

PAIGNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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MINUTES OF A FORUM & STEERING GROUP MEETING

held in the Gerston Chapel Hall, Torquay Road, Paignton
at 6.30pm Thursday 28 August 2014

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In Attendance:

Jim Bonfield, Pam Bristow, Roger Bristow, Cllr Ian Doggett, Eileen Donovan, Lorna Gardner, Alan Hill, Karen Jemmett, Janet Jones, Nigel Jones, Leaf Lovejoy, Helen Kummer, Aaron McClusky, Sam Moss, Melvyn Newbery, Richard Parish, Mike Parkes (Minutes), Cllr Ruth Pentney, David Pickhaver, Martin Rolfe, Mrs. Rolfe, Ken Rowe, Richard Stevens, Anne Waite, David Watts (Chairman), David Wotton.

Apologies:

Anne-Marie Curror, Ian Curror, Cllr Bobbie Davies, Paula Hermes, Laurence Frewin, John Gibson and Jacqui Leigh.

AGENDA ITEM – 1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND WELCOME

1. David Watts, the Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Gerston Chapel for the use of their hall. Apologies received were as listed above.

AGENDA ITEM – 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST FORUM & STEERING GROUP MEETING (24 July 2014) AND MATTERS ARISING

2.a. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2014 were then agreed a true record. Proposed by Roger Bristow and seconded by David Wotton and approved unanimously.

2.b. Forum Resources. These were the same as recorded at the last meeting and remained on target.

2.c. (i) Local Plan. The Chairman pointed out that in addition to the Local Plan, Torbay Council last month published a 'Technical Paper – Growth Strategy and Capacity for Change'. He recommended that members read this. (Available on both the Forum and Council websites). He referred to diagram 1, page 7 and pointed out that in it, the Council recognized the ONS trend. Resulting from this, Torquay and Brixham Neighbourhood Forums will be attempting to meet housing targets and, whilst Paignton Neighbourhood Forum recognises their target of 3,400 dwellings, it remains concerned regarding the pace of development. The oscillating line on the diagram is that of the Local Plan.

(ii) Torbay Coast & Countryside. At this point, the Chairman read out a letter from 'Torbay Coast and Countryside' regarding their operational future in view of possible budget cuts. This general letter had been addressed to many organizations within the area and had also been received by David Wotton in his capacity as Secretary of the local Trades Union Council. He had referred the letter to the Forum. There was discussion on whether the Forum should make an official response. Whilst it was agreed that TC&C looked after important local pockets of land, the Chairman was asked to write a letter on behalf of the Forum acknowledging this importance but being unable to offer further support because of insufficient information, especially of their finances.

2.d. Masterplans. There was discussion on the usefulness of the Council's Masterplans for Paignton and Collaton St Mary, especially when balanced with the costs involved. Their publication was now overdue but DP was hopeful that these reports would be published in September. The Chairman added that it would be useful to have the Masterplan Consultants give a presentation to the Forum on their findings and to participate in a Question & Answer session.

2.e. Drainage Strategy (Hydraulic Study). Also overdue, was the hydraulic study. DP said that he thought that this would initially just concentrate on the Collaton St Mary area. SW Water had already

acknowledged that there were problems associated with this area. He was hopeful of an update sometime within the next few days.

2.f. Sports & Playing Fields Reports. The Chairman pointed out that these recent Council reports do not take into account tourist use of such facilities and asked if DP could find out how such use and demand is being evaluated.

2.g. 'Snap shot' Survey by TUC. David Wotton addressed the meeting and explained that he had recently undertaken a simple survey within certain Trades Unions e.g. UNISON, UNITE, PCS, CWU, RMT et al. His aim was to get a feel for what issues would be important to Trades Union members should their employer seek to relocate to Paignton. He emphasised that whilst the sample was not large it represented a good cross section. Principal amongst feedback points were: a) The need for good quality houses at affordable prices. b) A pleasant environment with reasonable sized gardens amongst green spaces. c) Permanent, good quality employment opportunities. The Chairman thanked DW for this contribution and the meeting acknowledged its importance and interest.

