

TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Thursday 25th February 2016 at 7.00pm in the Mayor's Parlour, 1 – 3 Buller Road, Torpoint.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair members elected Councillor M N Pearn MBE (Town Mayor) to Chair the meeting.

PRESENT:- Councillor M N Pearn MBE (Chair), Mrs. K Brownhill (as substitute for Councillor G J Davis), Mrs. C E Goodman, B Hobbs, Mrs. C A Jackson, Mrs. J A Martin, J Tivnan plus the Assistant Town Clerk.

81-15 DL Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Davis and Mrs. A I Johnson.

82-15 DL Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda

A registerable interest was declared by:

Councillor Mrs. C A Jackson (Agenda item 4 as an employee of Cornwall Council Library Service).

83-15 DL Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Development and Localism Committee meeting held on the Tuesday 26th January 2016 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

84-15 DL Matters arising from the minutes

a) Japanese Knotweed Control Agreement:-

Pursuant to minute 72-15DL (b) the Assistant Town Clerk explained that unfortunately the Town Clerk had not yet received a response from Cornwall Council over a possible eradication programme. Councillor B Hobbs offered to assist with making contact with Cornwall Council to endeavour to move this agreement forward. Councillors expressed their continued disappointment over the prolonged time being taken by Cornwall Council to respond to this matter.

b) Library/One Stop Shop:-

Pursuant to minute 72-15DL (b) the Assistant Town Clerk reported on behalf of the Town Clerk that following receipt of the estimated costs for the refurbishment, a meeting is being arranged with the management team from the Library service, to consider the way forward. Members supported Councillor B Hobbs when voicing concerns over the current poor state that the Barclays Bank building has been left in, in the centre of the town.

c) Town Parking Review Strategy:-

Pursuant to minute 74-15DL (a) Councillor B Hobbs reported the following proposed parking charges, from Cornwall Council, for the town car parks, for 2016/17 financial year are as follows:

CURRENT		PROPOSED	
Up to 1 hour	50p per hour	Up to 1hour	60p per hour
Up to 2 hours	£2.00	Up to 2 hours	£1.40

Members discussed these proposals and thanked Councillor B Hobbs for his efforts to reduce the proposed increases who agreed to continue to work towards keeping the town parking charges down.

85-15 DL Items Referred to this Committee

a) Vision for Torpoint Strategy:-

The Assistant Town Clerk explained that a meeting is arranged with the planning consultants to review the draft Vision for Torpoint document and then compile the recommendations for the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Following this meeting the final Vision for Torpoint document will be prepared, copies will then be distributed to key stakeholders in the town.

b) Report from the Working Group:-

Members had received the papers circulated by Councillor G Davis. Councillor Mrs. J A Martin summarised the working party meeting and explained some of the outcomes. Detailing the suggested "Mission" – Councillor Mrs C A Jackson commented that the statement seemed impressive. Councillor Mrs. J. A Martin provided further detail on the proposed "Values" and also the proposed "Vision" and "Objectives". Members were reminded that the working party was an initial meeting and these suggestions are currently in an embryonic state, further work will be required before being presented to Council. To allow all Councillors an opportunity to give feedback and make suggestions and changes, the Assistant Town Clerk agreed to circulate the information to all Councillors again. Mrs. J A Martin anticipated the working party group will meet again in time for the April Council meeting.

86-15 DL Localism

a) Coastal Community Economic Strategy: -

The Assistant Town Clerk reminded Members of their decision to make an application for the allocation of this Community Network Area's share of the Local Devolution Fund to assist devolution and partnership working. The application will be drafted and submitted before the deadline of 31st March 2016. Councillor G Davis (Chair of the Coastal Communities Advisory Committee) has already visited two of the member Parish Councils, and support for the funding application has been granted by both Councils. Over the next month, a more detailed presentation of the projects within the plan will be explained to other Councillors, including a presentation to Torpoint Town Council at the March meeting. The Assistant Town Clerk explained that a press release has been circulated and it is hoped this will increase publicity for the Economic plan.

b) Park in Rowe Street:-

Councillor B Hobbs advised that a bid for devolution funding to bring the Park in Rowe Street to a better standard for £3,000 had not been successful.

87-15 DL Correspondence

None.

88-15 DL Planning Applications

None.

89-15 DL Accounts for Payment

None.

90-15 DL Date of next meeting

Thursday 24th March 2016.

91-15 DL Any Business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting

➤ Listing Committee members:-

Members asked for the list of Committee members to be circulated with agendas for future meetings and re-iterated that Councillors should seek substitutes when unable to attend a Committee meeting.

➤ Attendance tally:-

Members asked the Assistant Town Clerk to compile a tally of Members attendance at all Committee and Council meetings over the civic year 2015/16.

Meeting closed 7.55pm.....Chairman