

TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Tuesday 20th October 2015 at 7.15pm in the Council Committee Room, 4, York Road, Torpoint.

PRESENT: - Councillor G J Davis (Chairman), Town Mayor (Councillor M N Pearn MBE), E H Andrews (as substitute for Councillor L E Keise), Mrs C E Goodman and Mrs A I Johnson plus the Town Clerk.

46- 15DL Standing Orders

Standing Orders relating to the commencement of business were suspended.

47- 15DL Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of the Councillors Mrs C A Jackson, L E Keise, Mrs J M Martin and J Tivnan.

48- 15DL Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda

None.

49- 15DL Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th September 2015 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

50- 15DL Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Town Centre Manager:-

Pursuant to minute 40-15DL (b) the Chairman responded to this item by giving his view of how the post should develop and suggested that the Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk could review how this post could be incorporated within the Town Council structure but dedicated to the strategy and development of town initiatives. The Chairman also suggested that the post should become re-designated as the Strategic Development Manager and further ventured that this post could become the highest paid post of all the Council employees within the redefined staffing structure by being at the forefront of developing projects. Councillor E H Andrews suggested that this proposed post transcends all Committees and the Mayor might consider calling a meeting of the former Systems and Procedures Working Party that included all the Committee Chairmen to review this suggestion further. The Chairman pointed to the amount of projects and initiatives that would be coming on-stream within the immediate future by referring to the vision document that could be with this Council within 3 months. The Chairman therefore stressed the urgency of the situation. Following further discussion it is **recommended** that the Council formulates a strategy on how it wishes to respond to the new developments and initiatives and commences discussions as soon as possible on how it wishes to devise a structure to successfully implement them.

b) Park in Rowe Street:-

Pursuant to minute to minute 40-15DL (e) the Clerk reported that he has emailed the CNA Link Manager with a request that further updates are made available to the Council following this Council's expression of interest. It was noted that this Council has included a small budget within the development plan for this area. The response from the CNA Link Officer is awaited.

51- 15DL Localism

a) Parish Lengthsman Scheme:-

The Clerk reported that he has received an email from Cornwall Council confirming that the Japanese Knotweed infestation at the top of Thanckes Park has been sprayed by CORMAC at the beginning of October. The Clerk has asked for the spray records for information and consideration

to facilitate on-going and future treatment. The Clerk has also asked the CNA Manager for updates and intentions from Cornwall Council on the proposed pilot management agreement that it is intended to enter into with this Council. The Chairman suggested that as an integral part of the Lengthsman Scheme, the Council could look at improving the aesthetics of the Waterfront area (from Ferry Beach to the Promenade) that would include herbicide treatment and also light maintenance. The Chairman suggested that this would only result in a small budget needing to be allocated.

b) Car Parks:-

The Clerk informed the meeting that together with the Mayor he has been invited to a meeting to meet with the Cornwall Council cabinet port-folio holder to discuss possible devolution of car parks. The Clerk will attend and it was anticipated that Mayor will also be available. The Chairman suggested that another Councillor might wish to replace the Mayor if he is unavailable.

52- 15DL Town Council Development Plan

a) Library Service:-

The Clerk confirmed that he has been in contact with the Officer responsible for the devolution of face to face services. It is understood that more information will become available at the end of the month following a meeting at Cornwall Council when members will be discussing options. As soon as information becomes available the Clerk will circulate to members.

b) Town Festival:-

The Chairman noted that the Tourism Festival event has been referred to the Torpoint Town partnerships with a budget included within the Development Plan of £5,000. It is understood that festival for the next financial year will focus on the Queens 90th birthday.

c) Town Council Maintenance Vehicle:-

It was noted that this is now an operational matter as a budget has been included within the Development Plan

53- 15DL Planning Applications:-

None.

54- 15DL Correspondence

a) CHICKS – CHICKS Magazine.

Noted.

55- 15DL Accounts for payment

PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	VAT	NET
Firewatch SW	Alarm Test etc	218.44	36.41	182.03
A & D Supplies	Vacuum Cleaner/Dust bags	260.34	43.39	216.95
British Telecom	Phone Bill	32.53	5.42	27.11
CORY	Wheelie Bin	94.99	15.83	79.16
Carew Lodge No 1136	Refreshments - Civic Parade	283.85	0.00	283.85

56- 15DL Date of the Next meeting

Thursday 26th November 2015.

57- 15DL Any Business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting

Councillor Mrs A I Johnson – Voiced concern that the numbers attending meetings of this Committee were borderline and asked if this Committee should look at the purpose and possible clarification of the Committee. Councillor E H Andrews suggested an attendance register although it was noted that this might be linked to the membership profile. The Chairman reminded the

Committee that the implementation of the new developments and projects as a result of the visioning exercise would fall within this Committees remit.

Meeting closed at 8.06 pmChairman