99	1.50	7.49	Emergency Light Test Keys
Amazon	CC Amazon	27.96	4.68	23.28	70l Refuse Sacks
Amazon	CC Amazon	24.82	4.14	20.68	HMT Lithium Multipurpose Grease
Amazon	CC Amazon	39.40	6.57	32.83	Personalised TTC Property Identification Stickers
Booker	CC 0374805	128.71	21.45	107.26	Booker - Cafe supplies
Booker	CC 0374805	105.38	0.00	105.38	Booker - cafe supplies
Total		854.81	122.13	732.68	
ENGIE Electricity Library	DD 2-05830972	572.29	95.38	476.91	ENGIE Electricity Library - Electricity Supplied to Library 01/01/26 - 31/01/26

ENGIE Electricity Cambridge Field	DD 2-05844484	47.23	7.87	39.36	ENGIE Electricity Cambridge Field - Electricity Supplied to Cambridge Field 01/01/2026 - 31/01/2026
ALD Automotive Limited t/a Ford Lease	DD February 2026	747.42	124.57	622.85	ALD Automotive Limited t/a Ford Lease - Monthly lease payment for vehicle February 2026
Corona Energy - Chambers- Gas	DD 19862980	1,951.15	325.19	1,625.96	Corona Energy - Chambers- Gas - Gas supplied to council chambers Jan 2026 - Feb 2026
ENGIE Electricity Council Chambers	DD 2-05820515	942.49	157.08	785.41	ENGIE Electricity Council Chambers - Electricity consumed 01/01/26 - 31/01/26
ENGIE Electricity Public Conveniences	DD 2-05820512	61.94	2.95	58.99	ENGIE Electricity Public Conveniences - Electricity consumed 01/01/26 - 31/01/26
ENGIE Gas Library and Community Hub	DD 1-01983797	980.45	163.41	817.04	ENGIE Gas Library and Community Hub - Gas supplied 01/01/26 - 31/01/26
EE	DD V02439062 123	120.02	20.00	100.02	EE - Mobile phone charges January 2026
Everflow Water	DD 5207047	170.26	9.99	160.27	Everflow Water - Public Conveniences Water Rates - Water 18/03/2026- 31/03/2026
Everflow Water	DD 5207047	54.67	2.93	51.74	Everflow Water - Library Water Rates
Everflow Water	DD 5207047	20.86	3.48	58.85	Everflow Water - Chambers Water Rates
Total		5668.78	912.85	4797.40	

206-25 Correspondence: -

a) To note: Planning News for Local Councils and Agents - latest quarterly newsletter now published and other Planning briefing notes: - Noted.

b) To consider and note: Correspondence – Subject Access Request, Mr J Connah – to Torpoint Town Council (enclosing copy of letter dated 5th January 2026): - Clerk is directed to respond to Mr J Connah, within the appropriate timescale for a Subject Access Request.

c) To consider: Correspondence requesting letter of support, for the submission of funding bids, for roof repairs, also update to the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Town

Clerk

<p>Clock - St. James Parochial Church Council: - Following consideration, it is resolved to delegate to the Clerk to correspond with St. James Parochial Church Council, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To provide a letter of support, which can be used by St. James Parochial Church Council, or a representative, to complete and submit grant applications, for roof repairs for St. James Church. ii) To clarify that Torpoint Town Council is the body which is responsible for managing and undertaking the repairs to the clock tower. iii) Where there are opportunities for '<i>economies of scale</i>' on say, for example, scaffolding equipment, needed for both projects, the Town Council would support grant applications for this. iv) Review the existing Clock Agreement. 	Clerk
<p>d) To consider: Lease for Bénodet Park, in accordance with the new Head of Terms agreed with the Council. Once the advice of the town council Solicitor has been received, to delegate to the Town Clerk to sign for and on behalf of Torpoint Town Council - Cornwall Council (letter as circulated, lease documentation remains confidential): - It is resolved to delegate to the Town Clerk to sign for an on behalf of Torpoint Town Council, the Lease for Bénodet Park, in accordance with the new Head of Terms agreed with the Council, once the advice of the town council Solicitor has been received.</p>	Clerk
<p>e) Neighbourhood Priorities Statements (NPS) – Cornwall Council Planning and Housing: - Noted.</p>	
<p>f) To note Cornwall Speak Their Name Suicide Memorial Quilt Cornwall Speak their Name: - Noted.</p>	
<p>g) To consider and note: Local Maintenance Partnership 2026-27 correspondence, to delegate to the Clerk to accept on behalf of the council (council previously accepted, minute number 165-25 December 2025 council meeting refers): - Clerk is already delegated to accept the Local Maintenance Partnership Agreement 2026-27.</p>	Clerk
<p>h) Torpoint Artists Collective CIC, have been awarded £15,000 to pilot creative solutions to explore local transport challenges from Peninsula Transport. To consider: the appointment of a town council representative, to sit on the steering group, for this new project: - It is resolved for Councillor L Hogan to sit on the steering group for this new project. Councillor Hogan will be invited to feedback on this project at the Development and Localism committee.</p>	
<p>i) To consider: Providing a 'letter of support in principle' for the Horson Park Community Sports Hub, following a short presentation given in advance of the council meeting: - Following consideration it is resolved to delegate to the Clerk to providing a 'letter of support in principle' for the Horson Park Community Sports Hub, for and on behalf of Torpoint Town Council. (Councillor G J Davis left the meeting for this agenda item.)</p>	Clerk
<p>j) To consider: Correspondence from local resident, with the proposal for a new community Launderette – R Oancea: -</p>	Clerk

