

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 15 June 2017

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In Attendance:

Adam Billings, Jim Bonfield, Helen Boyles, A. Didscoyl (Arts item), Eileen Donovan, Alan Hill, Karen Jemmett, Helen Kummer, Maggie Loates, Leaf Lovejoy, Sam Moss, Melvyn Newbury, Richard Parish, Mike Parkes (Minutes), David Pickhaver, Stephen Reed, R. Stevens, Peter Stride, Vera Stride, Cllr Di Stubbley, Richard Swindells, L. Thompson, Christine Watts, David Watts (Chairman), David Wotton.

Apologies:

Carole Box, Pam Bristow, Roger Bristow, Anne-Marie Curror, Ian Curror, Lorna Gardner, John Gibson, Paula Hermes, Silvana Rodericks.

AGENDA ITEM – 1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND WELCOME

1. 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. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LAST FORUM & STEERING GROUP MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING:

2.a. The previously circulated Agenda was shown on-screen. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 17 were then agreed a true record. Proposed by David Wotton and seconded by Alan Hill.

2.b. Current Planning Applications:

i) **'Half Moon Public House' (Torquay Road near Oldway) P/2016/1266:** following discussion and by reference to an on-screen slide, it was unanimously agreed that the application was one of gross overdevelopment and that a letter of objection should be sent by the Forum. This was the first time that the Forum had evoked reference to completion of the 'Regulation 14' stage (now a material planning consideration when assessing planning applications).

ii) **'Inn on the Quay' (Goodrington) P/2017/0549:** by reference to on-screen photographs and diagrams it was agreed that the application should be supported but only on the condition that the Public Conveniences be replaced. This was regarded as very important as this was both a very popular area and beach with tourists. This was a unanimous vote less one vote against.

AGENDA ITEM – 3. PROJECT PLAN PROGRESS -

i) **Freedom of Information requests:** DWn updated the meeting on his latest Freedom of Information request. Given recent public concerns regarding failing refuse collections he had discovered that as 'Tor2' is only 20% owned by Torbay Council they are exempt from FoI requests. and had not answered his emails and letters for further information. Members shared his concerns re the unknown employees on 'Zero hours' contracts etc having regard to the efforts being made to help promote job growth and economic improvement locally.

ii) **Historically important Letter Boxes:** DW reminded members on earlier discussions on the subject and assured them that his dialogue with English Heritage was on-going.

iii) **Regulation 14 Consultation Responses:** All submissions that had been received during the 6 week consultation period were displayed on screen as circulated in advance of the meeting. The conclusions expressed from the debate that followed were:

- ML suggested that all responses should be included in the final documentation - this was unanimously supported.
- The response and very comprehensive submission by a Collaton St Mary resident was highly regarded by the meeting and worthy of some closer inspection especially for 'original' ideas. This was to be followed up by CStM Residents' Association.
- Results showed a high correlation with Stage 2 (2013) findings.
- More could be included with regard to cultural development within Paignton; as a whole, noting the Arts Council regards Torbay overall as a 'cultural wasteland'. It was agreed such development would raise the tourism offer though referencing this in the Plan needed to recognise that the Neighbourhood Plan is geographically based, not topic based.
- Of notable interest from the returns from developers was one from Persimmon Homes expressing shared concerns with the balance of homes needed with the employment shortfall.
- There needed to be a review of existing map clarity on certain documents which the Chairman agreed to progress.
- It was unanimously agreed that £1,000 pounds be made available for printing of the above. (AB thought he might be able to obtain cheaper rates that would include additional user friendly applications - DW/AB to discuss further).
- The TDA response was discussed in some detail. There was concern that they had failed to respond to several earlier emails and members expressed their dissatisfaction with such an '11th hour' response! It was agreed that it should be demonstrated how their points were at odds with the LA Local Plan.
- Members unanimously supported by show of hands an interim letter displayed on-screen dated 1 Jun 17 to the Local Authority requesting a date for the meeting offered between the LA and Paignton NF, which because of time constraints this would need to be held in June.
- DW referred to and read out an email subsequently received from the LA with regards to site allocation. As this point has been discussed in previous meetings, members still supported that there was no need to identify further sites and noted the difference between the response from the Council and Natural England regarding HRAs.
- It was unanimously agreed that an editorial sub group should examine suggested amendments before the next meeting but keep within the parameters of the main plan.

iv) **Finalising the Submission:** Outstanding matters include:

- Meeting with Council officers
- Completing CI statement with Reg14 results
- Adjusting the documents
- Draft a Submission covering letter
- Final 'sign-off' at 13 July meeting

AGENDA ITEM – 4. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING The date of the next meeting is Thu 13 July 2017 at 6.30pm in the Gerston Hall, Paignton with further dates agreed as:

Thu 24 August 2017
 Thu 28 September 2017
 Thu 26 October 2017
 Thu 23 November 2017

The meeting closed at 2050hrs.