

TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of an Extra-ordinary meeting of Torpoint Town Council held on Monday 3rd August 2015 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room, 4 York Road, Torpoint.

PRESENT:- Town Mayor (Councillor M N Pearn MBE), Councillors E H Andrews, Mrs. K Brownhill, J F Creek, G J Davis, B Hobbs, Mrs. A I Johnson, Mrs. J M Martin, Mrs. R A Southworth and J Tivnan plus the Assistant Town Clerk.

68-15 Apologies for absence:-

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor M J Crago), Councillors Mrs. C E Goodman, Mrs. C A Jackson and L E Keise.

69-15 Declaration of Interest relating to items on the Agenda

Non-Registerable Interests (NRI) were declared by the following:-

Town Mayor – Agenda item 3(a) (as being known to the applicant)

Councillor J F Creek – Agenda item 3(a) (as being known to the applicant)

Councillor B Hobbs – Agenda item 3(a) (as being known to the applicant)

Councillor Mrs. A I Johnson – Agenda item 3(a) (as being known to the applicant)

70-15 Planning Applications

a) PA15/05689 – 1, Fore Street, Torpoint - Re-organisation of 1, Fore Street and extension to form 5 new flats in extension and 5 new flats in the existing building with common circulation and lift. New access and refurbishment of existing maisonette.

Recommend refusal on the following grounds:-

1. The proposed development is not in keeping with the local area. Specifically, drawing no 1476-PL-007 shows the south elevation of the new building at the side of the existing property and the overbearing height of the planned building.
2. The building is planned in an area of severe deprivation, this development will not increase the standards, i.e. employment or the economy, in this area.
3. The development would involve the loss of a historic Torpoint building, the first fire station in the town, from circa 1902.
4. Construction work could disrupt the local businesses in Fore Street.
5. There is a lack of parking for residents and those persons visiting residents.
6. Would ask that further consultation is made with residents and businesses in the vicinity, Fore Street and Macey Street for example.
7. The proposed development would overshadow the area of Sparrow Park, a commemorative park.
8. The town of Torpoint is currently developing a visioning process along with the Torpoint Neighbourhood Development Plan and are therefore not yet ready to approve this development and would recommend a deferral on the decision, until January 2016, when it is anticipated the Neighbourhood Plan will be in its draft form.
9. It is noted that the development would provide additional accommodation in the town, it is the planning design which needs to be reviewed.

(7 voted in favour of the objection, 1 voted against the objection with 2 abstentions (including Councillor B Hobbs)).

Meeting closed at 7.47pm.....Town Mayor