

# PAIGNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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## **MINUTES OF A FORUM AND STEERING GROUP MEETING**

held at the Gerston Chapel Hall, Torquay Road, Paignton  
at 6.30pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014

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### **In Attendance:**

Jim Bonfield, Pam Bristow, Roger Bristow, Cllr Ian Doggett, Eileen Donovan (Minutes), Lorna Gardner, Louise Gilson, Jennifer Hanson, Eddie Harris, Alan Hill, Susan Hopkins, Karen Jemmett, Helen Kummer, Leaf Lovejoy, Sam Moss, David Pickhaver, Martin Rolfe, R.E. Rolfe, Mark Sangan, Graham Stephens (Stride Treglowan), Richard Stevens, Cllr David Thomas, Ann Waite, David Watts (Chairman), David Wotton.

### **Apologies:**

Cllr Jane Barnby, Jane Brooksbank, Cllr Stephen Brooksbank, Anne-Marie Curror, Ian Curror, Ian Curror, John Gibson, Paula Hermes, Colin Hurst, Janet Jones, Nigel Jones, Cllr Clive Lewis, Melvyn Newbery, Linda Norman, Mike Parkes, Jennifer Tyrell,

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

**1a.** David Watts, the Chairman, welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked Gerston Chapel for hosting the meeting. Apologies were received as listed above.

**1b.** It was agreed to consider the Agenda items in the sequence of 2a, 2b, 3a, 2c, 2e, 2d and 3b so that Graham Stevens from Stride Treglowan could be released early, and to enable full consideration of the letter received earlier in the day from the Council's Planning Office regarding the emerging Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan.

## **AGENDA ITEM – 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST FORUM MEETING (27 MARCH 2014) AND MATTERS ARISING**

**2a.** Sam Moss proposed that the Minutes of the Forum and Steering Group Meeting held on 27th March 2014 be accepted as a true record; seconded by Roger Bristow and were approved unanimously.

### **Matters Arising:**

**2b. Forum Resources** The budget remains on target. Following correspondence with Pat Steward, David Watts had requested confirmation that there had been no change in the availability of the Frontrunner and Locality funds held by the Council on the Forum's behalf. This had been confirmed in the letter from Pat Steward discussed later below.

**2c. Taylor Wimpey Appeal** The Chairman confirmed that he had sent a response to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Forum before the deadline of 21 April 2014. The letter dated 16 April 2014 was circulated prior to the meeting and was agreed unanimously. It was noted that a reply had not yet been received to the email sent by DW to the Inspectorate case officer regarding the wish by local residents to speak at the Public Inquiry. As next steps it was agreed a volunteer sub-group is needed as soon as possible. Lorna Gardner agreed to find out when the Parish Hall may be available at no cost to keep the community informed and involved in

collating relevant local information. David Pickhaver agreed to ensure the Forum is kept up to date with documents as they become available (e.g. Statement of Common Ground once agreed between the main parties, and Proofs of Evidence from each side). DP confirmed that no date has been set yet by the Planning Inspectorate for the Public Inquiry, which could be July or September. It is not yet clear how the Masterplanning work commissioned by the Council will relate to this. (**Please note:** since the Forum meeting, a provisional Public Inquiry date has been set for Tuesday 30 September to Wednesday 8 October 2014 but no location yet)

**2d. New Local Plan** The Chairman reported that the Forum's submission was made on 31 March 2014 as required and a copy placed on the website with the Agenda prior to the meeting. It was agreed the letter and schedule fully reflected the Forum's views. David Pickhaver confirmed that the next step involves the Council considering all representations received before submitting them with the Local Plan to the Secretary of State in July. A Reference Group meeting of Forum Chairs and Council representatives is proposed in May but no date or Agenda has been finalised.

**2e. Sports & Playing Pitch Studies** The Consultation Drafts are now available online as circulated with the Agenda prior to the meeting. John Gibson is the Forum's representative on the Key Stakeholder Group, but had sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting due to illness. David Wotton felt both documents were well written and the proposals justified, the only query being no account appeared to have been taken of tourists who may use the facilities. It was agreed this should form the basis of the Forum's response to the consultation that ends on 2 May. The Chairman agreed to progress this with John Gibson before the deadline.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3 PROJECT PLAN PROGRESS**

**3a. Stage 3 - Masterplan Input** With a visual display showing the two Masterplan boundaries, Graham Stephens of Stride Treglown gave a report on the consultation to date. Drop-in sessions were held in the Parish Hall at Collaton St Mary on 22 April 2014 and on 23 April in the Paignton Club for the Town Centre area. Both sessions ran from 9am to 9pm. The workshop day was held on 24 April and covered both areas, with volunteers attending from the Forum. For Collaton it was noted that as yet there is no identified need for large greenfield site usage, village identity is an important consideration, and drainage issues need to be addressed ahead of implementation of the Masterplans. In Paignton Town Centre there has been general agreement on key sites that need to be tackled. A summary of findings to date will be presented at a meeting at the Paignton Club on Monday May 28 between 7 pm and 9 pm. Details will be available on-line from 30 April. Comments can be made on line at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/32VCHYX](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/32VCHYX) until 2 June 2014. The meeting agreed that the method of collecting views could be appropriate for the Forum to use when the pre-submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan is ready.

**3b. Stage 3 - Draft Neighbourhood Plan and emerging Local Plan** The Chairman referred to the two letters circulated with the Agenda papers. They had followed the submission of the Forum's response on 31 March to the 6 week Local Plan consultation. The first letter dated 10 April 2014 from Pat Steward (Torbay Council) raised concern about the effect the Forum's response could have on progress of the Local Plan. The second was the interim reply sent by the Chairman on 20 April 2014 which addressed each concern raised. The Chairman reported that a further letter had been received a few hours before the meeting (24 April) from Pat Steward which specifically requested that his letter be read out to the Forum meeting. DW read out the letter as requested and about half of the meeting's time was devoted to a discussion of the points raised in the letter. Following a question by Eddie Harris it was agreed the interim reply was necessary to avoid delay, which the Chairman added had been agreed beforehand with other Executive members of the Forum. David Wotton proposed, and Roger Bristow seconded, and the meeting agreed, that the Forum approves of the interim response sent which correctly represents the decisions taken by the Forum in past meetings. The meeting also agreed the Forum is the relevant body to answer the four questions raised in the latest letter, noting also that membership of the Community Partnerships overlaps with the Forum and the input of all CPs has

already been agreed. In the debate Louise Gilson as Chair of the Town Centre CP asked for it to be put on record that proposing development in Victoria Park had not come from her CP. The four questions raised in the latest letter were discussed extensively. It was agreed the Chairman with the Vice Chairman or another Executive member meets with the Council to discuss the matters further, but must ensure that the principles of the Forum are not compromised or varied: after which the Forum representatives will prepare a draft response and report back to the Forum at the next meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 - NEXT MEETING**

**4a.** The next meeting will be:

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**4b.** The Chairman reported that the developers of Devonshire Park (former Nortel site) wish to attend the meeting to seek the Forum's view on the information that should be included in an exhibition of proposals for the site being organised in June. The meeting welcomed this.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm

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