



TORPOINT TOWN PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of the Torpoint Town Partnership Committee held on Thursday 9th October 2014 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room of the Torpoint Council Chambers, 4 York Road, Torpoint.

PRESENT: - Cllr M.N. Pearn MBE – Chairman, Mrs M Fuller – Grand Bard, Cllrs E. Andrews, G.Davis, L.E Keise, J. Tivnan and Mrs K Brownhill – Torpoint Events Co., T. Moore - RBL, Mrs B Brimacombe – W.I., S Murray - Lions, Mrs L Murray - CHAT, Mrs R Pellew – the Archives, Mrs J Downing – Old Cornwall Society, L Parsons – Old Cornwall Society and Mr B Palmer, St Austell Town Council
Mrs C. Southworth - Assistant Town Clerk.

1. Welcome – Chairman

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the members for attending.

2. Apologies

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Mrs R Slee, Mrs J Martin, A. Martin and also the following from the Gorsedh Committee: Mrs D Brotherton (Communications Officer), J Rogers (Treasurer), Mrs A Jenkins, M Davey (Deputy Grand Bard)

3. Gorsedh wash-up Report

Mrs M Fuller The Grand Bard wished to officially thank the town and all residents of Torpoint for a wonderful Gorsedh event held in the town in September. Commenting that it was a wonderful ceremony, with both the weather and also the tide on our side, it was a magnificent sight and a beautiful day. One of the best comments that she heard on the day was "the day was a triumph". The whole schedule of events, including the very well organised Saturday procession and ceremony, went very well indeed. A very big thank you to all who helped with the organisation, the ceremony appeared to go very smoothly indeed. Also, thank you for the glass gift, it is very much appreciated and it will be located in an appropriate position in Kernow. Mrs Fuller added, being born in South East Cornwall, I was delighted and very proud of what was achieved, thank you again.

Mrs Fuller added the following comments from members of the organising committee, unable to attend:

- Ann Jenkins Vice Chair, Archives and Publishing Committee – Torpoint were wonderful, particularly Mike Pearn and Milly, also Rosemary Pellew, Torpoint Archives and helpers who helped Gorsedh Kernow sales stalls on several occasions. Their care, concern and kindness was wonderful. It all helped to make for a very positive experience for all. Torpoint was a wonderful event and a special thank you to members of the Archives team for all their support, kindness and consideration.
- Dee Brotherton, Communications Officer - My only comment, which is of no help to Torpoint now it's all over, is that we should have more posters at the actual venues, especially on the day of the event. For example, during the book fair and the conference there was no advertising on the entrance door, perhaps a "HERE TODAY, FREE ENTRY, ALL WELCOME" paper banner placed at an angle alongside a large event poster might be a welcome addition? The power of local advertising was demonstrated well by the size of the audience at the Dance group. I remember a similar event in Saltash in 2009 when I was one of only 6 customers. It was very hard work for the band and dance leader.

As communications officer, I was very grateful to Milly for allowing me to access my emails using the Town Council's own wi-fi service while I was staying in the area. In order for me to get press releases out quickly to catch the following weeks' papers I really needed access on the Sunday and the site where I was staying

did not have a reliable service. Mike and his team were so helpful and although I didn't actually ask I suspect if I had asked, I would have been given access on the Sunday as well at 3pm.

- Esme and Roger Tackley, Trophy Steward, both bards - The appointed Ladies' toilets at the school had just 2 cubicles, which with the volume of use would not then flush. Some more enterprising bards found alternative facilities elsewhere. The setting of the tree-lined bowl, looking across the Tamar to the contrasting industrial landscape of Devonport was very atmospheric. It was a stunning backdrop to Bardh Meur's speech. The Mayor and his wife did a brilliant bilingual welcome. The pasties at tea were wonderful! The mayor, Mike Pearn was an absolute star; he seemed to be everywhere, doing everything.
- Merv Davey, Deputy Grand Bard - From my perspective merging Pay Pal with postal booking for Bardic Teas and Ceremony attendance worked well as did the spreadsheet Eddie set up so would want to pass this system on to St Austell. Management of Bards with disability / mobility issues – I think there was a problem with the minibus but they seemed to sort quite easily. In the end their motto of "no problems only solutions" seemed to address most things

J Tivnan responded that although the minibus used for the transportation of Bards was able to accommodate wheelchair users, there was only one Bard who used a wheelchair. It was suggested therefore that the booking form for future events is changed to have a tick box to indicate a wheelchair user, to differentiate between requiring transportation and also being a wheelchair user.

