

Wellswood Ward Partnership Meeting

Minutes from Tuesday 25th April 2006

7.00pm at St Matthias Church

Present:-

Peter Heathcote – Chairman
PC Thomas
Cllr B McPhail
Cllr J Hanley
Wendy Hancock – Secretary
Tracey Cabache
Chris Gubby
Ian Williams
10 Residents

Apologies:-

Alistair Stanier – St John's Church
David Harborne – Torbay Care Trust

1. Highway Report

Chris Gubby explained that he worked in Development Control which incorporated highway safety/public transport/road safety. In the current financial year the Warberries and Wellswood were in a designated Traffic Action Zone and there was £200,000 available. There would be a consultation period for residents and traders etc. express their views. The funding would be for footpaths, improving junctions, street lighting for increased security and general improvements. A resident said that when she had written to the Council about problems in St Matthais Church Road she had been told there was a moratorium. Chris Gubby confirmed that this had been lifted and said that he would look into the matter. Cllr. Hanley had it confirmed that the Lincombes were not included. It was mentioned that there should be a speed limit in Ilsham Road near Ilsham Valley where there is no pavement. Something was needed in the road to stick out to make cars slow down there. Lisburne Square lights are not too visible in the daylight and Babbacombe Road lights are obscured by a hedge on one side.

It was confirmed that those affected would be consulted via a letter drop.

2. Public Consultation

Ward Local Vision Action Plan - In order to find out residents views there would be a consultation caravan in Ilsham Road and Torwood Street on Saturday 6th May. There would be questionnaire and a specific question could be asked relating to traffic flows. After the consultation the information will be analysed and fed into strategic partnerships. We would be able to lobby statutory bodies. The results could be handed to Ward Councillors, police, GP's etc. A question was asked about lack of publicity for the Ward Partnership Meetings and hopefully this is being addressed.

We now have access via Groundwork to the notice board on Ilsham Green and will try to publicise meetings via the local newspaper and local radio. Several shops in Ilsham Road will also display a notice. The partnership will also look at different times and venues in order to attract more residents from the other end of Wellswood. Rev. Percy stated that St Matthais was doing a research project on services etc available in area, resident's views, etc. He would make the information available. Veronica Groom from Groundwork asked if it would be possible for Ward Partnership to discuss planning applications for Wellswood. Ward Partnership should be compulsory consultees. Onus on Planning to notify them.

A resident enquired if Bournemouth Sinfonietta could be invited to play in Torbay? It was suggested that the resident comes to the consultation Caravan and put it forward as a suggestion. Cllr's McPhail and Hanley will be attending at the consultation caravan.

Play Strategy

Ian Williams spoke about the Play Forum for which funding is at present available. There are no playgrounds in Wellswood and PC Thomas had asked for one. Is there a demand? How many children are there in Wellswood? There are 175 pupils at Ilsham School and 375 at Warberry School. Possibly should be a specific question on the consultation form, including "would you be prepared to support the project financially/physically?"

3. Any other business

Veronica Groom spoke about "Groundwork" and the projects which they have carried out in the area including the clean up of Ansteys Cove. All volunteers welcome.

The meeting was also told about the current re-furbishment of the museum.

The Chairman then thanked Ian Williams for all the work that had been carried out on pruning bushes, cleaning up the area etc. He asked if the corner of Acadia Road could be made a priority as rubbish needs removing, seat needs refurbishing and if possible remove the shrubs which harbours rubbish and replace with grass. He also asked if the trees could have their roots enclosed and pebbled as had been done to trees by Princess Theatre. The meeting was told that this was not possible due to high cost.

TC said that it was necessary to re-elect Chairman and Secretary. This needed to be done and it was regretted that it had not been done according to constitution. However, it would be carried out properly in the future. Proposed by V Groom and seconded by J Hanley and passed unanimously.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.