AGENDA ITEM – 3. PROJECT PLAN PROGRESS – STAGE 3

3.a.(i) NJ raised concerns regarding certain traffic surveys and, as a result of this, asked DP if he was aware of any Planning Applications that were about to be submitted. DP said that he wasn't but undertook to investigate further. Given the submission of the Local Plan and development of the Neighbourhood Plan, it was felt such applications would now be inappropriate and wrong.

3.a. (ii) Skeleton Draft 3 (to 4). The Chairman emphasised the importance of updating the Neighbourhood Plan drafted and approved in December 2013. In particular, it needed to include any traffic 'hot spots' and the meeting agreed upon such places as: Fernham, Oldway, Preston, Roselands, Victoria Park/Christchurch area and Yalberton. Also, in need of updating would be: the Preface (& Acknowledgement), Part 2: Community Involvement summary and Part 4: Para 4.2 (summary difference between Torquay, Paignton and Brixham. The September Forum meeting would need to address the Policy wording details of Part 6. The proposals were agreed by a show of hands with no objections.

3.a. (iii) DW referred those who had attended the training day run by Planning Aid to the advice given when writing policies.

3.a. (iv) MN suggested that there could be NHS funding available under its 'Green Lung' initiative.

3.b. (i) Graphics & printing budget. All Forums must use their £7k by 31 Dec 2014 or send the amount back. Paignton NF has been earmarked its amount for 'pre-submission document graphics & printing' and there was now an urgency to get these completed. 'Planning Aid' has confirmed that there are very few Forum areas of our size (43,000) and, for example, Winsford has a population of 36,000 and Kentish Town of 20,000.

3.b.(ii) Estimated Budget Plan for Documents as at June 2013 (3 estimates required; no vat):

• Pre-submission Plan & Delivery Strategy: 1,000 copies with 150 pages	£3,800
• Community Consultation Statement: 200 copies with 30 pages	£800
• Evidence Base Summary: 200 copies with 150 pages	£1,000
• Sustainability Appraisal & HRA anticipated: 100 copies with 40 pages	£500
• Non-Technical Summary: 100 copies with 10 pages	£100
• Basic Conditions Statement: 100 copies with 50 pages	£300
• Cost of conversions to web format	<u>£500</u>
	£7,000

3.b. (iii) Budget Plan – Process. Pre-Submission 6 wk consultation:

• Neighbourhood Exhibition(s)	3,600
• Pamphlets to all properties (20,000+)	5,600
• Public Meetings in all areas	<u>1,900</u>
	<u>£11,100</u>

- Referendum Campaign & ongoing costs (as at June 2014): £6,900 (Thame NP cost £2,908 for 9,260 voters)

3.c. (i) Stage 3 Community Consultation and Strategic Environmental Assessment. A timetable was needed for the SEA and there was also a request for assistance from Council Officers. DP agreed to enquire about this.

(ii) NJ asked the whereabouts of the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan. DP said he was unsure.

3.d. Collaton St Mary Appeal. Referring to the withdrawal of the 'Taylor Wimpey Application', the Chairman asked that volunteers kept their research safe, especially that relating to: ecology, traffic, sewers and drainage as this information would be needed for the examinations of the Neighbourhood Plan, Local Plan and Masterplans.

3.e. Paignton Town Community Partnership Survey 5 July 2014 (Victoria St). The results of the survey were displayed but it was agreed that there was no further new information.

3.f. Forum Website. There were no objections to the Website being updated. To date, some documents have not been listed as, for example, anyone could have used them out of context. New additions should include the '100 objectives' and their conversion to policy wording.

3.g. New DCLG Regulations. It was agreed that this item should be carried forward to the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM – 4. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thu 25 Sep 2014 at 6.30pm in the Gerston Hall, Paignton with other dates agreed as:

- Thu 23 Oct 2014
- Thu 20 Nov 2014
- Thu 18 Dec 2014
- Thu 15 Jan 2015
- Thu 19 Feb 2015
- Thu 19 Mar 2015
- Thu 16 Apr 2015
- Thu 21 May 2015.

The meeting was closed at 2100hrs.