

TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development and Localism Committee held on Thursday 24th November 2016 at 7.00pm in the Council Committee Room, 4, York Road, Torpoint.

PRESENT: - Councillors E H Andrews (as substitute for Mrs. C E Goodman), A P Glanville, L E Keise, Mrs. J M Martin, M N Pearn (as substitute for Councillor G J Davis), Miss R A Tanner BEM and J Tivnan (late arrival) plus the Town Clerk.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Councillor E H Andrews was elected Chairman for the meeting.

	ACTION
<p>53-16 D&L Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Town Mayor (Councillor M J Crago), G J Davis, Mrs. C E Goodman and Mrs. C A Jackson.</p>	
<p>54-16 D&L Declarations of Interest relating to items on the Agenda None.</p>	
<p>55-16 D&L Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the Development and Localism Committee meeting held on the Thursday 27th October 2016 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>56-16 D&L Matters arising from the minutes None.</p>	
<p>57-16 D&L Items Referred to this Committee a) Development Plan Strategy:- The Committee considered the Development Plan Strategy for 2017-2020 as referred back to by Council and subsequently referred onto to this Committee meeting from the previous Committee meeting. Members considered the amendments as suggested by Councillor G J Davis (as circulated at the previous meeting). After a brief consideration members recommend that the amendments are included in the strategy.</p>	Council
<p>58-16 D&L Policies Reviewed by this Committee None.</p>	
<p>59-16 D&L Localism:- a) Cornwall Council – SLA Closed Churchyard Maintenance. Members considered the letter (as circulated) offering to enter into an SLA on the closed churchyard at Horson cemetery. It was noted that the response had to be returned to Cornwall Council by the 5th December 2016. Councillor Mrs. J M Martin was of the opinion that the Council had embarked on small scale devolution projects and this could be seen as being part of this process. After considering the matter members resolved to respond by expressing an interest in entering into exploratory dialogue but without prejudice and the Clerk was directed to respond to Cornwall Council along these lines.</p>	
<p>60-16 D&L Correspondence a) Cornwall Council – Pre-Application Planning Protocols:- The Council were in receipt of a suggested protocol to deal with planning pre-applications. The</p>	

Clerk reminded members that there had been uncertainty with pre-applications that involved possible pre-determination by members. Members were reminded that Councillor B Hobbs, following a planning meeting run by Cornwall Council, had indicated conditions whereby the Town Council could view pre-applications and this process had been supported by the monitoring officer. By adopting the protocol this would enable members to view pre-applications under conditions approved by this Council. The conditions the Committee **recommends** the Council adopt are

- i) Pre-planning applications will only be viewed with all the council present and additionally with the public being invited to attend. Members should not view pre-applications privately or as an individual.
- ii) Members can express an opinion but that it should not be a "closed mind" view. By adopting a "closed mind" view could be construed as pre-determination.
- iii) The applicant should fund any expenses involved with the presentation and provide hard copies of the pre-application for inspection.

b) Plymouth City Council – Plymouth and SW Devon Joint Local Plan.
Noted. Members were reminded of the closing date for submissions.

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61-16 D&L Planning Applications

None.

62-16 D&L Accounts for payment

PAYEE	REASON	GROSS	(VAT)	NETT
Viking Direct	Stamps and Stationery	275.36	35.31	240.05
Cornwall Council	Garage Rent (3/10/16-01.01.17)	167.14	27.82	139.32
Wilkinsons	Electrical Test Inspection	1,020.00	170.00	850.00
BUNZL	Cleaning Supplies	153.88	25.65	128.23

63-16 D&L Date of next meeting

Thursday 26th January 2017.

64-16 D&L Any Business that has been disclosed to the Chairman and members prior to the meeting

- Congratulations were extended to the NDP Steering Group and Clifton Emery Design on winning the Urban Design award.

Meeting Closed at 7.20pm. _____ Chairman