

# PAIGNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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## **MINUTES OF AN INTERIM FORUM/STEERING GROUP MEETING**

6.30pm Thu 19 July 2012 @ South Devon College, Paignton TQ4 7EJ

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### **In Attendance:**

Cllr Jane Bamby, Carole Box (CPRE), Roger Bristow, Jane Brooksbank, Cllr Stephen Brooksbank, Bill Callaghan, Tina Coomber, Anne-Marie Curror, Ian Curror, Matthew Dart, Cllr Bobbie Davis, Cllr Ian Doggett, Eileen Donovan (Treasurer), Freda Dwane, Lorna Gardner, Louise Gilson, Pat Goss, Eddie Harris, Alan Hill, Colin Hurst, Karen Jemmett, John Langston, Michael Locke, Aaron McClusky, Melvyn Newbery, Richard Parish, Mike Parkes (Secretary), Cllr Ruth Pentney, David Pickhaver, George Porter, Penny Rickman, Cynthia Rogers, Mr & Mrs Rolfe, Ken Rowe, Richard Stevens, Anne Waite, David Watts (Chairman), Catherine Wickens, Steve Williams, Jennifer Winter, David Wotton.

### **Apologies:**

Cllr Dave Butt, Tracey Cabache, Mandy Crack, Laurence Frewin, Paula Hermes, Rick Heyse, Linda Norman, PS Tamzin Richards, Hilary Richardson, Anne Strange, Cllr David Thomas, Jean Walker,

### **AGENDA ITEM – 1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed those present and received apologies as listed above. He went on to thank South Devon College for hosting the meeting and for an interesting and informative tour of the premises beforehand.

### **AGENDA ITEM – 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING FROM 21 Jun 12**

a. The minutes of the last meeting held on 21 June 2012 and previously circulated were proposed as correct by Roger Bristow and approved unanimously.

b. **Bank Account.** It was reported that a Forum Bank Account had been opened with the Nat West Bank. The Chairman asked the meeting's approval to request that the Local Authority transfer £1,500.00 into this new account. There were no objections.

**ACTION: Eileen Donovan (ForumTreasurer)**

c. **Princes Foundation Workshop (12 Jun 12).** A draft report had been received from the Princes Foundation and distributed by email prior to the meeting. Some members commented that they had not seen this and the Chairman undertook to recheck the distribution list and to resend. He asked those who had attended the workshop to check the document for accuracy and, additionally, for all members to forward any comments they may have to him before the end of July. The Report would then be discussed at the next Forum meeting on 23 August.

d. **Planning Camp 22-23 June 2012.** The Chairman gave feedback on a 2 day nationally organised workshop sponsored by the Eden Project that he had recently attended in Southampton. Compared to some areas, our planning was at a fairly advanced stage despite Torbay being a more complex area to deal with.

e. **Referendum Question.** The meeting was asked to note that draft Regulations had now been laid before Parliament which define the question that will be placed on the ballot paper at the Referendum Stage:-

***“Do you want [name of local planning authority] to use the Neighbourhood Plan for [name of neighbourhood area] to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”***

The answer required will be “Yes or No”.

There must be an agreement of over 50% of those Paignton residents having the right to vote. The Neighbourhood Plan would then become part of the Development Plan together with the Local Plan in law and the LA would then need to refer to the combined Plan for planning guidance as they will both become a statutory document.

**f. Local Plan progress.**

(i) David Pickhaver announced that a draft Executive Summary of the emerging Local Plan had been prepared and could now be distributed to members for their comments. He emphasised that this was a consultation document. Referring to a displayed slide of the Executive Summary, the Chairman thought the visual impact of the document was good and made it easily 'readable'. It was expected that this Summary would become an important agenda item for the meeting on the 23 Aug 12 when 'ambition' versus 'trend' also needed to be discussed. He added that the eventual test was whether the members agreed the document to be 'credible, justifiable and in balance'. Roger Bristow asked if events had now been overtaken by the recent Census figures for Torbay which indicated that population projections now needed revising down. He also asked if David Pickhaver could find out how many people in Torbay were actually in work as figures always seemed to quote the unemployment rate (3.5k). It was also noted that the number of houses needed per year still remained the same and at 400 per year despite new ONS statistics.

(ii) The Chairman brought to everyone's attention two public 'drop-in' consultation events on proposed development in Collaton St Mary. They are being held by Taylor Wimpey in the Parish Rooms, Collaton St Mary on 8<sup>th</sup> August (4 to 8pm) and 10<sup>th</sup> August (1 to 6pm).

(iii) Additionally for Forum members, there will be a special one hour Q&A meeting with Taylor Wimpey in the Parish Rooms at 6pm on 10 August.

(iv) Following the above, there will be **special meeting** of the **Paignton Neighbourhood Forum on Mon 13 August** to discuss findings of the above events. This will be a short meeting starting at 6pm and having to finish before 7.15pm. Again, it will be held in the Parish Rooms in Collaton St Mary. (Unfortunately, because of an already full agenda, this matter will not be included in the normal monthly Forum meeting scheduled for 23 August 2012).

**g. Reference Group Meeting.** The Chairman gave feedback on this meeting held in the Town Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012. This included 'Regulation 5 and 8 – 'Application for Formal Body' status being advertised in the Herald Express. As a result of recently published ONS statistics, David Watts and David Pickhaver had agreed to undertake some combined work on a better understanding of some figures e.g. it would appear that projected numbers of retired people had dropped and the number of 5 to 15 year olds had gone down (having an impact of projected needs in about 15 years time).

