



MINUTES of the Torpoint Town Partnership (TTP) meeting held on Tuesday 31st March 2026, 7.00pm, Committee Room, Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Cllr Julie Martin Town Mayor (JM) (Markets and Cinema) - Chairman, Cllr Kim Brownhill (KB) – Treasurer, Cllr Chris Goodman (CG) – Deputy Mayor and Torpoint Environmental Action, Cllr John Tivnan BEM (JT), Richard Pymm (RP) – Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lions Club, Cllr Marlon Spurling (MS) Friends of Thanckes Park, Cllr Jacqui Reeves (JR), Cllr Steve Pike, Cllr Lizeta Fellows, Cllr Chris Still, Cllr Lambert Keise, Cllr Liam Hogan, Duncan Webber and Claire Webber – Cornerstone Church/Torpoint Players, Cllr Rob Parsonage, Katie-Marie Martin – Torpoint Scouts, Phil Griffiths – Operations Manager, Milly Southworth (Clerk) – Town Clerk and RFO (taking the minutes).

	Welcome - Chair Cllr Julie Martin welcomed all members to the meeting.
1.	Apologies for absence Samm Bickle (SB) – Friends of Thanckes Park Jenny Hughes (JH) – Scouts and Cinema. Kelly-Jane Brown (KJB) – Coppola School of Performing Arts
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2025 (as circulated). All read, agreed minutes.
3.	Report from the Treasurer Balance in account, £1,143.04. £45 income from stallholders at Christmas lights switch on. £61 expenditure for the road closure. Library and Community Hub Craft Day have given the TTP a donation of £75. Collection pots have not been very successful. Future expenditure is the annual insurance renewal.
4.	Planned Events/Diary Dates 2026 - see attached Diary Dates Additional and updates to diary dates include: Cllr Rob Parsonage – 3 additional ‘Councillor surgery’ dates at the library and community hub. 17th April – Comrades Club Quiz Night 24th April – Memorial event at HMS Raleigh 26th May – ‘We Buy Vintage’ at Cornerstone Church 18th July – Lions Summary Fayre, Torpoint AFC, The Mill 9th July – Family Quiz Night, Torpoint AFC, hosted by Torpoint Scouts 21st May – Royal Marine Band Concert at Cornerstone Church, free tickets available from the Post Office Saturday 7th November – Bonfire Night, at Thanckes Park, Torpoint Scouts Saturday 21st November - Lantern making, Main Hall Council Chambers.

	Saturday 28th November – Christmas Lights switch on, Fore Street 5th December – Cornerstone Church Fayre [post meeting note, this is not now included in the diary dates) 23rd November – Start date for the Lions / Santa's Sleigh.
5.	Christmas celebrations and the future The Town Mayor explained what is currently organised and planned by TTP, including the Christmas lights on Fore Street, the Christmas tree in front of St James Church, both are which are now decorated by contractors, which are paid for by Torpoint Town Council. The Fore Street event is all planned and arranged by TTP, with Katie-Marie Martin scheduling the entertainment, JM managing the stalls, and Phil Griffiths & team responsible for the road closure. Cllr Lizeta Fellows (LF) spoke of ideas to enhance what we currently do. Which could include: - Adding additional activities; Could the Christmas Fair be held the same evening? Could the street Market be on the same day? Best Dressed Window completion for Christmas is excellent and must stay! Mentioned about other towns, Saltash and Liskeard and how their events differ. JM explained why the Market unfortunately cannot be on the same day. LF continued: - We need to try to avoid diary date clashes – all agreed, particularly if there is an event with Father Christmas present, he shouldn't be at different places on the same day. Discussed about having two locations for the entertainment, with the option to maybe have a performance in Cornerstone Church, after the Christmas lights had been switched on. Perhaps this could be some members' of the Royal Marine Band as they had volunteered to attend last year. CW will speak to them, as they are due to perform at Cornerstone Church in May. Discussion regarding bunting, with an option to get the community involved and ask community groups to start making bunting now, for future years. Could Torpoint Artists Collective be included in this? Could the bunting be used to decorate lamp posts, or other highways furniture, or the railings at Harvey Street flats perhaps? Ops Mgr agreed to look into this and arrange a workaround. Ops Mgr highlighted the Christmas tree has to be decorated by an appointed contractor and when asked about the possibility of solar powered lighting, he explained that as Fore Street is largely in the shade, this is not a suitable way forward. A [decorate] Gingerbread House competition was suggested by LF, could Mrs Brown be asked to be the judge? Clerk highlighted the Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert at Cornerstone Church was a lovely edition to the Christmas plans in the town last year.

	The Lions will continue to run a grotto for Father Christmas in Bob's Barn at the Library and Community Hub.
6.	Any other Business ➤ A Dog Show date for August will be booked ➤ Councillor Tivnan talked about an event 'in the planning' for Tuesday 28th April, which is not confirmed, to commemorate the lives lost on this date in 1941, when a bomb hit an air raid shelter in HMS RALEIGH and who are buried in war graves at Horson cemetery in Torpoint.
7.	Next Meeting Tuesday 21 st April 2026 7.00pm - 8.00pm, Committee Room, all invited to attend.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.