

PAIGNTON TOWN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Friday 23rd February 2007 – 10.00 am

Apollo Cinema

Present:: Kirstin Matthews (KM); Grant Pay-Savage (GS); Tony Moss (TM); Cllr.James (Cllr.J); Cllr.Carroll (Cllr.C); Louise Gilson (LG); Mike Jull (MJ); Matthew Dart (MD); Ron Sharpe (RSh); Mike Eccleston (ME); John Turner (JT); Frank Sobey (FS); Paul Falck (PF); Steve Allerly (SA); Dave Schofield (DS); Karen Parker (KP); Susan Kitley (SK); Tracey Cabache (TC)

Guests: Kate Cowling - Vocal Independent Advocacy

Apologies: James O'Dwyer; Richard Stevens; Carol Haggett; Chris Roots; Andrew Richards; Rev.Paul Saunders; Richard Taylor

1. Matters arising from last meeting (31 Jan 2007)

- (i) **Sustainable Transport Paignton Town Centre** - Peter Brunt to be invited to next meeting
- (ii) **Crossways Shopping Centre** – no planning applications have been received, to date
- (iii) **Markets** – more have been booked for sea front, Torbay Council say there are no viable sites in the town centre. Group would like Palace Avenue to be considered, the Shop Paignton group to approach traders in Palace Avenue to gather opinion
- (iv) **Parking issues Hyde Road / Torquay Road** – site meeting has been set with Patrick Carney 7th March, 9.30am,
- (v) **Street Wardens** – there is little funding left and Junior Wardens are being encouraged in Torquay. Cllr.Carroll to meet with C.I.Lander to push for more funding. Q: is funding used to finance the vehicles with “street warden” logo?
- (vi) **Principal Holiday Accommodation** – Steve Turner to be invited to next meeting
- (vii) **Winner Street Event** – waiting for a completion date from Colin Jacob

2. Paignton Harbour up-date : John Turner

Paignton Harbour is self-funded but in need of better facilities which, in turn could attract investment by new businesses. The ‘Harbour User Group’ would like improvements made to the area but would like to keep the character of the harbour.

Comments from the group –

- Needs complete modernisation
- Needs another launching area
- European funding is running out – Where would money come from? & How much?
- Car Park is an eyesore
- Coastal path is interrupted at this point, where it should be enhance
- Should be put out for public consultation
- All agreed that improvement of some degree is needed

If anyone has any other suggestions /comments please email john.turner@torbay.gov.uk or write to Paignton Harbour Office.

3. Police Matters

- Vandalism/Graffiti remains a general problem in the area – very difficult to catch/prosecute as most offenders are under-age and offences are often committed in poorly lit areas without CCTV.
- Theft is on the rise (especially SatNav equipment from cars).
- Large gangs of youths are congregating in the Youngs Park / Roundham area – a profile has been set up and a Beat Manager has been appointed for this area. Victoria Park has also

become a meeting place for large gangs who, when challenged, say they have no-where to go and nothing to do. These groups are not necessarily doing anything wrong but their size in number is intimidating to other pedestrians.

- Drug dealers possibly becoming more active in Paignton since the purge on Torquay – all incidents must be reported so that intelligence reporting can take place, the more incidents within the report may help reinforce the need for extra Beat Managers.
- The number of Neighbourhood Beat Managers in Paignton Town Centre has dropped from 4 down to 1 – letter to the Police asking for more visible presence
- Building at the back of Torbay Cinema – could it be used temporarily by the Police? GS to enquire.

4. Spring Clean Torbay Initiative – Tracey Cabache

- Torbay Council is considering setting up a 'task force' which will move from ward to ward on a rolling calendar. Their objective will be to look at an area as a whole and clean/tidy all aspects of that area e.g. cut back overgrown foliage, pick up litter, clean signs etc.
- The Imperial Hotel are sponsoring a 'spring clean' in April and are looking for volunteers to tidy up beaches on 28th March.

5. Litter Bins / Street Furniture

There are currently no plans to replace street furniture but maintenance will be carried out to repair/clean as and when needed. Bins in Victoria St / Winner St cost around £1,000 each as they match street furniture, others are in the region of £250 each. Overall budget for street furniture is around £18K. No sponsors are sought, or advertising space offered, to off-set the cost. Park furniture also in decline (broken seating etc) could any of these items be funded by CIWM Conference?

6. Preparing people for the AGM – Tracey Cabache

Deferred to next meeting

7. Vocal Independent Advocacy Presentation – Kate Cowling

Kate Cowling gave a very informative presentation on the work of **Vocal Independent Advocacy**. This is an independent charity (established since 1993) representing people with learning difficulties who find it hard to speak up for themselves. If you would like more information, or perhaps would like to volunteer to help, use any of the following contact details-

WebSite www.vocal-advocacy.co.uk

Email: vocaladvocacy@tiscali.co.uk

Address: Russell House, 22a Hyde Road, Paignton

Tel: 01803 528714

A.O.B

(i) Future of Paignton Green

DS asked if the bollards/chains around Paignton Green were the first step towards restricted access for the public and over-use by events (Fairground, CIWM Exhibition etc). All agreed that the bollards/chains should be removed as they offer no protection to the public from the traffic,
Letter to The Mayor asking for their removal.

(ii) Signage, in general. Is in a mess.

Find out who is reviewing signage throughout the Bay including Road signs / directional signs / brown signs / pedestrian signs / facility signs. Get copy of latest report

(iii) Oldway Working Party

A mission statement will be available shortly based the whole Oldway Estate, this will go out for public consultation. Next OWP meeting 19th March 2007.

(iv) Land Train

Torbay Council has invited expressions of interest for a "Leisure Transport Facility/Attraction for the Paignton/Goodrington area. Richard Stevens is on working party, up-date at next meeting

(v) Planning Process

As promised by the Planning Dept, 'received' and 'decided' planning applications can now be emailed to each Ward Partnership, listing applications within the Ward.

(vi) Action Plan

Part of the action plan was for a senior council officer to be involved with each Ward Partnership group. Caroline Taylor (Director of Communications & Customer Focus) has agreed to become involved with the Paignton Town Community Partnership

(vii) Proposed new 'fast ferry service' from Torquay to Brixham

Richard Stevens to be approached with regard to landing area for ferry or pleasure boats. Could H&S issues with Paignton Pier be addressed?

Date of next meeting – THURSDAY 22nd MARCH 2007

Link to Ward Partnership Minutes

<http://www.torbay.gov.uk/index/council/torbay-partnerships/wardpartnership/wpholding/roundhamwithhyde.htm>

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