

## ST MARYCHURCH WARD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2004

### PRESENT

Peter Huff	Chairman
Jill Gillon	Secretary
Cllr. Roger Stringer	Ward Councillor
Cllr. Loretta McHugh	Councillor for Cockington with Chelston
	Portfolio holder for Social Services
Paul Hammond	Chairman Neighbourhood Watch
John Lawrence	Bay Blooms District Action Group
Arthur Christian	Chairman Babbacombe & St Marychurch Traders
P.C. Martin Finnis	St Marychurch Beat Manager
Molly Charlton	St Marychurch Resident
Hazel Allnutt	St Marychurch Resident
Christopher & Eileen Williams	Babbacombe Residents, St Anne's Hall
Jon Dobie	St Marychurch D.A.G. Bay Blooms, Local Agenda 21

### APOLOGIES

Don Brooks, Kath Hawkins, Inspector Mel Broad, Cllr. Andy Westwood

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes were circularized and accepted, proposed by Cllr. Roger Stringer, seconded by Arthur Christian.

CORRESPONDENCE There was no correspondence

### SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME

The chairman welcomed Cllr. Loretta McHugh who outlined her role in the Supporting People Programme and how the scheme was still being developed. **JG**, for the market traders, explained how anti-social behaviour by some of those on the scheme was having an adverse impact upon the livelihoods of the business community and the tourist trade. Drunkenness was the most frequent problem, together with the lack of an appropriate and timely response from the Social Services Department when they were contacted. **MC** and **HA**, two St Margarets Road residents recalled several recent incidences where repeated acts of drunkenness by individuals had been particularly upsetting and where their complaints to the Authority had failed to resolve matters.

The chairman felt that there was room for improvement in communications between the complainants and the Police and the Social Services Department. People were unsure of whom to contact. He also questioned whether the department kept a log of complaints, so that the frequency of occurrences could be determined and the individuals involved identified. Councillor McHugh confirmed that any problems with people on the scheme should be reported to Anne Pollard 208729, or herself on 615947 or at the Town Hall on 207072. The police should also be contacted on 841473 (fax 841410). P.C. Finnis could be contacted on 07736 084400. Where matters were of a serious nature, requiring immediate police attendance, 999 or 112 should be contacted.

Councillor McHugh agreed to convey the meeting's views to Anne Pollard and ask her to attend the next meeting. She hoped that the system will work more effectively in the future. Residents were advised to keep a log of incidences so that the ongoing situation could be monitored.

## **DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR WARD PARTNERSHIPS**

P.C. Finnis tabled a draft constitution for Ward Partnerships and invited our comments. The Chairman felt that members needed more time to consider the content of the document and how it impacted upon the recommendations of our Working Party, adopted in March 2004.

Feedback was required by the 21 September 2004 when the Torbay Strategic Partnership was to meet to finalise the document. The chairman asked all of those present to send their comments to the secretary a.s.a.p. so that she could collate them and forward them to Mel Broad in time for that meeting.

P.C.Finnis advised the meeting of funding that is available from the TSP for the Ward Partnership and provided an Application Form. Approximately £20,000 is available across the ten Ward Partnership Groups. It was **agreed** that we apply for funding for a First Aid Refresher Course for members of the St Marychurch and District Action Group of Bay Blooms. (This group carried out numerous projects in the community and achieved Silver Gilt status this year in the Britain in Bloom competition. Two silver cups for environmental work and involvement with young people were also awarded.

It was also agreed that we should apply for a small sum to fund the Ward Partnership's running expenses, which are currently funded by individual members from their own pockets.

## **EMERGING ISSUES**

### **Hypodermic Syringes**

**JL**, from the St Marychurch and District Action Group reported the discovery of hypodermic needles in the course of the group's activities. Paul Hammond informed us that these should **not be touched**; we should ring the Hotline 404040 when collection will be arranged. The location of the findings will be noted and the contents analyzed.

### **Tomb Stoning**

This is being practiced at Babbacombe in spite of danger warnings in the press of late, **Martin Finnis** to visit beach.

### **Meeting Venues.**

The Authority may have to find an alternative venue for our meetings, the Precinct Centre and St Anne's Hall was suggested.

## **ACTION PLAN REVIEW**

Items on the previous action plan were reviewed and the plan amended to reflect the current position. Emerging issues were added as appropriate and the updated plan is attached to these minutes.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2004 6.30.P.M.**

**ST MARYCHURCH TOWN HALL UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE**

**PLEASE PHONE SECRETARY JILL GILLON 328105 OF ANY SPECIAL  
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION by 8 NOVEMBER**

**St Marychurch  
Community Partnership  
Community Safety Action Plan  
(Updated September 2004)**

CHALLENGE	SOLUTION / CURRENT POSITION	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET REVIEW DATE
<p>1) Reducing anti social behaviour, in St Marychurch Village Centre</p>	<p><b>Install CCTV in Precinct:</b> short term, one CCTV camera to be installed; two in the longer term. Cost £21K ea. inc. 5 year maintenance. Funding awaited</p> <p><b>Increase Patrols:</b> Police to be informed by traders of 'repeat offenders of known abode'</p> <p>Cllr. McHugh to liaise with Anne Pollard from Social Services and ask her to attend next meeting re Supported Living programme</p> <p><b>Provision for young people.</b> Street Walker to cost £20,000 per year each, no funding available for us, alternative source to be sought.</p> <p><b>Introduce 2-way radio system</b> for Traders/Residents/Licensees. three sets to be ordered by traders, funding to be sought for further sets from 'Safer Communities'. Deadline 17 September2004. If unsuccessful try TSP fund.</p>	<p>Torbay Council C.C.T.V. Officer <b>Cllr Stringer</b> to liaise with P.C. Harvey and <b>CH &amp; AC</b></p> <p><b>C.H</b> to advise traders P.C. Harvey</p> <p><b>Sec/Cllr Stringer/Anne Pollard/Cllr. Loretta McHugh</b></p> <p><b>Cllr. Stringer/Arthur Christian. Steve Cox/Tara Fowler(TC)</b></p> <p><b>A.C and C.H</b> to liaise with <b>Paul Hammond</b> and Martin Finnis</p>	<p>Nov. 04</p>
	<p><b>Widen no drinking areas</b> to reduce street drinking Alcohol Ban Notices to be erected</p> <p><b>Rigorous enforcement of new laws</b> when introduced Boundaries to be established</p> <p><b>Liaise with licensed premises and other establishments</b></p> <p>Neighbourhood Support Team to be made aware</p>	<p>Bill Norman &amp; <b>Cllr Westwood</b></p> <p><b>Martin Finnis</b></p>	<p>Nov. 04</p>
<p>2) A.S.B. relating to beach activity at Petitor</p>	<p>Review designation of Beach P.S.A. (Public Sex Areas) via Police Liaise with developing User Group</p>	<p><b>St Marychurch Ward Councillors/Martin Finnis/Jackie Payne</b></p>	<p>Nov. 04</p>

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3) On street parking/obstruction of pavements	<p><b>Regulation of on street parking:</b> Enforcement of breaches: Fore St and Park Rd are being enforced</p> <p><b>Education of Road users.</b> <b>Develop clear and consistent policy to prepare for decriminalisation:</b> 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  5) Tombstoning	<p><b>Find dedicated site</b></p> <p>Educate users Restricted access to problem areas Consideration to be given to replacement of existing measures. Develop strategy for O.R.M. through L.S.P.</p> <p>Occuring at Babbacombe beach</p>	<p><b>PCs Martin Finnis/Phil Owens liaise with TC</b> Media T.C. Steve Cox/Tara Fowler Ian Williams</p> <p><b>PC Martin Finnis to visit</b></p>	<p>Nov. 04</p>

**St Marychurch**  
**Community Partnership**  
**Economy Action Plan**  
(updated September 2004)

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Improving facilities at Beaches			
Watcombe Facilities	Future of toilets (now closed) Make concessionary arrangement with Café tenant Picnic area improvements - ongoing Signage to Coastal Paths	TC  D.A.G. <b>Colin Charwood</b>	
Oddicombe Cliff Railway  Babbacombe Toilets (impact on Tourism)	Develop Friends of Oddicombe Cliff Railway and invest in improvements Meeting of Friends 19 <sup>th</sup> October .7.30 Cliff Café - all welcome.  To be closed end September. Examine Private/Public funding to keep them open.	  <b>Cllr Colin Charwood/AC</b>	Nov. 04