

## Cornwall's Armed Forces Day - 2015



Torpoint – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### ARMED FORCES DAY COMMITTEE

**Minutes** of the Armed Forces Day Committee held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in the Committee Room of Torpoint Council Chamber.

**Present:** Mike Pearn MBE, Andy Martin, Lambert Keise, Eddie Andrews, Gary Davis, Jessica Kinsman, Rose Southworth, John Tivnan, Mike O'Mahony, Terry Moore (later), Kim Brownhill

1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.
2. Apologies were received from John & Chris Rankin, Colin Prideaux, Julie Martin and Milly Southworth
3. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as a true record.
4. Sponsorship Request/Funding/Grants
  - After some discussion it was agreed that the Town Council should be approached to underwrite the cost of the event, with any grant funding and sponsorship being used to repay the council (along the lines of how the jubilee event was run.)
  - Andy Martin gave figures of £2832 excl VAT for the staging requirements and £2200 also excl VAT for the fireworks.
  - It was agreed that lottery applications should be made as soon as possible **Action Julie Martin & Eddie Andrews.**
  - Ideas for the entertainment were discussed and it was decided that everyone should be involved in this, by gathering costs for various entertainers and bringing these to the next meeting. **Action ALL**
  - Gary Davis said he had made contact with the “Kernow King” and would report to the next meeting. **Action Gary Davis.**
5. Site Meeting Report
  - A site meeting had taken place earlier in the week. Notes from this to follow **Action Milly Southworth.**
  - Several points raised – concerns over the distance proposed for the veterans to march, so the likely route would now be from the bottom of The Lawn into the arena space.

- Car parking likely to be an issue as well as traffic congestion in and around the town. Suggested that a park and ride scheme be looked into, approaching Antony Estate for a couple of fields to use and City Bus and/or First to run shuttle service. Possibility of using Home Park, park & ride also to be looked into. Babcock dockyard shuttle bus also considered a possibility. **Action Kim Brownhill.**
- Careful traffic management within The Lawn will be needed, especially for those displays/stalls not wishing to stay all day.
- Due to the large size of some of the transport involved on the day, there is probably the need for some tree surgery to be performed in the park. Rose Southworth to raise the matter with the friends of Thanckes Park. **Action Rose Southworth.**
- A further site meeting will be arranged. **Action Mike Pearn.**

#### 6. Veterans Parade Update

- VIP for the parade could possibly be the VIP from the passing out parade at HMS Raleigh the day before. **Action Mike Pearn**
- John Tivnan mentioned the possibility of having a platoon of Chelsea Pensioners at the event. He was awaiting the result of an enquiry to gain free transport for them and would ask HMS Raleigh for accommodation. **Action John Tivnan.**
- We will find out in October if we have the RM Band to play, if not the Drake Volunteer band have the date pencilled in their diary.

#### 7. Afternoon Entertainment

- Jessica Kinsman spoke about the possibility of a flypast and a possible parachute display team and the difficulties faced due to the park being in part of the “avoid zone”. All avenues are being explored to get around this. **Action Jessica Kinsman**

#### 8. Evening Entertainment

- Various suggestions were made and everyone asked to make enquiries and report to the next meeting. **Action All.**

#### 9. Treasurers Report

- Nothing to report as no funds allocated yet, but accounting system in place.

#### 10. A.O.B.

- Request for publicity/media relations to be made a permanent agenda item. **Action Milly Southworth.**
- Rose Southworth suggested that HMS Heroes locally be contacted to design a badge and or programme cover which could then be sold to help generate some income.

#### 11. Date of next meeting

21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 – 7pm