

## WARD PARTNERSHIP MEETING

### Blatchcombe and Clifton with Maidenway

Friday 16 December 2005 @ 2pm @ RHT's Foxhole Office

**Present:**

Cllr Ian Doggett (ID) *Chair*  
Katie Beckenham, Riviera Housing Trust (KB) *Interim Secretary*  
Cllr George Porter (GP)  
Cllr John Nicholls (JN)  
Chris Lloyd, Groundwork (CL)  
Jackie Francis, Groundwork (JF)  
Tara Fowler, Torbay Council (TF)  
PC Simon Dudman, Neighbourhood Beat Manager (SD)  
Lisa Cooke, PCSO (LC)  
Jon Borrett, PCSO (JB)  
Tracey Cabache, Torbay Council (TC)  
Wendy Burrige, Surgery and School (WB)  
Sue Smith, Street Warden (SS)  
Nik Smith, Street Warden (NS)  
Ian Campbell, Torbay Voluntary Service (IC)  
Pat Coates, Washing Well (PC)  
Chris Roots, Torbay Youth Service, CR)

<b>1. Apologies</b> Pc Nigel Jones (NJ) Insp Ian Curzon (IC) Cllr Ruth Pentney (RP) Cyril Perry, Neighbourhood Watch (CP) Jerry Huggett, RHT (JH)	<u>Action</u>
<b>2. Minutes of Last Meeting</b> Agreed as a true and accurate record.	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b> Football pitch at Monastery Woods – grass now being cut but cuttings left, so not suitable for playing on. ID to speak to Council Officers again.  JF updated the group on the Foxhole Road Community enhancement project – she'd met with planning, conservation and highways and been told that the "no ball games" byelaw doesn't stand, but an organised play or kickabout area could not be located on Foxhole Road due to the close proximity to the highway. Plans are being drawn up for an area to include a natural play facility, planting etc. No funding is yet secured but may be able to access some from Small Grants Fund and/or Safer Communities.  JB has submitted a report to highways re. Spencer Road. Police do feel closing the lane would solve the problems but improved street lighting may.  ID commented that the Police Liaison meeting at the Apollo cinema went well and thanked everyone for their involvement.  ID also commented that the bulb-planting at Queen Elizabeth Drive was very successful and thanked everyone for their participation.	ID

	JN commented that the Indigos go Wild had been badly vandalised and that there may be a re-think on the Monastery Woods scheme.	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Foxhole Traffic Action Zone</b></p> <p>Chris Gubby was unable to attend the meeting but had supplied information and plans to KB which were distributed amongst the group. These will be displayed in the Foxhole Office. The group asked for Chris to be invited to the next meeting.</p>	<b>KB</b>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Feedback from Funding Conference</b></p> <p>WB, SD and TB felt that although the day had been very informative and the speakers were excellent, the conference appeared to have been tailored towards groups more used to applying for funding. It was very specific and targeted at a strategic level and attendees felt the day did not give enough information about how to apply for funding and sources.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Feedback from Torbay Strategic Partnership Visioning Event</b></p> <p>Several members of the Ward Partnership had attended this event to vision for the new Community Plan. All felt the day was worthwhile and lots of ideas came about as a result of brainstorming with other agencies. The TSP will be looking for the Ward Partnerships to play a significant part in the development of the new Community Plan.</p> <p>TC explained that it is crucial that Ward Partnerships devise an Action Plan for their local areas to feed into the bigger picture. Other Ward Partnerships have set up smaller steering groups, hired Torbay Council's consultation van, held an Action Day or Fund Day to raise awareness or held a public meeting.</p> <p>It as agreed that the next meeting would focus on this area.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Telecom Masts</b></p> <p>TC explained that a planning application had been approved for a telecom mast to be erected at Borough Road. The new Mayor has decided that all Ward Partnerships should be consulted prior to consent. In this particular case the partnership were not meeting until after the planning meeting so Councillors were advised and stated they were unable to comment but had not received any objections.</p> <p>Other Ward Partnerships have stated that they feel it is not appropriate to comment on behalf of the ward as are not an elected group.</p> <p>TC also explained that the Mayor had suggested a percentage of the lease got to Ward Partnerships. Several members of the group felt that the group is not qualified to make such decisions on behalf of the community and that there may be a conflict of interest in agreeing to the installation of a mast and then receiving money for it.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Standing Items</b></p> <p><b>8.1 Community Safety (Police Update)</b></p> <p>SD explained he has initiated a project on Queen Elizabeth Drive and has been targeting specific days. As a result of this and increased police/PCSO presence, the ASB and crime reported to the Police has decreased</p>	

significantly in the last 3 month period compared to the same period in the previous year, in some areas as great as 75% reduction. SD is hoping that a bus service will return to the area, alongside the permanent installation of CCTV and regular youth club nights when the community centre re-opens. SD is currently researching funding for this. Suggestions included contributions from safer Communities, Ward Partnership Fund, ASB fund, RHT and Torbay Council. An article is going into the local press and all residents will be surveyed shortly.

