

Meeting of the Council

Thursday, 29 September 2011

Questions Under Standing Order A13

Question (1) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities and Transport – Councillor Excell	Why it is that, despite being placed on the priority list for a ‘build out’ or pedestrian crossing, Ellacombe School, Ellacombe Church Road entrance, has been overlooked in favour of a less deserving scheme in Paignton?
Question (2) by Councillor Darling to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Strategic Planning, Housing and Energy – Councillor Thomas (D)	Please supply me with a year by year break down of what works have been conducted on community centres, at what cost, and what costs have been met by the Local Authority or its proxy over the past four years?
Question (3) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities and Transport – Councillor Excell	What consideration has been given to providing effective traffic calming measures or a pedestrian crossing for Quinta Road in Ellacombe? And, if he is aware of the great danger, particularly to children and young people attending Babbacombe and Westlands schools (and after school clubs) caused by the ‘boy racers’ who persist in turning Quinta Road into a race track each evening?
Question (4) by Councillor Darling to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities and Transport – Councillor Excell	During the Easter Bank Holiday weekend many Barton residents suffered disturbance at their home due to gas works on the highway through out this holiday weekend. It has recently been drawn to my attention that the local authority could regulate such works if they operated a “Permit Scheme” to control public utilities. What plans does the local authority have to develop such a scheme?
Question (5) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Finance and Audit – Councillor Tyerman	For each of the past five municipal years (to 2010/11), how much was paid by Torbay Council to Common Purpose, and what numbers of staff were in receipt of ‘training’ from Common Purpose?

<p>Question (6) by Councillor Darling to the Mayor</p>	<p>With the cancellation of cabinet meetings and the introduction of Policy Development Groups, Torbay Council have never had so many secret meetings as a proportion of meetings held in the local authority. Do you agree that the new way of doing business on Torbay Council is disenfranchising the public?</p>
<p>Question (7) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Business Planning and Governance – Councillor Pritchard</p>	<p>Would he agree with me, that the public should reasonably expect all of their serving councillors to have been successfully CRB checked?</p>
<p>Question (8) by Councillor Darling to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Strategic Planning, Housing and Energy – Councillor Thomas (D)</p>	<p>The new doorstep recycling system in Torbay has led to much needed improvement of our recycling rates in Torbay. The public have a hunger for more materials to be collected. Over recent months I have received assurances that the items collected would be shortly increased to include; yogurt pots, margarine and ice cream tubs, fruit juice containers. Are you able to give me a date for such items to start to be collected from residents doorsteps?</p>
<p>Question (9) by Councillor Davies to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities and Transport – Councillor Excell</p>	<p>Between June 2009 and November 2010 reports to Highways Maintenance and Adrian Sanders MP were made of several accidents on Norman Road, Paignton, caused by the very poor quality of the road surface. Among these have been a mobility scooter and a child’s pushchair overturning, a 70 year old resident requiring stitches in her knee and a resident suffering a broken wrist (legal action ongoing).</p> <p>In the last week 2 more accidents have occurred; an 84 year old holiday maker fell over the top of his wheeled walker and an 81 year old resident also on a wheeled walker. Both are badly bruised and shaken. It could have been much worse.</p> <p>In view of both elderly residents and the holiday trade on this sea front area, when will Torbay Council respond to the urgency of this situation?</p>
<p>Question (10) by Councillor Faulkner (A) to the Mayor</p>	<p>Could the Mayor advise us of why he is sitting on the Police Authority. When in the past a Councillor has been nominated to that Authority as it is a full time post and needs 100% attention. Surely the Mayor could designate that post?</p>

**Question (11) by
Councillor Darling
to the Deputy
Mayor and
Executive Lead for
Strategic Planning,
Housing and
Energy –
Councillor Thomas
(D)**

For some months I have been given mixed messages about improving the management of the large grass bank on Truro Avenue Torquay. For the record please advise me how the Council plan to improve the management of this site?