

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 28 February 2019

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In Attendance:

Angela Ainscough, Jim Bonfield, Pam Bristow, Roger Bristow, Michael Clack, Peter Collis, Bob Davies, Vanessa Davies, Lorna Gardner, John Gibson, Alan Hill, Janet Jones, Nigel Jones, Helen Kummer, Maggie Loates, Leaf Lovejoy, Sam Moss, Richard Parish, Mike Parkes (Minutes), Cllr. John Thomas, L. Thompson, Anne Waite, Christine Watts, David Watts (Chairman), David Wotton.

Apologies:

Anne-Marie Curror, Ian Curror, Paula Hermes, David Leigh, Jacqui Leigh.

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 draft minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2019 were then agreed a true record. Proposed by Maggie Loates and seconded by Peter Collis.

2.b. Planning Applications:

(i) Demolition of buildings at **Little Blagdon Farm** (P/2018/1183). This had now been withdrawn. (RB stated that rumours still abounded that further attempts would be made to develop the site)

(ii) Taylor Wimpey proposal at **Collaton St Mary** (P/2017/1304). This had also been withdrawn.

2. c. **Land Release Fund Fol.** The Chairman reported that he was still awaiting a reply to put before the Forum. (Connect Minute 2.c. (vi) of 17 Jan 19).

2.d. **Protecting Trees & Woodland** (DEFRA consultation). DW explained that he had recently been made aware of this DEFRA Public Consultation and because there was a reply deadline of 28 Feb 19, the Chairman had already drafted responses for the Forum's consideration. (DEFRA preferred an online submission):

https://consult.defra.gov.uk/forestry/protecting-trees-and-woodlands/supporting_documents/TreeswoodlandsconsultdocumentRB.pdf

(i) The 15 responses were displayed on-screen and each one discussed in turn. The responses were supported with the following points being recorded:

- There appeared to be a need for greater liaison between DEFRA and MHCLG.
- “Enhancing” was considered equally as important as “Protecting” the environment.
- Speedy “Enforcement” was considered very important and because of financial constraints on Councils, there was a strong feeling that communities could help the LA with ensuring Protection.
- Following expressed concerns regarding Tree Preservation Orders, JT offered to help anyone needing assistance with contacting the appropriate LA officials.
- JT would like to see Torbay Council adopting a formal Tree Planting Policy.

(ii) It was agreed that the Chairman should submit the responses as they stood and to highlight the importance of local Community Consultations.

2.e. **'Town Council' consultation.** DW reminded the Forum that Torbay Council was carrying out a Community Governance Review to decide if any changes should be made to local governance arrangements, including whether or not new town or parish councils should be set up. He wished to know if the Forum should submit a response. Following a short discussion, the Forum voted by 18 to 1 that it should not submit a response. Members regarded it important that PNF should continue to be seen as apolitical. However, members were encouraged to respond individually and before the deadline of 15 Mar 19: <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/council/community-governance-review/>

AGENDA ITEM – 3. PROJECT PLAN PROGRESS - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - POST EXAMINATION

3.a. Preparing for the Referendum:

i) Outcome of the meeting with the Deputy Returning Officer for Torbay:

The following financial figures for referendum expenditure are based on a set amount of £2,362 plus £0.059p per registered elector. Qualifying voters as at 1Feb19:

Torquay	49,001 electors	= £5,253
Paignton	36,253 electors	= £4,500
Brixham	16,035 electors	= £3,308

The money can be used to advertise the PN Plan and the Referendum but not which way to vote. (The PN Plan comes into force immediately following a favourable vote. The Chairman asked for volunteers to form a Campaign Team and it was agreed that anyone interested should email DW direct and before 4pm 1 Mar 19.

(ii) **Natural England's response to the L.A:** The LPA are still considering their response and DW said that he was anticipating a reply within the next few days from the LPA on the post-examination HRA. (Minute para 3.a.(ii) of 28 Feb 19 refers). Agreed unanimously the Chairman be delegated to respond as necessary.

3.b. Crossways - Potential Neighbourhood Development Order (NDO):

(i) The Chairman had given a presentation to the Paignton Town & Preston Community Partnership on 6th Feb 2019 and on behalf of PT&P CP and Forum had also attended a meeting with the TDA where the mismatch between the Local Plan and Town Centre Master Plan had been discussed. This needed resolving. Another important point that had emerged was that, to-date, the TDA had been excluding the Crossways BT site in discussions regarding any proposed CPO. DW referred to the whole site, which included the BT buildings, as 'Crossways Plus'. The conclusion reached was the need to progress this via both the imminent Review of the Local Plan and a NDO alongside if necessary.

(ii) The TDA had requested Paignton NF support in its application for Government funding for Town Centre High Street improvements. Unanimous approval was given for Stage 1 application subject to the reconciliation of the above points of conflict in due course.

NOTICES:

1. **OLDWAY MANSION** - DW thought that PNF Members would wish to know that the Paignton Heritage Society, with support from Torbay Council, hope to hold an Open Event at Oldway Mansion on 6 and 7 April 2018. It would be open to the public and provide an opportunity to see inside Oldway Mansion and to see displays being organised by the Heritage Society. There would only be extremely limited car parking. Finalisation of the event dates depended on safety works by the Council being completed in time

2. **RESIGNATION** - David Wotton asked the meeting to note that, due to his resignation, this was the last meeting that he would be attending in his official capacity as Secretary of the Torbay & District Trades Union Council. However, he hoped to attend future PNF meetings in a private capacity. The Chairman thanked him for his support and wise counsel over a considerable number of years and looked forward to his continued attendance - a sentiment unanimously endorsed by all attending.

AGENDA ITEM – 4. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING The date of the next meeting is Thu 28 Mar 19 at 6.30pm in the Gerston Hall, Paignton with further and future dates agreed as:

Thu 9 May 19

Thu 13 Jun 19
Thu 18 Jul 19
Thu 15 Aug 19
Thu 12 Sep 19
Thu 17 Oct 19
Thu 14 Nov 19
Thu 12 Dec 19

The meeting closed at 2030hrs.