

PAIGNTON WARD PARTNERSHIP – ROUNDHAM & HYDE

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 18th August 2005

Present: Kirstin Matthews (KM), Chris Beer (CB), Insp. John Jackson (Insp.J), Cllr.James (Cllr.J), Cllr.Carroll (Cllr.C), James O'Dwyer (JO'D), Ron Sharpe (RS), Steve Allerly (SA), Dave Schofield (DS), Keith Foster (KF)

Guests: Richard Brown, Richard Taylor, Dave Stewart

Apologies: Richard Stevens, Tony Moss, Jim Lakeman

Amendments to minutes dated 27th July 05 (last para item 4) should read “Winner Street & District Association” has organised a “musical and entertainments extravaganza”

OPERATIONS AGENDA

1. Making Torbay a Safer Place

- Insp.J reported that criminal damage was a concern at present although most reported incidents are for petty damage and excess drinking appears to be linked to these occurrences. SA & DS said there were concerns from hoteliers and residents over the proposed longer licensing hours. Insp.J - Police have requested that Clubs/Pubs review their door staff and outside drinking arrangements (bottles/glasses taken beyond premises) to curtail the problem.
- SA - excessive alcohol is being served on current hours, concerns that extended hours will worsen the problem. Insp.J - extending the hours will just move the problem to a later hour and the Police will have to cover accordingly. Anti-social behaviour on the streets has to be addressed whatever time it occurs.
- 'Grandfather Rights' were discussed. [Cllr.C to check if licensed premises had all applied for extensions](#), failure to do so implies that a new licence would have to be sought. Any Police objections would have to be proved. KM – objections from business/residents should be taken into account. JO'D – final decision is made by Councillors and evidence is needed. [NB: Invite a representative from Licensing to next meeting](#)
- SA – increasing problem with under-age drinking (e.g. Soft drinks bottles laced with vodka). Police are aware of this especially around the fairground and it is being dealt with.

2. Improving Health & Safety Care in Torbay

Defer to next meeting

3. Improving Access To Good Quality Affordable Homes

Defer to next meeting

4. Improving Torbay's Economy – Towards A Prosperous Torbay

Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting regarding Xmas Lights (16th Aug 05) were circulated. An 'auction' event is to be planned at Apollo Cinema – more ideas to raise money are needed. The target is £7K (£2K has been promised from Torbay Development Agency)

- CB to lobby the Brixham Wards as Torquay is to receive more funding than Paignton & Brixham.
- [Cllr.J to contact Paignton Community College](#) and enlist their involvement.
- Cllr.C suggested contacting local building firms for financial support.

- RS – asked if Licence/Insurance cover for putting lights across roads could include Winner Street area.
- Cllr.J – invite a local charity to collect in town centre on a 50:50 basis
- RT – there is a possibility of funding to revamp Palace Avenue Gardens which could include decorative lighting – [RT to get further details for next meeting](#)

5. Valuing Our Environment

Richard Brown (Parking Operations Officer) attended the meeting to discuss parking issues. There are 17 attendants on patrol at present between the hours of 8am-10pm and mobile units for out-of-town areas, some 11,000 notices have been issued since the scheme began. A policy is being drawn up, with public consultation, to consider how to improve traffic flow and accommodate visitors to the town centre as well as the town residents.

Items under consideration are -

- Parking restrictions (due to changes in traffic flow)
 - Resident parking permits (in zoned areas)
 - On-street parking meters (in some areas)
 - Disabled permit holders to be encouraged to use Council car parks
- Cllr.J - received complaints of Post Office vehicles taking up the disabled parking bay outside of the Post Office. RB - disabled bays are not enforceable the road markings are only 'advisory'
- RS – what training do new wardens undertake? RB – 1 week course + 2 weeks mentoring + NVQ level, it takes 12 weeks before they become a warden.
 - RS – signage in Winner Street is misleading, “loading only bays” (8am-10am and thereafter parking is permitted) yet Wardens are booking because road markings and mounted signs are confusing to the public. [RB to send details on “loading only” to RS](#)
 - RS – suggests a vacant plot of land by 141 Winner Street (currently an eyesore and unused) could be turned into a parking area for approx 15 car spaces
 - KF – parking problems have shifted from Torquay Road to Hyde Road and this is compounded by the disabled parking along right-hand side. RB – is aware of the problem in Hyde Road and hopes to encourage disabled permit holders to use car parks.
 - SA – why do Wardens measure wheels? RB – they check valve height/position to ensure parking restrictions are not abused.
 - Insp.J – do Wardens enforce the obstruction rule? RB – Wardens have no power to enforce and will inform the Police in such cases.

Dave Stewart (Service Manager, Drainage & Structure) attended the meeting to discuss the new Flood Alleviation System for Paignton. Currently, surface water runs out through the harbour and sewerage goes to Clennon Valley. The recent flooding coincided with a high tide and the surface water backed up.

DEFRA & SWW funding has been obtained to enable Torbay Council to install a collection tank under the car park in Station Lane, this tank is not designed to be built on.

Phase II will be to install a pumping station near the Harbour which means that water flow will not be effected by the tides. The design is in place and tenders for the work will be decided in October, work should begin in November'05 with completion at the end of April'06. There will be a public meeting for those affected to discuss any disruption. Road closures are not expected as most work will take place on the sea front / green. The new sewer will not contain foul water. The culvert that runs through Victoria Park will remain.

RS – Winner Street experienced flooding due to the installation of speed bumps which hindered the flow of surface water to the drains. [Simon Goodall \(Highways Engineer\)](#) to be made aware of this

6. Placing Learning at the Heart of Our Community
Defer to next meeting

7. Developing Torbay's Culture
[Invite Rebecca Laight](#) to next meeting

8. Creating 'Sustainable' Communities
Defer to next meeting

AOB.

- .RS reported that Victoria Skate Park been recently vandalised and asked RT to investigate

[Response from Richard Taylor](#) -

A piece of equipment called a 'hollie box' was recently ripped out (probably by at least 4 people) and badly damaged by vandals. This is currently being repaired but will not be returned until the recent spate of vandalism has stopped. A concrete ledge outside the skatepark has been damaged and sizeable chunks of the wall keep being deposited inside the skatepark (i.e a health and safety concern). The users and non users of the skatepark need to respect what is provided for them before any further investment in the skatepark takes place.

DATE / TIME / VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 22nd September – 10.00am – Apollo Cinema