

## Minutes of the Preston Ward Partnership

Held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006: 7.30pm at Paignton Police Station.

**Present:**

Bob Brewis (BB)	Resident - Acting Chairperson
John Quinn (JQ)	Resident
Patrick Woodwark (PW)	Businessman
Cllr Ian Oxley (IO)	Councillor for Preston
Cllr Jean Turnbull	Councillor for Preston
Joan Dusgate (JD)	Retailer and resident
Tracey Cabache (TC)	Torbay Council
Sue Cheriton (SC)	Torbay Council
David Butt (DB)	Resident/Businessman
Tracey Brookes (TB)	Council employee re The LDF
PC Jonathan Reed (JR)	Preston Neighbourhood Beat Manager – Secretary
PS Steve Rooke (SR)	Neighbourhood Team Leader
David Thompson (DT)	Resident

**Introductions:** DB and DT were welcomed

**1. Apologies** received from Dominic Acland (Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust) + belated apologies from Cliff Tite (living Waters Church)

**2. Confirmation of Minutes:** Agreed and signed by BB.

**3. Actions and matters arising:**

JR will be leaving the Ward and so a new Secretary needs to be appointed.  
There were no immediate volunteers from the floor.

**4. Tracey Brookes** a guest speaker from Torbay Council gave a summary of the Local Development Framework (LDF).

She recommended this be an Item on the Ward agenda for future meetings as the council will be consulting with the Ward Partnerships re future Torbay Planning Documents.

It was agreed that strategies relevant to Preston would be looked at such as Green Spaces, Transport, Housing. TB stated the Chairperson would receive all the documentation to peruse.

**5. Current issues:**

ITEM	ISSUE	ANY ACTION BY
Manor Cross-roads	No filter right traffic light for cars turning right from Torquay road into Manor and Upper Manor road.	JT stated the filter lane has been refused. SC said it is being re-viewed again.
Litter and Dog Bins	Lack of Litter bins on Preston sea front.	SC said new bins have been ordered. The size could not be increased. So in some areas there will be clusters of 2 or 3 replacing single ones.
Seafront security	A Beach Hut users group has been formed to help improve this.	Beach Hut Users Group
Chartered Institution of Wastes Management	Will they use Preston Green? Local business rely on the custom they	No. SC approached the CIWM to ask why

	would welcome them	Preston was not being used. The reply was they cannot sell the space at the Preston end for exhibitors. To publicise Preston the Colin Road Car Park is included on the map of the Exhibition as it will be open for delegates to park.
Future of Concorde House	What will happen to the building?	No change but the Tax office may re-open in May. (As per Herald Express 26 <sup>th</sup> April)
Preston Supermarket development was discussed	Planning permission for Shops and 21 flats with parking had been granted May 2004 the permission lasts for 5 years. Confirmation required on which retailer is interested in the site.	SC stated there were no further developments to report.
Hollicombe Development and Park area.	Planning permission was applied for and denied. No further permission has been sought. The general consensus was that there should be no further housing in this area. The Hollicombe Park is a mess.	SC stated that this will be included in the Green spaces strategy. The area will be used for housing
Public Toilets	Public stated that public toilets need to be opened for the season starting 1 April.  What is to happen with Preston bus shelter toilets?  Request for showers on the seafront?	The toilets were open as promised. They are to be refurbished in the future.  No current information however SC accepted that there was a need to do something with the building. The matter of the showers are being taken up by the Beach Hut users Group
Vehicles use and parking.	The price of parking in the car parks was raised. Colin Road Car Park underused because of price. Colin Road is a cul-de-sac Vehicle speeds along seafront was discussed by JR and DM. JT and IO stated that Preston could be in line for a pilot scheme for Residents/Controlled Parking Zones.	The Mayor is addressing the issue of charges. Preston is not now to be used as a pilot scheme. JT stated that Patrick Carney was the oracle on residents controlled parking it was agreed he will be invited to address the Committee on the matter.
	Council needs to spend £2M to	SC said she had invited

Oldway Mansion	<p>maintain the building. The merits of what could be done with the building from a casino to a conference centre were highlighted by JQ at the Public meeting.</p> <p>The gates still need to be replaced.</p>	<p>and shown Oldway to the group known as “Urban Splash” and they were hopefully drawing up ideas and will contact her when done. They specialise in re-generating and re-using listed buildings and urban areas. JT, JQ and PW volunteered to meet and form an Oldway working party group.</p>
Preston Park – west side of Torquay Road	Sundial base is going in Mid May	SC advised

**6. Any other business:**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>ANY ACTION BY</b>
Bank Account	BB stated he had been given a cheque from last year’s budget for the Ward and needs to open a bank account.	Agreed. Open with Lloyds Bank. PW, JT and BB will be the signatories.
Next Preston Observer No 2	BB distributed a draft copy of the Preston Observer and will use some of the money to print 2000 colour copies.	BB to confirm Public meeting date and venue and go to print by mid May
Advertising Space	<p>PW announced he would donate space on the wall by Manor Newsagents at Manor cross-roads for a Public display cabinet. This could be used by the Ward Partnership as a community notice board. He was thanked for his generosity. The board would be of great use.</p>	PW agreed to notify when ready
Promoting Preston	PW suggested promoting Preston as a separate area to Torquay and Paignton by having signs advertising Preston beach, the shops etc.	SC suggested “Welcome to Preston” banners on lamp posts and said that she may well be able to help in this idea.
PLAY Strategy	SC gave an introduction to the Torbay Play strategy and how important it was. The focus of this is on consultation with the youth and putting in what they want.	<p>It was agreed to set up a sub committee looking into this matter. DB, BB volunteered with JQ saying he would arrange a meeting with a representative from PCC. This committee has to submit their ideas by the</p>

		end of May to access the Reaching Communities' fund which has up to £280,000 available. SC agreed to forward BB a pack on Reaching Communities.
Community Safety	TC, BB and PW attended a public consultation meeting held by the Roundham with Hyde Ward Partnership in Paignton Town Centre. The initial results show the public's top priority is community safety. This must be of concern as this is one of the safest areas in the country - so why is everyone so worried? JR produced 2004 v 2005 crime stats for Preston.	BB to include in Preston Observer

### 7. Next Meetings:

The Torbay play committee will meet Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 1930hrs at BB's house in order to sort out the Play application.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 1930hrs at Paignton Police Station.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 1930hrs at Paignton Police Station.

The next public meeting will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October at Oldway Mansion commencing at 7pm

Date:

Signed: