

PAIGNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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MINUTES OF A FORUM MEETING

held at the Gerston Chapel Hall, Torquay Road, Paignton
at 6:30pm Thursday 15th August 2013

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In Attendance: David Watts (Chairman), Eileen Donovan (Minutes), Janet Jones, Ann Waite, David Wotton, Linda Norman, Richard Stevens, Cllr Jane Barnby, David Pickhaver, Helen Kummer, Karen Jemmett, Cllr Ruth Pentney, Sam Moss, Sally Grant, Lorna Gardner, Cllr Ian Doggett, Ken Rowe, Alan Hill, Bill Callahan, John Gibson, Mike Gotham, Cllr Alan Tyerman, Aaron McCluskey, Jennifer Tyrrell, Melvyn Newbery, Tracey Cabache, Louise Gilson, Zoe Wilson, Carole Box, M. Rolfe, Roger Bristow.

Apologies: Jane Brooksbank, Colin Hurst, Cllr Stephen Brooksbank, Cllr Derek Mills, Cllr Chris Lewis, Cllr Christine Scouler, Cllr Dave Butt.

AGENDA ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND WELCOME.

- 1.a Apologies received were as listed above.
- 1.b The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE LAST FORUM MEETING (18 July 2013) AND MATTERS ARISING.

2.a Draft Minutes The Minutes were agreed subject to the following addition to deal with an omission received to Item 3c (Steering Group and CP progress) which the Chairman read out: *"Sam Moss said that he did not agree that any meetings of the Forum should be held outside of the Neighbourhood Area as it made it more difficult for community members to attend. Sam Moss expressed concern that the method of collecting community views used by the Paignton Town CP did not enable more detailed analysis of where the views had come from, for example by CP area within the overall Neighbourhood. This may prove to be important when the CP input is available and lacked sufficient evidence to support proposals that may be made."* Proposed: Karen Jemmett, seconded Sam Moss and agreed by the meeting without dissent. In answer to a question, the Chairman confirmed that the Forum's Stage 2 Questionnaire entries included address details of respondents.

2.b Expenses Agreed the spend of £30.00 on venue costs for the 19 Sept 2013 meeting, met from the budget for ongoing costs.

2.c Tor Bay Ports Master Plan - Paignton Port The meeting was reminded that the Forum's views had been requested and were provided by letter on 06 May 2013. The Final Report was published on the web on 23 July 2013. It was noted that none of the matters raised by the Forum had been resolved:

- **North Quay.** The Forum had queried the absence of proposals for the North Quay with particular reference to the anticipated rise in sea level, but no response has been received. The Chairman confirmed that he attended the launch of the Final Report on 23 July 2013 at the Royal Yacht Club in Torquay and was assured by the Port Authority Chairman it was an important point that would be raised with the Port Committee, but nothing more has been heard.
- **Harbourside development.** The proposals have not been revised in the light of the information supplied by the Forum in relation to the public's clearly expressed wish to retain the "quaintness" of the Harbour.

- East Quay. The Forum requested a copy of an Environmental Impact Assessment for the East Quay, but no response has been received.

2.d Proposed Development at Collaton St Mary by Taylor Wimpey. Planning Appn P/2013/0572. The meeting noted the Application was refused on six grounds by the Council's Planning Committee on 12 August 2013, but the decision can be appealed. Summarised, the reasons for refusal stated are:

- 01 – Piecemeal
- 02 – Landscape Impact
- 03 – Impact on protected species
- 04 – Insufficient info re: drainage & flooding
- 05 – Not enough Affordable Housing / S106 contributions
- 06 – Impact on A385 traffic flow

Cllr Alan Tyerman reaffirmed the conclusion reached by the council that the proposal had not made the case in principle as a departure application. Nigel Jones was reminded that he had agreed at the Forum meeting on 5th July 2013 to explore the timetable likely to arise between deposit of the Local Plan due shortly, and any appeal timetable that may arise.

