

TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Thursday 22nd September 2016 at 7.00pm in the Council Committee Room, 4, York Road, Torpoint.

PRESENT: - Town Mayor (Councillor M J Crago), Councillors Mrs. C E Goodman (late arrival), Mrs. C A Jackson, L E Keise, Mrs. J M Martin and J Tivnan plus the Town Clerk.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman the Town Mayor (Councillor M J Crago) took the Chair.

	ACTION
<p>28-16 D&L Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G J Davis and Miss R A Tanner BEM.</p>	
<p>29-16 D&L Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda None.</p>	
<p>30-16 D&L Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the Development and Localism Committee meeting held on the Friday 29th July 2016 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>31-16 D&L Matters arising from the minutes None.</p>	
<p>32-16 D&L Items Referred to this Committee None.</p>	
<p>33-16 D&L Policies Reviewed by this Committee None.</p>	
<p>34-16 D&L Development Plan 2017-20 The Committee considered the two strands to the Development Plan that are detailed below. a) Development Plan Strategy:- The Committee considered Torpoint Town Council Development Strategy for 2017-20 using the previous Development Strategy for 2016-19 as the baseline document. After considering the document it is recommended that the attached Torpoint Town Council Development Strategy for 2017-20 is approved by the Council (amendments to the document are highlighted in green). i) Law and Order: - The level of police presence has gone down and various ideas were floated to improve engagement by the police with the public and community. ii) Tourism Festival: - Councillor Mrs. J M Martin recommended that any unspent balances from the Tourism Festival is carried forward in allocated reserves rather than being subsumed in the general reserve. Councillor Mrs. Martin reminded members that not all the festivals were alike in terms of costs and by undertaking this strategy would ensure any additional finances for a large festival were available. b) Development Plan Budget Proposals:- Members considered the three year proposed Development Plan. It is recommended that the proposals for this Committee as contained within appendix "A" to these minutes with further information annotated in the Notes section are approved by Council.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Council</p>

35-16 D&L Localism

a) Libraries:-

It was reported that the meetings with Cornwall Council would commence on Thursday 29th September 2016. The meetings would discuss the feasibility and possibility of undertaking delivery of this service by Torpoint Town Council. Based on previous experience it is estimated that this process would take around 12 months.

b) Tennis Courts:-

It was noted that the principal delay to this project was the possible demolition of the changing hut at the site. Currently tenders are being sought by Cornwall Council. The Council has expressed an interest in the land and tennis courts.

c) Rowe Street:-

Negotiations are still in progress and have become protracted. The small park at the junction with the North Hill service lane could form part of wider parks programme and is part of the on-going devolution package for the town.

d) Japanese Knotweed:-

It was reported that this initiative is part of the on-going negotiations with Cornwall Council. This Council has disputed the proposed re-imburement amount from Cornwall Council and also criticised the tardiness of sending the proposed contract to the Council. It is unlikely this Council will undertake the programme this year. Councillor J Tivnan suggested that the Council seeks estimates to engage with an external contractor to undertake the work for the 2017 season.

e) War Memorial:-

Councillor Tivnan explained that he is undertaking work with the project and obtaining estimates. He suggested that the project will be transcending financial years and expressed surprise that this town has not had a war memorial on the similar lines to other comparable towns

f) Adela Road:-

Councillor Tivnan explained that he is awaiting feedback from Councillor Hobbs who is making enquiries at Cornwall Council.

36-16 D&L Correspondence

None.

37-16 D&L Planning Applications

None.

38-16 D&L Accounts for payment

PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	(VAT)	NETT
M N Pearn (reimbursement)	Mayor Board update	80.00	0.00	80.00
Complete Office Solutions	Stationery	85.83	13.07	72.76
Complete Office Solutions	Stamps	55.00	0.00	55.00
British Gas	Electricity - Antony Road Public Cons	20.28	0.96	19.32
Plumbase	Plumbing Supplies	109.75	18.30	91.45
M Acton	Laundry	75.00	0.00	75.00

39-16 D&L Date of next meeting

Thursday 27th October 2016.

40-16 D&L Any Business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting

None.

Meeting Closed at 8.05pm. _____ Chairman