Following consideration, the Clerk is directed to respond, advising that planning advice is sought from Cornwall Council, as the Planning Authority. Also, The Town Council is not able to recommend any suitable premises, however, it is pleased to hear that Fore Street is currently being considered as a location. Plus, there is another new launderette opportunity being advertised and being set up in the town, which may or may not be similar.

207-25 Reports: -

a) To receive: Torpoint Town Partnership (TTP) update: -
Nothing to report.

b) To receive: Town Team Project Board (TTPB) update and minutes of the meeting held Monday 12th January 2026: -
The minutes of the meeting are noted.

c) To receive: Reports from delegates to outside bodies.

i) Torpoint Archives & Heritage Centre – January 2026: -

Thanks are minuted to Torpoint Archives and Heritage Centre for their report.

ii) The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs. C E Goodman), gave updates on:

Recent Torpoint Environmental Action (TEA) meeting Thursday 5th February 2026

- The next date for the Sewing Machine Tutorial is Saturday 14th March 2026, 10 - 12 noon at the Torpoint Library and Community Hub.
- A Seagrass Presentation is taking place at Torpoint Sailing Club on 24th February 2026. All welcome.
- TEA volunteers are assisting Torpoint Council Ops Team with the Spring planting of the Harvey Street troughs on Tuesday 25th February meeting at 9.30am. Litter Picking will continue, there are enough volunteers to do both jobs.
- The first batch of daffodils planted by TEA volunteers in November are coming up in 10 locations in Torpoint.
- We continue to grow our membership.
- The next Repair Café is Sunday 22nd February from 10-1pm in the Torpoint Library and Community Hub.
- To date TEA Litter Pickers have collected five and a half tonnes of litter from the streets of Torpoint.

South - East Cornwall Climate meeting 9th December 2025

There was a Schools Climate Conference on the 18th November 2025 for Aspire Academy Schools. Language Farm Biodigester Plant visit by Torpoint Environmental Action Group and others. The visit was very well supported with thirty people attending. The energy produced by the Plant serves the Ice Cream Factory. Clare Tagg gave feedback on the use of HVO (Hydrated Vegetable Oil). They have tried this as there is no gas supply in the village. She says there is a problem as The Government are taxing HVO at a very high rate. Chris Ullman of St Cleer Environmental said how good they have found HVO to be. Tree planting is going ahead in his area due to the loss of trees from Ash Dieback. The project is called 25 Farmers for 25 trees. They are also working on 'a living Churchyard' and Boardwalks through an enhanced Maintenance Grant. They have put in a Weather Station. Saltash advised that the Churchtown Farm Agreement was signed off at the end of November. It is an attempt to keep the area for local residents to use for leisure. Cornwall Wildlife Trust with Antony Estates are looking after it. A survey was completed and the results found that the land is less biodiverse than it used to be. It is hard to balance the environmental needs with the needs of the public. They might put in a dog exercising field and therefore be able to keep the area dog free. There is a Saltash Ranger and he is doing half a day a week and feeds back to Antony Estates.

iii) Councillor Mrs. J L Reeves gave an update regarding the Veterans group, which are hosted at the Library and Community Hub.

<p>iv) Councillor M G Spurling gave an update on Friends of Thanckes Park. With details of a 'walk around' being planned with Cornwall Council on 7th March and a Children's Batwalk scheduled for 17th April at 7.15pm.</p>	
<p>208-25 Date of next meeting: Thursday 19th March 2026.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed at 9.44pm Town Mayor</p>	

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