JN and GP commented that they had recently accompanied KB on a walkabout of the area and by and large the area was much improved, with only a small number of issues requiring attention.

SD also reported that he has arranged for the installation of a traffic diamond on the junction between Borough Road and Totnes Road.

LC advised the group that there has been an increased amount of graffiti in the Blatchcombe area and one or two tags were repeated in several areas across Paignton. PC Ben Downing had identified one culprit who will shortly be painting over his tags.

JB advised that the ASB in Foxhole appeared to be caused by the same two or three people and therefore he has contacted the ASB co-ordinator to target this.

GP mentioned that some residents in Drakes Road were still experiencing problems. SD and KB advised they were aware of this.

### **8.2 Riviera Housing Update**

KB stated that ASB cases in Queen Elizabeth Drive have greatly reduced and this mirrors the reduction in crime reported to the police. The Estate Caretakers had spent several days in the area tending to hedges, car parks and litter and the area is currently looking very tidy. KB felt the area had greatly improved as a result of the increased focus and action taken by all agencies working on the estate.

Unfortunately the gating project will not be forthcoming as the project missed the funding deadline due to the need to apply for planning consent. KB confirmed that the £2000 RHT had pledged to the project would now be spent on clearing the back area of flytipping and working with Groundwork and Community Punishment to fence the area.

### **8.3 Street Wardens**

TF thanked the Partnership for agreeing to the Street Wardens being included as a standing item on the agenda. In the new year a meeting will be arranged between all agencies to focus on the priorities for the Street Wardens. The away-day with Police, PCSOs, RHT and other agencies was a great success and a good opportunity for agencies to meet and plan for the future.

SS and NS introduced themselves. SS has worked for a Street Warden for 17 months in Hele and Torre and is really looking forward to bringing her experience and knowledge to Paignton.

NS has moved from Taunton for this role and has previous experience of community working. He is looking forward to starting.

WB suggested that the Street Wardens call into the surgery to meet staff, CAB and residents. The Street Wardens will also be going into local schools and shops to introduce themselves. Everyone welcomed SS and NS to the area.

	<p><b>8.4 Groundwork update</b></p> <p>JF and CL have met with young people using the drop in sessions and asked them about what sort of activities and facilities they would like to see in the area. Some targets have been outlined but funding is required.</p> <p>CR explained that young people are able to use the facilities at St Boniface Church and Outreach Workers are in place weekly until March. PC is working with JF, CR and team to support young people in the area and CR is hoping to include older young people in this with a training programme where they can assist with the younger ones. Currently the drop-in sessions at Foxhole Office run three nights a week and the proposal is to cut out one night and provide a timetable of activities, possibly on a Saturday. Activities would include canoeing, climbing etc. and make use of facilities outside the Blatchcombe area. Hopefully this will lead to greater integration with young people in the rest of Paignton.</p> <p>The application for funding for an extra drop-in night will be amended accordingly.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Position of Secretary</b></p> <p>KB explained that after a year of filling this post temporarily she was no longer able to do so, due to work commitments and asked for volunteers to take on the responsibility. LC &amp; ID thanked KB for her contribution over the past year.</p> <p>WB volunteered to take the minutes from after January. TC will provide distribution support.</p>	<p><b>WB</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>JN raised that a resident had contacted him as flowers had been stolen from graves in the cemetery. An increased amount of dog mess had also been reported. The resident had suggested CCTV be installed or that the gates be locked at night, and has also raised this with his MP.</p> <p>The PCSOs confirmed that they do patrol the area and have not come across any problems. A discussion took place about whether the Street Wardens could assist, but the cemetery is thought to be outside their area, although they do have good links with the Dog Wardens and will be able to issue notices for dog fouling.</p> <p>IC of Torbay Voluntary Service introduced a new Government Initiative "Change Up" and explained TVS's role in this. A toolkit is being developed to aid partnership working at grass roots – how to do it and how to resource it. TVS has a database of voluntary groups and can put the Ward Partnership in direct contact with them. The group welcomed IC's offer to come to the next meeting and discuss this in more detail.</p>	
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p><b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm to focus on Action Plan for Ward.</b></p>	