2.e Local Plan Progress (Council). The meeting noted Torbay Council's continuing wish to proceed to Deposit which would trigger a six week pre-inquiry public consultation, and is the next step supported also by the Forum. DW referred to a meeting attended by all 3 Forum Chairs on 5th August 2013 with council representatives who had indicated the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) want details of the sites for the 8-10,000 homes proposed before the LP proceeds to Deposit. There was concern by all at the meeting that this did not recognise the role of Neighbourhood Plans, and to include this in the LP would cause significant delay as a further round of public consultation would be required. The meeting noted the difference between the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan assessments of housing need during the Plan period and the council's proposed approach of lockgate pools and 5 year reviews to manage the uncertainty that exists. The meeting on 5th August 2013 concluded unanimously that in answer to PINS an "explanatory memorandum" should be drawn up jointly by the Council and Forums that was not part of the LP but sufficient to indicate to PINS the sites in the lockgate pools if and when the need to bring them forward had been justified through the monitoring and 5 year reviews proposed. The Forum would still be able to challenge the proposed total of 8-10,000 when the LP goes on Deposit. The council representatives indicated that a £10,000 grant is available to help with the Forum's planning work. It was agreed to consider the proposal further with Item 3b below. Roger Bristow asked that the Notes of the 05 August 2013 meeting between Torbay Council and the Chairs of the three Forums be circulated. David Pickhaver will investigate availability and circulation of the Notes.

AGENDA ITEM 3 - PROJECT PLAN PROGRESS

3. Current status Through a visual presentation the Forum was reminded that progress is currently at Stage 3, which is the writing of the Neighbourhood Plan.

3.a Schools At a meeting requested with Forum chairs on 1st August 2013, Torbay Council offered to provide a copy of its current 4 yr Capital Programme and pupil forecast, and asked for the Forum's estimate of site needs beyond that timescale. The Forum agreed to study the sites available, having regard to the uncertainty surrounding future population figures. Council officers will supply the capital program and latest school roll projections to enable each Forum to give a view.

3.b Housing land requirement and supply The Council has published the awaited report using a "refreshed" evidence base as circulated prior to the meeting. The Forum agreed to respond to this and to the PINS requirement (Item 2e above) by reviewing a "lock-gate" sequence of site availability based on Paignton's share of 3 "pools" of 0-5 years, 6-10 years, and 11-20 years. Pool 1 would essentially consist of sites already allocated or with planning permission. Pools 2 and 3 would consist of sites only if the proposed 5 yearly review of job growth and net migration justified release. Agreed that the Outer Sub-Group will review all sites - including those proposed by the CPs - and report back to the Forum.

3.c Steering Group and CP progress (i) The proposed additional Steering Group meeting on 7 August 2013 was not quorate for the reason given in the Forum Agenda circulated prior to the meeting. By agreement those present on that date took the opportunity to discuss various matters and to exchange information. The first draft inputs on behalf of Paignton Town Community Partnership were distributed and the Forum has requested and received electronic copies to make the documents available to others. Notes of the discussion are on the website.

(ii) The Forum discussed the Chairman's suggestion of appointing additional non-Council Forum members to the Steering Group to avoid the risk of meetings not being quorate. It was noted the problem has arisen because there are no longer enough non-council CP Chairs and Vice Chairs. It was noted that in stark contrast the Forum's membership was sufficiently extensive across all 5 CP areas. Tracey Cabache suggested that CP's be allowed to send substitutes on condition they were also Forum members. David Wotton reminded the Forum that the Constitution does not provide for substitutes and continuity could also become a problem. Sam Moss referred to previous Forum decisions and the stage now reached in asking for CP inputs by 1st September and felt the time had come to allow all Forum and Steering Group members to meet together. His proposal was seconded by Karen Jemmett. Motion passed: 14 For 5 Against.

(iii) The meeting agreed that all future Forum meetings should be held in Paignton.

(iv) Training sessions are being arranged for drafting volunteers. It was also noted the Regulations require that the Forum's Community Statement must:-

- contain details of the persons and bodies consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan
- explain how they were consulted
- summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted
- describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – NEXT MEETINGS

The meeting was reminded that the CP's have agreed to work to 1st September for the inputs received to be considered at the next Forum meeting on 19th September. The meeting will take place at 6.30pm at Gerston Chapel Hall as shown below.

Additional Forum meeting dates were also agreed as shown below, which it has been checked do not conflict with published council meetings.

Forum	Thu 19 September 2013	Gerston Chapel Hall, Torquay Road, Paignton
Forum	Thu 24 October 2013	Venue TBC
Forum	Thu 21 November 2013	Venue TBC
Forum	Thu 19 December 2013	Venue TBC

All meetings to start at 6:30 pm, for target completion by 8:30 pm

Meeting closed 21.05

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