

WARD PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Blatchcombe and Clifton with Maidenway

Friday 17 June @ 2pm @ RHT's Foxhole Office

Present:

Cllr Ian Doggett (ID) *Chair*
 Katie Beckenham, RHT (KB) *Interim Secretary*
 Wendy Burrige, Surgery and School (WB)
 Lisa Cooke, PCSO (LC)
 Kelly Hart, NBM (KH)
 Cllr George Porter (GP)
 Cyril Perry, Neighbourhood Watch (CP)
 Cllr Ruth Pentney (RP)
 Mr Paley, Resident
 Mrs Paley, Resident
 Jackie Francis, Groundwork (JF)
 Linda Wright, Torbay Youth Service (LW)
 Cllr John Nicholls (JN)
 Jeremy Huggett, RHT (JH)
 2 Residents from Stanley Gardens

1.	<p>Apologies Jon Borrett, PCSO Cllr Jeanette Richards</p>	<u>Action</u>
2.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting Agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising JF reported Friends of Monastery Woods are still waiting for confirmation of funding for future projects.</p> <p>Problems with play area adjacent to homes at Berry Drive – ID and RP to consult with residents.</p> <p>JN reported that the link path and play facilities were now in place at Mulberry Close and had been positively received by the community. One area adjacent to the path requires landscaping – JN to contact Ian Williams, TBC.</p>	<p>ID & RP</p> <p>JN</p>
4.	<p>Ward Partnership Workshop and Torbay Council Website KB informed the group that the Chair and Secretary have been invited to attend a Ward Partnership Workshop, organised by Torbay Strategic Partnership. The Workshop will discuss issues arising from Ward Partnership Meetings and be an opportunity to share good practice.</p> <p>KB explained that she is currently acting as secretary as the group has never appointed one. KB is unable continue with this role due to work commitments, but there were no other volunteers from within the group. KB therefore volunteered to continue as an interim measure.</p> <p>ID explained that the Councillors had decided to rotate the Chair between the five Councillors in the two wards. This will continue.</p> <p>KB will copy the invitation to the Workshop to the Chairs.</p>	<p>KB</p>

	<p>KB also reminded the group that all minutes are posted on Torbay Council's Website and that the Group has a page on which it is able to pass on information to the Community. Any such information/good news stories etc to be forwarded to Mandy Lowe at Torbay Council.</p>	
5.	<p>Community Facilities/Clubs/Groups JF asked for details of the above in order to compile a list for the Foxhole area. At a later date, a similar exercise will be carried out for QED. It was suggested that this sort of information could be displayed in the office and on the website.</p> <p>All to forward details to JF.</p>	ALL
6	<p>Police Report KH introduced herself to the group as the new Neighbourhood Beat Manager for Foxhole. There have been some complaints from residents in the Dunstone Road area which appear to be a clash of age groups – youngsters playing ball games etc. KH and LC have made contact and are trying to resolve.</p> <p>LC explained she is trying to resolve the litter problem between Kings Ash shops, Clovelly Rise, Underidge and the schools, and is working with the Schools NBM.</p> <p>On the whole, problems in Foxhole appear to have reduced. KH reported that she is getting lots of positive feedback from residents about the high visibility presence of the NBMs and PCSOs and it is hoped that this has led to the reduced number of incidents in the area.</p> <p>KH has spoken to licensees about under-age sales of alcohol.</p> <p>One other problem is with moped riders speeding around with no head protection. ID explained that he has arranged for a gating system to be installed at a lane between Southfield Avenue and Barcombe Road to try and stop such behaviour in that area.</p> <p>There was no police report for the QED area.</p> <p>GP and WB again raised the issue of commercial vehicle sparking at the end of Barnfield Road, restricting vision into Marldon Road. This may be tackled as a result of Highways Traffic Zone Consultation.</p> <p>JF explained that Highways has £200,000.00 to spend on traffic improvements in the Foxhole area. As a result of the consultation, priority areas (Foxhole Road, Marldon Hill, Smallcombe Road and Barton Drive) will be targeted and designs will go out for consultation in August.</p>	
7	<p>RHT Report JH reported ongoing problems in New Park Road, which had been escalated to the ASB Task Force - meeting next week.</p> <p>There are other ongoing problems around Foxhole, which JH is working with the PCSOs and NBMs to resolve. Diary sheets have been issued to some residents near Foxhole shop to monitor some issues.</p>	

