

ST. MARYCHURCH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 17th January 2005

PRESENT

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| Peter Huff | Chairman |
| Cllr. Andy Westwood | Ward Councillor |
| Cllr. Roger Stringer | Ward Councillor |
| Cllr. Alan Faulkner | Ward Councillor |
| Chris Howell | St Marychurch Traders |
| Arthur Christian | Babbacombe & St Marychurch Traders Association |
| Sgt Adrian Leisk | Co-ordinator |
| Gordon Rickard | St. Marychurch Resident |
| John Lawrence | Bay Blooms, District Action Group |
| Christopher & Eileen Williams | Babbacombe Residents |
| Kathleen Hawkins | St. Anne's Hall |
| Paul Hammond | Torbay Neighbourhood Watch |
| Nita Brass | St Marychurch Local Correspondent |
| Shenagh Withey (Part Time) | St Marychurch Resident |
| Shivaun Gamme (Part Time) | St Marychurch Resident |
| Roger Garner (Part Time) | St Marychurch Resident |
| Doug Carty (Part Time) | St Marychurch Resident |
| O Walsh | St Marychurch Resident |
| Fred James | St Marychurch Resident |
| Diane Hewitt (Part Time) | St Marychurch Resident |
| John Walling (Part Time) | St Marychurch Resident |
| Gordon Hutley (Part Time) | St Marychurch Resident |
| Janice Morgan (Part Time) | St Marychurch Resident |
| J. A. Fowler (Part Time) | St Marychurch Resident |

MATTER BROUGHT FORWARD BY DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN – Snooty Fox re-development

Before the meeting could formally begin, the presence of a considerable number of St Marychurch residents wanting to discuss the proposed development had to be addressed. The Chair advised that if he had known beforehand he would have arranged for the appropriate Planning Officer to be present. It was normal procedure to inform the secretary or the chairman of any additional agenda items two weeks in advance of a meeting so that the necessary arrangements could be made.

Cllr Faulkner informed residents of a meeting with Mike Higgins the Planning Officer on Thursday 20th January at 10.30 am at Roebuck House, Abbey Road. Residents' representatives could attend and put their objections to the proposals to the Officer. The proposals would be formally considered on 22nd February at the Development Control Committee meeting when objections will be heard. Cllr Westwood pointed out that only one representative from the objectors would be allowed to speak at that meeting. The objections were, inter alia, 41 units were considered to be too many, traffic problems, hazards to children, it was a conservation area, a lane included in the proposals was privately owned and could not be developed and there was a party wall which has to be retained. Feedback on progress was requested from the objectors after the Thursday meeting. The Chairman queried whether the WP should comment upon planning applications, particularly where they affected large numbers of residents. He pointed out that the WP had commented upon applications in the past.

1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Jill Gillon, Mel Broad.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES of Meeting Held on 22 November 2004**

Proposed by Arthur Christian, seconded by Paul Hammond and **unanimously approved**.

3) **CORRESPONDENCE**

A copy of a letter from Anne Pollard T.C. (Social Services Supporting People Programme) to Mrs Henson, the co-owner of South Devon Hotel had been received together with a Supporting People Fact Sheet. It was **agreed** to put the Hensons on the Ward Partnership email list.

An email had been received from Patrick Carney (Highways Dept Torbay Council) who had queried being circulated without there being a specific subject to be addressed. There was a discussion about the merits of forming a consultation team and it was **agreed** that the Chair would consult with A. Christian in order to write a reply.

