

**MINUTES OF AN INTERIM MEETING OF THE
PAIGNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**

6.30pm Thu 19 January 2012 @ Paignton Library

In Attendance:

From Blatchcombe CP: Roger Bristow, Lorna Gardner, Alan Hill, Phill Jempson, Mike Parkes (Minutes), Cllr David Thomas, Cllr John Thomas.

From Clifton with Maidenway CP: Cllr Ian Doggett, Cllr Ruth Pentney.

From Goodrington with Roseland & Hookhills CP: Dean Auton, Cllr Jane Barnby, Cllr Ken Pritchard.

From Paignton CP: Cllr Bobbie Davies, Louise Gilson, Colin Hurst (FoVP), David Watts (Chair).

From Preston CP: Cllr Chris Lewis.

From Torbay Council Community Partnerships: Tracey Cabache.

Apologies:

Tracey Brooks (Council Spatial Planning Dept), Cllr Stephen Brooksbank (Paignton CP), Gesche Buecker (Preston CP), David Butt (Preston CP), Cllr Christine Carter (Goodrington with Roselands & Hookhills CP), Pat Steward (Torbay Council Spatial Planning Dept)

AGENDA ITEM -1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED & WELCOME

1. The Chairman, David Watts, welcomed those attending and received apologies as listed above.

AGENDA ITEM – 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

2. The minutes of the last meeting held on Thu 10 Nov 11 were approved.

AGENDA ITEM – 3. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

3. DW informed the meeting that Gesche Buecker (Preston CP) had accepted the invitation to become Forum Treasurer.

AGENDA ITEM – 4. FORUM CONSTITUTION & MEMBERSHIP

4. DW explained that since the last meeting, the Localism Act had come into force on the 15 Nov 11. Stemming from this would be the publication of a document entitled, “Neighbourhood Planning Regulations” due for implementation on 1 April 2012. To help with its preparation, the Government had invited Local Authorities and others to respond to a Consultation Draft. Tracey Brooks had already submitted this in order to meet the deadline of 5 Jan 2012. It had been seen and supported by the Forum Chairman.

5. DW went on to explain that a requirement of the new “Neighbourhood Planning Regulations” and the Localism Act would be for all Forums to have a written constitution.

6. In discussing the tabled draft constitution for the Paignton Neighbourhood Forum the following points were made:

a. There was agreement that, as the next step, more needed to be done to widen membership of the Forum e.g. representatives were needed from churches, schools etc.

b. Cllr John Thomas asked that the Council's Legal department be consulted on the drawing up of the constitution as the Forum would become the 'Approved Body' and, therefore, responsible for holding public money.

c. Community Membership should be limited to those residing or working within Torbay. However, assistance and advice could be sought from others acting in an advisory or observer capacity.

d. For the time being, it was agreed to proceed with the draft constitution whilst awaiting inputs from Council Officers. All members were encouraged to email the Chairman direct with any further comments on the proposed constitution and certainly before the next Forum Meeting.

ACTION: ALL FORUM MEMBERS

7. The Secretary was asked to circulate an up to date list of Forum email addresses.

8. Tracey Cabache was asked to email the draft list of known associations and organisations to all members and, upon its receipt, DW asked that Members inform Tracey Cabache should they know of other organisations that could be added. There was an especial need to include contact details for landowners.

ACTION: ALL FORUM MEMBERS

9. The Secretary was asked to email out a Boundary Map showing the Forum's area of Responsibility (to include details of Churston and Galmpton).

10. DW said that there was a need for representation from Paignton Town Centre organisations but the following organisations had already declared an interest in becoming members of the Forum: i) The Paignton Society, ii) Collaton St Mary's Residents Association, iii) Friends of Victoria Park, iv) Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust and, possibly, v) the Harbour Users Group.

11. It was suggested that an approach for representatives should also be made to the emergency services and to South Devon College.

AGENDA ITEM – 5. PROJECT PLAN PROGRESS

12.a. Funding Application. A reply is still awaited from the government to the application submitted in December 2011.

12.b. Reference Group. This had been formed on 15 December 2011 with representatives from all 3 Torbay Interim Forums meeting and agreeing to meet quarterly in order to share best practice and relevant information.

12.c. Princes Foundation. Pat Steward and Tracy Brooks are making arrangements for the Foundation's assistance with community engagement and at no cost to the Forum.

12.d. Mapping Community Groups. A start has been made on compiling a list of known local organisations (see para 8 above) that can be expanded to help with community engagement.

12.e. Information Sheets. Council Officers are preparing further Information Sheets similar to the previously circulated one on 'Housing'.

12.f. 'Blue Sky' Results. A tabled sheet showed the outcome of a public meeting held by the Paignton Town CP on 2 Nov 11. It was an interactive experiment showing how 'aspiration' and 'SWOT analysis' could be carried out at the same time. The results highlighted issues regarded as important for the community.

AGENDA ITEM – 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

13. Cllr David Thomas explained that publication of the Core Strategy had been delayed until this coming Spring.

14. It was agreed, based on views so far expressed (see 12.f above), that the following sub-groupings be formed in the agreed spirit of 'get on with it' and consisting of the following volunteers:

- a. The Town Centre & Seafront Group: Bobbie Davies, Louise Gilson, Colin Hurst.
- b. Out of Town Group: Dean Auton, Roger Bristow, Mike Parkes, Ruth Pentney.
- c. Community Engagement Group: Dean Auton, Bobbie Davies, Ian Doggett.

AGENDA ITEM – 7. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETING

15. The following dates for the first part of 2012 were agreed, subject to any amendments necessary to ensure progress of the Plan (all being held on a Thursday and commencing at 6.30pm at Paignton Library & Information Centre):

23 February, 22 March, 19 April and 24 May.

16. The meeting concluded at 8.20pm.