

TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Tuesday 26th January 2016 at 7.00pm in the Council Committee Room, 4, York Road, Torpoint.

PRESENT: - Councillor G J Davis (Chairman), Mrs C E Goodman, B Hobbs, Mrs A I Johnson, and Mrs J M Martin plus the Town Clerk.

Also present: - Cornwall Councillor for the Rame Peninsula G Trubody.

69- 15DL Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of the Town Mayor (Councillor M N Pearn MBE) and Councillors J F Creek, Mrs C A Jackson, L E Keise and J Tivnan.

70- 15DL Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda

None.

71- 15DL Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th November 2015 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

72- 15DL Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Strategic Development Manager:-

Pursuant to minute 62-15DL (a) the Chairman confirmed that this matter has now been finalised with the Council agreeing to administrative support in place of a Strategic Development Manager.

b) Japanese Knotweed Control Agreement:-

Pursuant to minute 62-15DL (b) the Clerk reported receipt of a further email from Cornwall Council asking what appeared to be similar questions to those that were being asked in another email some two months previously on agronomical questions. The Clerk has responded by re-sending the original email and suggesting that direct contact is made with the officers involved. The Clerk pointed out that with February approaching, a contract or SLA should be in place by the end of March so that arrangements can be put in place to commence the eradication programme. Councillor B Hobbs voiced concern at the continual delay and wished to be kept informed of progress and if additional support was required.

c) Library/One Stop Shop:-

Pursuant to minute 63-15DL (a) the Clerk reported that he has no further updates from those that were circulated to members. It was acknowledged that this project has now been delegated to this Committee for further consideration. In response to a suggestion from the Chairman, Councillor Hobbs offered to lead the Committee on this project. The Chairman suggested that in consultation with Cornwall Council, a service delivery plan should be created clearly illustrating how the Town Council wishes to deliver the service. Members discussed some of the initiatives that could be implemented involving possibly extended opening hours, use of volunteers and involvement of potential partners. The Chairman also voiced the opinion that should the possible use of the proposed premises not materialise, then a strategic plan might be forthcoming in which the current site is considered as a venue. The Chairman also raised the matter of future funding although it was noted that the revenue budget for 2016-17 has been assured. Other issues raised included the Vision for Cornwall document and support for local councils. It was noted that these matters would be raised in the meetings that have been arranged with the library service.

73- 15DL Items referred to this Committee

a) Vision for Torpoint Strategy:-

The Chairman drew attention to the document that had been circulated at the Council meeting held on Thursday 21st January 2016 and subsequently referred to this Committee for further consideration. The Chairman highlighted various items in the document before referring to the specific proposals in 1 (a-e) (it was noted that the Vision for Torpoint as referred in proposal 2 has been delegated to the Development and Localism Committee). The Chairman pointed to the key proposals before it was agreed a small Working Group would be formed to review the proposals and make recommendations to this Committee for consideration. Councillor Davis also suggested that staff could attend the meeting of the Working Group.

74- 15DL Localism

a) Town Parking Review Survey:-

The Chairman referred to the survey that was considered by Council and delegated to this Committee for a response to Cornwall Council. The Clerk reported that he had contacted Cornwall Council following an instruction from the Council as the survey appeared to be inconsistent and the Clerk was requested to seek clarification. The Clerk understood from the conversation with Cornwall Council that the confusion might be occurring as there are two surveys – one that excludes Torpoint from the consultation as currently there are no plans to implement on-street parking charges in the town. The other survey that does include Torpoint relates to car parking charge tariffs and it was this item that had been referred to this committee for consideration and a reply to Cornwall Council. Councillor B Hobbs suggested that the status quo should remain but at the very least the short stay charges should remain drawing attention to the multi-occupancy of spaces within an hour. Councillor Hobbs remarked that although the charge was for an hour, most shoppers and short stay users only used the space for a fraction of this period thus meaning the space could be used several times during the hour thus generating additional revenue. By increasing short term charges, users could be deterred from using the car parks. After considering this matter further it was **resolved** that the Council would reply by objecting to any increase in short term tariffs and if there were an increase these should be applied to long term charges. It was noted that individual members and the public could respond to the consultation

75- 15DL Coastal Community Team Economic Strategy - Chairman

The Chairman introduced this item by referring to the Coastal Community team Economic Strategy (as circulated). It was noted that this item had been delegated to this Committee by Council to consider, review and respond. It was also noted that the document had been sent to all partners for comments and observations and that it was generally well received. The Chairman reminded members that the Coastal Community Team Advisory Committee had met for some considerable time and there had been robust input into the document. The Chairman then proceeded to review the plan in detail with members inviting comments and observations. It was **resolved** that the Council adopt the Coastal Community Team Economic Strategy subject to inclusion of the final/suggested amendments that are appended to these minutes.

76- 15DL Planning Applications:-

None.

77- 15DL Correspondence

None.

78- 15DL Accounts for payment

PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	VAT	NET
British Gas	Gas Supply	1,401.96	233.66	1,168.30
Clifton Emery Design	Masterplanning (Coastal Comm Team)	4,200.00	700.00	3,500.00
Clifton Emery Design	Mapping (Neighbourhood Plan)	182.40	30.40	152.00
Westernweb	NDP Website (Vision Section)	720.00	120.00	600.00
CF Southworth	Return Keys Barclays (Special del)	7.25	0.00	7.25
Southern Electric	Electricity Supply - Council Chambers	916.34	0.00	916.34

79- 15DL Date of the Next meeting

Thursday 26th February 2016.

80- 15DL Any Business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting

None.

Meeting closed at 8.35 pmChairman