

WARD PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Blatchcombe and Clifton with Maidenway

Thursday 24 February 2005 @ 2pm

Present:

PC Phil Williams (PW) *Chair*
PC Greg Parr (GP)
PC Nigel Jones (NJ)
PC Simon Dudman (SD)
PC Vikki Cowell (VC)
Katie Beckenham, RHT (KB) *Minutes*
Cyril Perry, Neighbourhood Watch (CP)
Cllr Ian Doggett (ID)
Cllr Wendy Burrige (WB)
Cllr John Nicholls (JN)

1.	Departures	<u>Action</u>
2.	New Faces Simon Dudman will be taking over from Phil for the next four months. Vikki Cowell is the new NBM for Foxhole and takes over from Tony Johnson. Nigel Jones takes up Greg Parr's reigns.	
3.	Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) Two PCSOs will be working shortly in QED and Foxhole. They will receive basic training for 3 weeks, then work with the NBMs on the patch and then undergo further training. PCSOs will be a vital link between the community and NBMs, provide a visible presence and reassurance for residents. The PCSOs should be able to attend the next Ward Partnership Meeting.	
4.	Problem Profiles Drakes Road – PW had been asked to include this issue by Cllr George Porter. PW informed the group that there are numerous problems in the area and an elderly couple in particular are being targeted. It appears that the problem may have stemmed from a parking dispute, but has now escalated. The Police and RHT are working closely together to resolve the situation and cannot divulge further details at this stage. Underidge Road – up to 20 children gathering, causing damage to garages and a nuisance to residents. Also seem to gather on and around a BT box. Suggestions to resolve the situation include contacting BT to see if some form of deterrent can be applied, putting anti-climb paint on the garages and installing some lighting. The Clovelly Rise Residents Association (now defunct) has some funds	ID to speak to Highways about erecting a "no parking in turning bay" sign

<p>left over and is considering installing some cameras as a deterrent.</p> <p>CP stated the children have nothing to do in the area. WB explained that the community centre and skatepark were still under consultation and that this facility wouldn't be available until 2006/2007.</p> <p>Foxhole shops – WB stated that she has received a number of complaints from one resident about the ongoing problem of people playing football on the land opposite the shops. She had also learnt that the chip shop and launderette were trying to get a team together and erect floodlights.</p> <p>The main cause of the problem is the large underground water tanks, which causes the sound of the ball bouncing to echo and reverberate.</p> <p>There is a “no ball games” sign but this is not enforceable.</p> <p>The land is mainly owned by Torbay Council, with a small proportion owned by RHT.</p> <p>CP suggested that the group speak with Foxhole United or the school and see if they can use the football pitch.</p> <p>VC suggested that the area needs to be made less attractive or suitable for playing ball games, perhaps by removing the boundary wall or splitting the area up.</p> <p>Suggested that the group seeks advice from Mike Youldon, Architectural Crime and Paul Osbourne, Council Urban Design.</p> <p>Queen Elizabeth Drive – CP informed the group that Neighbourhood Watch and the NBMs had targetted the area and arranged a meeting at the Community Centre which was well attended and achieved positive outcomes. A number of residents had taken information and are now speaking with their neighbours. It is hoped that each cul-de-sac will have its own Neighbourhood Watch group. WB was dissatisfied that she had not been invited to attend.</p> <p>WB informed the group that Highways were erecting a speed recording camera, to monitor the speed of vehicles in the area and that Cllr George Porter would be attending a meeting with Highways in early March.</p> <p>There remains an issue with drivers ignoring the no entry sign from Trellisick into QED and it was suggested that Highways be approached to see if a barrier in the form of moving plates could be installed to prevent traffic travelling in that direction.</p> <p>A lot of work is going on on QED and a Multi-Agency Problem Solving Group has been set up to target the various issues and change people's perception of the estate.</p> <p>At Easter, some youngsters will be taking part in drama workshops with specific themes (such as social responsibility and criminal damage) – this is being funded as a result of a bid PW submitted. The YMCA are also carrying out a video project with youngsters about life</p>	<p>WB to speak to chip shop and launderette.</p> <p>VC and ID</p> <p>WB</p>
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	<p>on the estate, funded by money from the ASB task force. Finally, VC had also successfully bid for funds for The Garage to take some young people for projects, this will include some young people from QED.</p> <p>WB explained that the Community Centre is now seeking match funding so it is unlikely that works will complete for Easter as originally thought. The centre can still be used in the meantime. The next committee meeting is 7th March.</p>	
5	<p>Bank Account</p> <p>PW explained that all Ward Partnership Groups now have funds of £85.50 and a bank account needs to be set up. ID kindly volunteered to arrange this and VC will be a second signatory. Both need to ensure that their roles allow them to do so.</p>	ID and VC
6	<p>The Way Ahead</p> <p>PW explained that the partnership needs to attract members from other areas such as business, education, young people and other groups.</p> <p>Ros from the Children's Society and Linda Wright have been contacted by PW, as has Maggie Naylor, YMCA and Jennifer Lewis, Kings and Queens Nursery.</p> <p>WB will approach Foxhole Junior School. SD will approach Collaton School. VC will speak to the shopkeepers at the top of Marldon Road.</p>	
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>Speed cameras erected on Marldon Road have been vandalised.</p> <p>Parking problems occurring on the roads of Marldon Road, where people are parking within 15 yards of the corner.</p> <p>Kings Ash – drivers parking half on pavement on hill, as no yellow lines.</p> <p>WB and ID explained their roles and their wards to NJ.</p> <p>KB stated that Jeremy Huggett was now responsible for RHT properties in Foxhole, taking over from Sharon Millman and would attend the next meeting.</p> <p>SD explained that he and NJ will have an outpost at the Zoo shortly, which will mean they are closer to their patch.</p> <p>KB told the group that Tara Fowler, TBC was working on a bid for Street Wardens for the QED/Foxhole area.</p>	
8	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>April 15th at 2pm at Foxhole Office</p>	