	<p>JH held a meeting with the remaining residents in the PRC units in Foxhole Road and explained that RHT is still trying to find alternative accommodation for those residents. GP, RP and WB all commented on the condition of the empty properties – JH explained he is trying to get the gardens cut back and the properties secured, although he was pleased to report that the incidents of vandalism have subsided.</p> <p>Mr Paley reminded JH that he had confirmed the graffiti at the end of Foxhole shops was to be painted over. JH is organising this.</p> <p>RP commented about the grass cutting around Torbay. JH and KB explained that RHT is working hard to improve the frequency and standard of the grass cutting.</p> <p>A comment was made about grass at Stanley Gardens and a pathway leading to the fields. It was thought that RHT does not own this path or grassed area, but the matter would be looked into.</p> <p>KB explained that work on QED is progressing and she has started to receive less complaints of neighbour nuisance/asb. There is a serious case of neighbour nuisance in the area that has progressed to Court.</p> <p>Two tenancies have been ended where both parties are believed to have been involved in the supply/taking of drugs, demonstrating that things are improving in the area.</p> <p>LC informed KB of a bees/wasp nest in a bush area on the estate.</p> <p>RP commented that she had received some feedback from residents in the area who are delighted with the new kitchens fitted by RHT.</p> <p>A number of residents have taken ownership of some flower beds and have cleared the area. KB will arrange for RHT to collect the cuttings/rubbish if needed. LC asked if there is anyway RHT could donate some plants – KB will investigate.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>?</p> <p>KB</p> <p>KB</p> <p>KB</p>
8	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>CP reported another 2 schemes have opened on QED , which is excellent news. He has also received enquiries for other schemes.</p> <p>CP would like the NBMs and PCSOs to meet the NW co-ordinators.</p>	<p>PCSOS NBMs</p>
9	<p>Groundwork</p> <p>The drum-crazy workshop is going ahead tomorrow (18th June) with refreshments, a tabletop sale and an opportunity for all residents to get involved.</p> <p>This will also be attended by the Youth Service and Police.</p> <p>JF is now attending the Great Parks Community Association meetings.</p>	
10	<p>Great Parks Community Association</p> <p>KB felt it was important for the Community Association and Ward Partnership group to feed into each other and had brought a copy</p>	

	<p>of the minutes of the last meeting on 6th June, which JF ran through for the group.</p> <p>KB and LC reported that the young people had taken part in a drama workshop over half term which resulted in a fantastic production at the end of the week to parents and agencies. KB will ensure that copies of the Ward Partnership Meeting minutes and invites are sent to the Association. LW would like to get involved with the Association again.</p> <p>KB suggested that once work at the Community Centre is completed, the Ward Partnership meetings could be held alternatively at QED and Foxhole to ensure the whole area is included.</p>	KB
11	<p>Office Refurbishment</p> <p>LW stated that the Youth Service is very grateful to RHT for the use of the office as a drop-in centre 3 times a week. The Youth Service had hoped to be able to fund a refurbishment of the office, but is unable to do so.</p> <p>The Young People are keen to redecorate and refurnish the building and JH would like to make better use of the office. KB and JH suggested that RHT may be able to fund the cost of some paint and volunteered to help the Youth Service and young people paint the office. LC also volunteered and other suggestions included a mural and space for posters and photos and more comfortable furniture.</p> <p>JH will arrange for a Surveyor to raise orders for the outstanding repairs.</p> <p>It was also suggested that RHT may be able to approach its contractors who may be willing to assist a community project.</p>	<p>KB/JH/LW/JF</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH/KB</p>
12	<p>Small Grants Fund Steering Group</p> <p>JF distributed details of the Community Small Grants Fund and explained that £5000.00 per year for two years was available for community groups to bid for.</p> <p>A Steering Group to approve the bids was agreed as follows: Jackie Francis, Groundwork Linda Wright, Youth Service Jerry Huggett, RHT Wendy Burridge, Resident A Councillor representative A Police representative</p> <p>In time, it is hoped two young people could also join the steering group.</p>	
13	<p>AOB</p> <p>Mr Paly explained that there has been an increased number of incidents in the Spencer Road area, resulting in broken wing mirrors, damage to gardens and cars and increased fear, particularly among older residents.</p> <p>The area is being used a shortcut to Clovelly Rise and QED. KH is willing to change her shifts to accommodate this and plans to do a "walkabout" of the area at the time the incidents occur.</p> <p>ID will look into who owns a piece of land allowing access to Spencer Road and see if this access can be restricted.</p> <p>CP will look into starting a Neighbourhood Watch Group.</p>	<p>KH</p> <p>ID</p> <p>CP</p>
14	Date of Next Meeting: Friday 12th August 2pm at RHT's Foxhole Office	