4) **ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

Nita Brass, Community Correspondent for St Marychurch, had agreed to become Secretary. Cllr. Stringer proposed and Cllr Westwood seconded. The proposal was **unanimously approved**. A. Christian proposed a vote of thanks to Jill Gillon for her long years of effective service as Secretary and that an appreciative letter should be written to her. C. Howell seconded. The proposal was **unanimously approved**

5) **ADOPTION OF WARD PARTNERSHIP CONSTITUTION**

It was pointed out that there was little mention about representation of the various groups. A lot of organizations are not represented, e.g. the British Legion, Primary Health Care Trust, and that Ward Partnerships should strive to be truly representative. The Chair referred to the training session he attended on 9th December when membership of the Partnership was discussed. The list generated was quite extensive. P. Hammond mentioned that there were over 210 groups in Torbay so there was potential for a lot of people to attend. The Chair advised that 12 different types of groups were identified and that one representative from each group would seem appropriate. K. Hawkins proposed that a quorum of not less than 5 should be stipulated, to avoid a tied vote, seconded by J. Lawrence. With this amendment, the constitution was **unanimously adopted**

6) **ELECTION OF STEERING GROUP**

Steering group members required by the constitution were:

Cllrs. Westwood, Stringer and Faulkner, Pc M. Finnis & Sgt A Leisk.

C. Howell, K. Hawkins, E. Williams, P. Hammond, A. Christian, P. Huff, N. Brass offered to join these members to form the steering group. The membership was **unanimously agreed**.

Items for the Agenda at the first Steering Group Meeting would include:

- a) Developing the Action Plan to include other Community Plan Themes.
- b) Recruitment of representatives from other organizations to broaden the base of the WP-who and how.
- c) To decide if Planning matters should be within the WP's remit.
- d) Examine the minute taking process.
- e) Agree a response to Patrick Carney.
- f) Consider the merits of forming a consultation team.
- g) Consider the involvement of the Youth Offending Team and probationers on projects.

7) ACTION PLAN REVIEW

The previous Action Plan was reviewed and amended to reflect the current situation. A copy of the updated action plan is attached to these minutes.

It was **agreed** to arrange for the appropriate Council Officer to attend our next meeting to discuss Parking in Torbay under the new arrangements.

8) REPORT ON MEETING HELD ON 1/12/04 TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET AND PRIORITY SETTING PROCESS 2005/06

The chairman explained the basis for the budget and priority setting process, which took account of the feedback from various public consultations, conducted throughout Torbay in recent months as well as the Authority's statutory obligations. Officers from each of the Directorates had presented their priorities for each of the Community Plan Themes within their responsibility and examined the implications. Overall the Authority was looking for a £6m reduction in the budget with £1.5m being re-invested elsewhere. He now had copy of the presentation together with the report, which had gone to Council on 16 December if anyone wanted more detail. Sgt A Leisk mentioned that copies of the Torbay Community Plan, were available from the Town Hall.

(9) REPORT ON MEETING HELD ON 9/12/04 TO REVIEW PROGRESS OF TSP

The chairman had attended the meeting and found it useful as a forum to exchange views and assess the progress of our Partnership in relation to others. In this respect we were fairly advanced although much more still had to be done. The meeting was dominated by the numbers of Police Officers and clearly the Council needed to recruit more members of the general public to WPs. The workshop session had thrown up a lot of ideas many of which we could develop over time. The lack of an identifiable link between the WPs and the TSP was highlighted and he hoped the Council would take note.

The TSP was to meet on 20th January 3pm, Hatfield House, Hatfield Road, Torquay and he hoped to attend.

10) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

STEERING GROUP MEETING MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 6.30PM,

NEXT WARD MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING: MONDAY 18TH APRIL (when Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary to be elected)

SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS: 18TH JULY AND 17TH OCTOBER 2005
ALL VENUES TO BE CONFIRMED

PLEASE NOTIFY THE SECRETARY TWO WEEKS BEFORE EACH MEETING
FOR ANY NEW ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