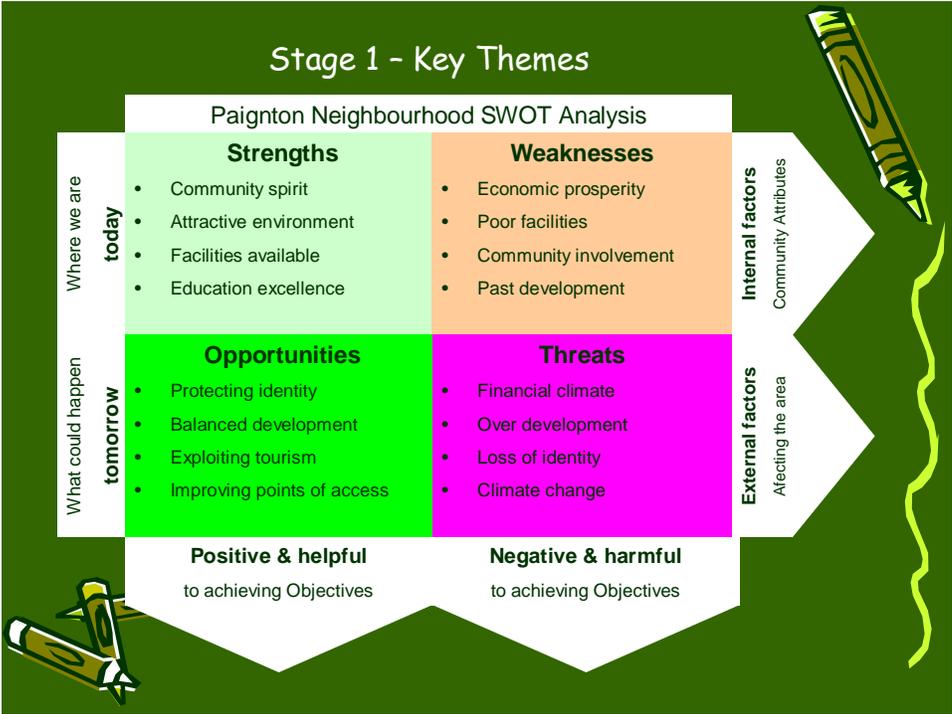
**AGENDA ITEM – 3. PROJECT PLAN PROGRESS**

a. As agreed, this was a progress meeting of the Forum to monitor the following documents being prepared for the Stage 2 community engagement in accordance with the Outline Project Plan. To help achieve clarity, this will include trial by the Forum of a questionnaire, as decided at the last meeting.

b. In summary, the position reached on the 2 documents is:

(i) **Travelling Document:** All 11 completed Stage1 SWOTs are on the Forum website. (Matthew Dart requested that 'Torquay Road' be included on the wallchart being drafted). To these will be added any further SWOTs received before the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> August set by the Forum at the last meeting. They contain a significant amount of information on community views being used to compile the Travelling Document. Discussion with council officers and others has confirmed there is no standard way of analysing or presenting the results. Alan Hill then gave a short presentation on the **Key Themes** that have come from the SWOTS overall and showing how

development work he had undertaken on SWOT analysis could be applied to future planning applications and summarised as shown:



(ii) For Stage 2, the Travelling Document is focussing on the two ‘key areas of change’ for further community input before the whole Plan is drafted in Stage 3.

(iii) In ‘keep it simple’ style, layout of the Travelling Document is in the form of a double sided A1 wall chart to help ease of use in the Stage 2 community engagement. One side covers the Town Centre and Seafront. The other side covers the western area incorporating Collaton St Mary, White Rock, and Yalberton Valley. To demonstrate transparency, and ‘Community led’ approach, each side will show the SWOTs received for the area to evidence “this is what you told us” and to show the link with “this is what is proposed”.

(iv) Key issues and opportunities flowing from the SWOTs may be summarised as follows:

- For the Town Centre and Seafront there is a clear wish to see an enhancement of the tourism offer by making better use of existing heritage assets and new opportunities for themed ‘staycations’ coupled with an improvement of the points of arrival. (Cllr Bobbie Davis wished to emphasise that a risk of flooding is an issue throughout Paignton).
- For the western area there is a clear wish to ensure a ‘balanced’ development of jobs / homes and population / shopping and coupled with safeguarding Paignton’s identity as a ‘seaside town’ on the English Riviera.

(ii) Community Engagement Statement:

(a) If the new Local Plan is out for consultation during September 2012, as anticipated since the last Forum meeting, there is potential benefit in carrying out the Stage 2 community engagement

alongside the Local Plan arrangements. (David Pickhaver has provided a list of consultees and these contacts need to be included). To go beyond September before carrying out Stage 2, could jeopardise the momentum that has been achieved. This had the support of the meeting.

(b) Preliminary discussion has confirmed it may be possible to use the council computing service at no cost to the Forum as an option for scanning and electronically analysing returns of the questionnaire that will accompany the Travelling Document. However, this cannot be confirmed until the questionnaire has been produced and the trial completed.

(c) There was a suggestion that the roll-out could capitalise on public events in certain areas and that there was a possibility of making use of the 'What's on' section of the Herald Express.

#### **DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS:**

- **10 August 2012** a short Paignton Neighbourhood Forum Q&A session at 6pm with Taylor Wimpey in Collaton St Mary Parish Rooms.
- **13 August 2012** a **Special** Paignton Neighbourhood Forum Meeting 6 to 7.15pm in Collaton St Mary Parish Rooms. (To consider Q&A from 10 Aug 12).
- **23 August 2012** normal monthly meeting of the Paignton Neighbourhood Forum starting at 6:30pm in the Collaton St Mary Parish Rooms.
- **20 September 2012** monthly meeting of the Paignton Neighbourhood Forum at 6.30pm in a venue still to be confirmed.

The meeting finished at 2050hrs.