

PAIGNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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DRAFT MINUTES OF A FORUM & STEERING GROUP MEETING

held in the Gerston Chapel Hall, Torquay Road, Paignton
at 6.30pm Thursday 16 April 2015

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In Attendance:

Pam Bristow, Roger Bristow, Carole Box, Helen Boyles, Anne-Marie Curror, Eileen Donovan, Alan Hill, Helen Kummer, Leaf Lovejoy, Aaron McCluskey, Sam Moss, Melvyn Newbery, Mike Parkes (Minutes), David Pickhaver, Richard Stevens, David Watts (Chairman), David Wotton.

Apologies:

Ian Curror, Lorna Gardner, Sally Grant, Eddie Harris, Janet Jones, Nigel Jones, Ann Waite.

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 (19 Mar 15) AND MATTERS ARISING

2. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 19 Mar 15 were agreed a true record. Proposed by Roger Bristow; seconded by Pam Bristow and approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM – 3 PROJECT PLAN PROGRESS – STAGE 3

3.a.i. Skeleton Neighbourhood Plan. Draft 8 edition / showing Parts 7 and 8 updated had been circulated prior to the meeting and were displayed on-screen for discussion and comments:

ii. It was agreed that the first sentence of the Preface for draft 8 should contain the wording: "With a start year of 2012 ... next 20 years until 2032", but changed when the Local Plan outcome is known.

iii. More detailed maps would be needed to highlight certain areas such as: Blatchcombe, Westerland, Collaton St Mary, White Rock, Yalberton Valley etc.

iv. Referring to 6.7 (employment), DWn said that Torbay currently has about 3,400 residents who are registered unemployed and claiming benefit and felt that there is a need for more jobs to help reduce existing deprivation and to improve wider prosperity. About 42% of employed residents only have part time employment and that this does not include those on zero hours contracts. CB felt that there was now a social trend towards zero hour contracts and the importance of this on how young families would be able to negotiate mortgages with banks that appeared less inclined to help.

v. Part 8 needed to include reference to the lack of existence of a comprehensive drainage plan in the next update of Part 8 details.

vi. Parts 7 and 8 were then approved with no objections being raised.

3.b. i. Sustainability Appraisal. DW reminded those attending of the procedural background with the aid of an on-screen display. The initial draft of the Scoping Report had been prepared by Torbay Council Officers and it was considered by the meeting that it should now be recognized as a joint document between Paignton Neighbourhood Forum and Torbay Council. The L.A. had asked for any changes and as a result, amendments and additions had been made to the document and circulated on the Forum website for consideration prior to the meeting. The revised draft was then displayed on-screen for discussion and comments. It was explained how this would help complement the Paignton Neighbourhood Plan and as such would become a formal part of the document set for submission

alongside the Neighbourhood Plan in due course. The Secretary was asked to record especial thanks to the Council Officers Ashwag Shimin and David Pickhaver for their considerable work and support on this Sustainability Appraisal document.

ii. The following further amendments were recorded:

- In the Index, the Baseline should follow the order of the NPPF headings.
- The sub heading "Employment" should go before "Housing".
- The Forum logo should appear on the front page.
- At para 1.9 and to offer balance the phrase "Local Trades Union Council" should be included.
- At para 1.11, delete "allocate" and insert "take into."
- At para 1.12 2nd sentence, include "when the harbour..."
- The graph at para 4.5 to be replaced with the one for Paignton.
- At para 4.17, 42% part time workers does not include those on zero hours contracts
- At para 4.17 add the "Yalberton Valley Cider Orchards.
- At Table 4.7, Southfield Methodist Church needs adding to the list as a Grade 2* listed building.
- At para 5.2 key wording needs to be in same order as SWOT abbreviation.
- 'Paignton' to be described as the "historical heart of Torbay".
- At Table 6.1, replacing the summary NPPF headings with the more detailed Table displayed

iii. It was agreed that the amended draft would be re-circulated by email after the above changes had been made and the Executive Committee be allowed to continue work on the document with the aim of submitting to the Forum at the 21 May meeting for final ratification and submission to the three statutory bodies required to be consulted. Each will have 5 weeks in which to respond if they so chose (English Heritage, Natural England and the Environment Agency).

iv. The requirement for a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) was discussed and concern was raised as to who would fund it. It was noted this issue related to the whole question of development level in the Local Plan not yet resolved, and the Chairman confirmed he had already sent an email to officers asking if this would be borne by Torbay Council. No reply has been received as yet.

v. Local Plan Modifications. It was expected that Council Officers would be making all responses received available on-line within 7 days although this would not include a formal response from the Council until sent to the Inspector.

vi. There then followed some discussion on employment and of the continuing need for a jobs led Local Plan as opposed to what was regarded as a housing led plan. It was expressed that "houses don't lead to jobs!" The point was also made that with the opening of the SDLR only a few months away, there had still been no upsurge of large companies wishing to relocate or expand into Torbay.

vii. Also expressed was the feeling that the L.A. had chosen to "sit on the fence" and to leave outstanding matters regarding Local Plan to the Planning Inspector.

3.c. Grant Application.

i. DW explained that, since the last meeting, an opportunity had arisen to submit a further bid for funding to 'Locality' and that this had been done on 1 April 2015. This application was broken down into:

- £8,000 grant for document help/printing and Public Liability Insurance.
- £6,000 worth of technical help on SA/SEA

ii. A reply had been received on 8 April 2015 to say that this application was being considered. The bid was supported unanimously with a request to update the budget plan.

AGENDA ITEM – 4. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thu 21 May 2015

at 6.30pm in the Gerston Hall, Paignton with further dates already agreed as:

- Thu 18 Jun 2015
- Thu 16 Jul 2015
- Thu 20 Aug 2015
- Thu 17 Sep 2015

- Thu 15 Oct 2015
- Thu 19 Nov 2015
- Thu 17 Dec 2015

The meeting closed at 2030hrs.