**St Marychurch
Community Partnership
Community Safety
Action Plan**
(Updated January 2005)

| Challenge | Solution / Current Position | Responsibility | Target Review Date | Outcome |
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| <p>1) Reducing anti social behaviour, in St Marychurch Village Centre</p> | <p>Install CCTV in Precinct: short term, one CCTV camera to be installed; two in the longer term. Cost £21K ea. inc. 5 year maintenance.</p> <p>Increase Patrols: Police to be informed by traders of 'repeat offenders of known abode'</p> <p><u>Supporting People Programme.</u> Anne Pollard to supply Secretary with Fact Sheet.</p> <p>Provision for young people. Street Walker to cost £20,000 per year each, no funding available for us, alternative source to be sought. Possibility for Golf Driving Range at the top of George v Playing Field</p> <p>Introduce 2-way radio system for Traders/Residents/Licensees. Radios now received, instruction on use to be provided by Police</p> | <p>Torbay Council C.C.T.V. Officer Cllr Stringer to liaise with P.C. Harvey and CH & AC</p> <p>C.H to advise traders P.C. Harvey.</p> <p>Sec/Cllr Stringer/Anne Pollard/Cllr. Loretta McHugh</p> <p>Cllr. Stringer/Arthur Christian. Steve Cox/Tara Fowler(TC)</p> <p>A.C and C.H to liaise with Paul Hammond</p> | <p><u>Nov. 04</u></p> | |

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| | <p>Widen no drinking areas to reduce street drinking Alcohol Ban Notices to be erected (by Spring 2005) Rigorous enforcement of new laws when introduced Boundaries to be established Liaise with licensed premises and other establishments Neighbourhood Support Team to be made aware</p> | <p>Bill Norman & Cllr Westwood</p> <p>P.C. Martin Finnis</p> | <u>Nov. 04</u> | |
| 2) A.S.B. relating to beach activity at Petitor | <p>Review designation of Beach P.S.A. (Public Sex Areas) via Police. Some reduction in attacks and abuse reported 17.01.05. Friends of Petitor now have their own web-site</p> | St Marychurch Ward Councillors/Police | Nov. 04 | |
| 3) On street parking/obstruction of pavements | <p>Regulation of on street parking: Enforcement of breaches: Fore St and Park Rd and school areas are being enforced Education of Road users. Develop clear and consistent policy to prepare for decriminalisation: Questionnaire distributed to all households. Awaiting responses.</p> | <p>Police Media</p> <p>T.C. Anne Taylor</p> | <p>April 05</p> <p>April 05</p> | |
| 4) Off road motor cycling Easterfield Playing Field and surrounding area | <p>Find dedicated site Educate users Restricted access to problem areas Develop strategy for O.R.M. through L.S.P. Poice now empowered to seize motorcycles(17.01.05)</p> | <p>Media T.C. Steve Cox/Tara Fowler Ian Williams</p> | Nov. 04 | |

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| <p>5) Reducing danger from coaches crossing double white lines on bends on A379 coast route from Shaldon Bridge to Brunel Manor/ Speeding vehicles</p> | <p>a) Get agreement from local bus co's to use shorter/smaller vehicles whenever possible b) Introduce warning signs at either end of section "Large vehicles take care on bends" c) Draw attention to problem through Hoteliers hosting coach parties. d) Consult with local bus companies about this and identified speeding problem. e) Investigate trained civilian use of speed cameras through Police Authority/new decriminalised arrangements.</p> | <p>)))) Cllr. Faulkner/Dogget/) Teignbridge/Devon) Highways)) P.C. Martin Finnis</p> | | |
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**St Marychurch
Community Partnership
Economy Action Plan
(updated January 2005)**

| Challenge | Solution/Current Position | Responsibility | Target/Review Date By | Outcome |
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| Improving facilities at Beaches | | | | |
| Watcombe Facilities | Future of toilets (now closed) £ 184.000 made available to ensure those closed in 2004 can be re-opened in 2005 Picnic area improvements to be carried out by Youth Offending Team Signage to Coastal Paths | D.A.G. Colin Charlwood | | |
| Oddicombe Cliff Railway | Develop Friends of Oddicombe Cliff Railway and invest in improvements £160,000 ring-fenced specifically for railway Cliff fall to N of railway reported 17.01.05 | AC | Nov. 04 | |
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| Loss of Steps in Storms at Maidencombe Beach | Date to rebuild sought (in time for next tourist season at the latest) Work now in hand (17.01.05) | Torbay Council/ A Faulkner | | |