

TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Thursday 26th February 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, B Hobbs, L E Keise and Mrs J M Martin plus the Town Clerk.

71- 14DL Apologies for absence

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

72- 14DL Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda

None.

73- 14DL Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd January 2015 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

74- 14DL Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Police Station:-

Pursuant to minute 63-14DL the Clerk confirmed that he has expressed an interest with the Devon and Cornwall (D & C) Constabulary. The D & C Constabulary have responded by informing the council that when the site is disposed of it will be done in an open and transparent way and the Town Council will have the opportunity to bid. The reply was noted.

b) Youth Club:-

Pursuant to minute 64-14DL (b) the Mayor sought clarity to whom he was addressing the letter. It was confirmed that the Mayor would respond to the author of the letter. The Mayor continued by informing members that he will write in support of the Youth Club when a meeting is held at Cornwall Council (to be attended by Cornwall Councillor B Hobbs) to discuss the future of the club.

75- 14DL Localism

The Clerk drew attention to a circulated information sheet from the outgoing Cornwall Council Community Network Manager in which it was suggested that the Town Council collate a list of assets and services that it is interested in pursuing or absorbing. Councillor Andrews was of the opinion that he had been elected to expand the services and asset acquisition at whatever the final cost and suggested that the public would not be content if this opportunity was lost. Councillor Andrews suggested that one possible solution was to relocate the library to the police station along with other services and the possible creation of a plaza. Councillor Mrs C E Goodman observed that the library is a vibrant place and accommodates all sections of the community. The Chairman Councillor G J Davis asked members if this involved investigating everything and asking for a list of all assets and services currently provided by Cornwall Council. The Mayor urged caution and suggested that the Council should make the Neighbourhood Plan the priority and point to which Councillor Mrs J M Martin concurred with the Town Mayor. Councillor B Hobbs urged the Council to press ahead with controlling the area including the redundant Fire Station and Health Centre. The Chairman suggested that the Town Council contact our local MP, the Leader and CEO of Cornwall

Council to explore opportunities and options with this area. Following further discussion it is **recommended** that

- a) This Council obtains a complete list of assets that Cornwall Council owns in the town together with a complete list of services that it delivers for consideration by this Council as to which assets/services it is interest in obtaining and/or delivering.
- b) That this Council contacts the Local MP, Leader and Chief Executive Officer of Cornwall Council with a view to exploring opportunities and possibilities of the area at the lower end of Fore Street.

76- 14DL Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman updated members on progress to date with the Neighbourhood Plan. It is anticipated that a steering group would be formed with Councillors and residents of the parish [the designated plan area] that had skills and expertise in various areas. The Councillor representatives had been appointed and have agreed the next steps. A publicity exercise has been arranged for Saturday 14th March 2015 at the Council Chambers to inform residents of the plan aims and objectives. The information and publicity exercise will consist of a 20 minute presentation held at three different times during the day to maximise the opportunities for residents to attend. The publicity and information day would be preceded with a maximum publicity exercise that would include a personal invite and information mail drop to every resident in the Neighbourhood Plan designated area. The Chairman continued by announcing that the Steering Group and Councillors would distribute the mail drop to residents that would consist of a booklet and letter. The timescale and methodology of distributing the information was also discussed. It was also confirmed that a designated website for the plan would be established prior to the meeting and that Councillor Mrs A I Johnson has established a Facebook Page on social media. Councillor E H Andrews commented that the next meeting of the steering group will initiate the proposed terms of reference and formal structure of the group. It was further noted that currently there is no Chairman of the group. Councillor G J Davis spoke of the process to engage with all sections of the community and as part of this process it was intended to hold an assembly with students at the Community College to elicit support and engagement.

i) Cornwall Site Allocations DPD:-

Attention was drawn to the supplementary information and this Council's response that had been delegated to this Committee for consideration and reply. It was noted that this Council were being consulted on the information contained within the local plan that had been submitted to the Secretary of State. Members noted that the employment provision had been combined Saltash although it was also understood that provision could be made within the Neighbourhood Plan to allocate employment within Torpoint. Attention was also drawn to the provision for external space as a result of the additional accommodation and the need for the Neighbourhood Plan to consider the allocation. Councillor Andrews concluded by warning that there is a private members currently going through the House of Commons that would remove the obligation to build affordable housing on developments of 10 houses or less. After a brief further discussion it was **resolved** to support the Local Plan submission for Torpoint.

77- 14DL Planning Applications:-

None.

78- 14DL Correspondence:-

None.

79- 14DL Accounts for payment:-

PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	(VAT)	NETT
BNP Parabas (Direct Debit)	Rental - Photocopier	486.72	81.12	405.60
Crab Stitch	Staff Polo Shirts and Clothing	73.00	0.00	73.00

80- 14DL Date of the Next meeting

Thursday 26th March 2015.

81- 14DL Any Business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting

None.

Meeting closed at 7.50 pmChairman