Mrs Fuller added that the suite of rooms and also the Main Hall provided free of charge by Torpoint Community College was an excellent facility and wished to thank the College for providing this.

The Chairman M Pearn read letters of thanks regarding the event from Eve Walters and also from Mike Millard, a Bard Marshall, who both conveyed their thanks to the town for hosting such a wonderful and truly memorable event.

The Chairman M Pearn thanked the Gorsedh Council for choosing Torpoint to host the 2014 Gorsedh Ceremony, and indicated that it had be a pleasure working with all, a lot of his dealings having been made with the Grand Bard Maureen, including in the middle of the night emails to Maureen were sent and by the morning a reply was always there, although it usually took a little bit longer if the reply had to come from Australia! Thank you Maureen for all your guidance and help and also thanks to all the Gorsedh officers who we have had the pleasure to work with for all their help as well. He continued that Torpoint was delighted to host Gorsedh Kernow for 2014 and wish to thank all members of the organising committee for their invaluable assistance, without whom the event would not have run as smoothly as it did. Wishing St Austell a successful Gorsedh event in 2015, he commented that if in future it is such a hot day it may be worth considering having jug of water available for all Bards, VIPS, banner carriers and members. He concluded that the location, Thanckes Park was beautiful and it has been great for the town to use the Lawn twice for events in the month of September and will be great to see it in use again next year for Armed Forces Day.

Mrs Fuller enquired regarding the funds from the sale of the ceremony booklets and questioned the whereabouts of these funds, M Pearn agreed to investigate this, **Action M Pearn**

4. Gorsedh Financial Report – The Treasurer

- The Treasurer provided a full report on Gorsedh
- Payment of invoice to Torpoint Town Council for Gorsedh mugs - £435.00 was approved for payment by members
- Currently the account will be in profit £1,216.72
- Mrs Fuller commented that this amount is brilliant! The income will include the £400.00 float initially given to Torpoint and explained that any profit will need to be returned to the Gorsedh, as this will assist with payment of the sound system. As the Gorsedh are a non-profit making society, this is a fantastic profit which can be used to support future events.
- The Treasurer recorded that he will arrange for any profit balance to be paid back to the Gorsedh organization and will also email the spreadsheet to the Gorsedh Treasurer.
- Mrs Fuller concluded that once the deductions had been made, she would provide information regarding the final balance.

Mr B Palmer, from St Austell Town Council wished to thank the organising committee for being given the invitation to participate in the liaison for and also the Gorsedh event, it has been very useful and will enable his town to hopefully host an event similar to the one held in Torpoint.

M Pearn referred to the constitution and announced that the Gorsedh Kernow event had now been dissolved. Members who were attending this meeting solely for the Gorsedh wash-up left the meeting.

5. Minutes of the meeting and matters arising from the TTP meeting held on 18th August 2014

Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th August 2014 were taken as read, with the following amendment: Item 13: remove Kim Brownhill's name from the third bullet point: proposing the town carnival and Lions events be co-ordinated together. S Murray indicated that he would investigate the possibility of holding the Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lions Club Annual Fayre and the Carnival events on consecutive weekends. Consideration needs to be given also the Football club Annual BBQ as this is held on a Saturday afternoon, along with the Mayfield Church Fete, held on the first Saturday in July.

6. Update on projects in and around the Town

- Mayor's Charity Quiz Event at Torpoint Comrades Club – Saturday 25th October, 8.30pm, teams of up to 6 persons.
- CHAT are holding a Quiz event on 17th October and were planning a Fashion Show at the Council Chambers on 7th November, although this may be postponed (post meeting note, this has now been cancelled).
- CHAT are working alongside City College Plymouth to offer short courses in the town, including Jewellery making, a three week course and also there will short wreath making courses, in the lead up to Christmas.
- Kernow King - Splann! A Cornish comedian is performing at the Council Chambers on Friday 28th November, tickets are available on-line at the following website www.thekernowking.eventbrite.com, £10.00 per ticket, plus a £1.25 booking fee.
- Friday 7th November – Antique Valuations here, 2.00pm – 4.00pm.
- S Murray gave a brief report of the project work currently being undertaken between the Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lions Group and also local young members of the community. Engaging with local schools, with CATS (Community Action Through Sport) where youngsters volunteer whilst attaining their Young Leaders in Service Award. The success of more youngsters is likely to follow. More recently the scheme is starting to engage with youngsters from Carbeile School and the youth of Torpoint are very keen to get on board.

S Murray continued that there will be a Peace poster competition being launched in the first week of November and the winners of the competition will be presented at a forthcoming Lions meeting.

The Lions have organized a Swimathon event, taking place at HMS Raleigh on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th October, Captain Fancy agreed for the event to take place and is raising money for CATS. Schools are involved, along with scouts, he is hopeful that more community groups will also participate.

S Murray reported that members from the Youth Group, who are aged 14 years or over, are being invited to help with the Lions Christmas Sleigh this year.

L Murray commented that the Youth Group are currently in dire straits, for a variety of reasons and added that Becky Lingard has been working very hard to help retain the service in the town.

7. News letter / Advertising

- G. Davis reported that this months' 'Tyhee Times' news-letter has not yet been uploaded to the website, once uploaded he will be working in information for the next one. The Tyhee Times is currently costing £100 per month in total, with the Council funding 50% of the invoice, all members voted in favour of retaining the Tyhee Times for a further 6 months. Mrs R Pellew mentioned that she had not received the latest editions of the Advertiser at her home address, it was agreed to follow this up with the Advertiser, **Action M Pearn.**

8. Torpoint & Rame Youth Project Report

No report

9. Diary Dates for 2014/15

- Diary dates were distributed with the agenda, agreed that the Committee will need to start looking at scheduling events for next year. Volunteers are being sought to assist with putting up the Christmas Lights in Fore Street on Sunday 23 November, 9.30am -10am start, **action any volunteers.**

10. Armed Forces Day 2015

Next meeting is scheduled for 21 October 2014, this Committee will form part of the organising team.

11. Paint the Town Gold Fund raising – Cornwall’s Paint the Town Gold Campaign – September

A letter has been received from the Fundraising Manager (Cornwall) of CLIC Sargent thanking the town for the wonderful donation of £775.74 received for the Paint the Town Gold Fundraising campaign. Reporting that they have vast services in Cornwall and were able last year to supported 74 Cornish families with a child or young person with cancer. All agreed this was a fantastic effort by all involved. Members assembled after the meeting for a photograph. The Chairman added his own personal thanks to all those who had helped with fundraising for CLIC Sargent, it was very much appreciated.

12. Financial Report – The Treasurer

a. Account report - E. Andrews informed members that the balances are as follows:

	£2,603.97 TTP
Less	<u>£1,216.72 Gorsedh allocation</u>
	<u>£1,387.25 available</u>

All agreed that with this figure remaining the proposal for 6 months of Tyhee Times @ £50.00 per month Fundraising was discussed, including for Armed Forces Day, forms for this will be available in November. G Davies stated that in his opinion the income generated from the Gorsedh event would have been invested back in the community of Torpoint, which would then acknowledge the community effort given by all.

13. Any Other Business

- Discussed re-branding of the Committee as other local organisations have not been sending representatives to the meetings. It was proposed that an article could be included in the Tyhee Times detailing the Torpoint Town Partnership, encouraging the community to look at the Town website.

14. Date of next meeting

The date of the next Torpoint Town Partnership meeting will be Thursday 13th November 2014 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room of the Council Chambers.

Meeting closed 8.30pm.....Chairman