

**PAIGNTON RESORT TEAM MEETING**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2004 - Apollo Cinema, Paignton**

<b>Present:</b>	Pet Curnow (PC)	Paignton Resort Team Co-ordinator
	Kirstin Tripp (KT)	Apollo Cinema
	Insp Mark Backhouse (MB)	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Grant Pay-Savage	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Ben Downing	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Vicki Cowell	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Jeanette Richards (JR)	Chairman Paignton Chamber of Trade
	Ron Sharpe (RS)	Winner Street & District Association
	Richard Stevens (R.Stevens)	Paignton Pier
	Tony Moss (TM)	Paignton Historical Society
	Cllr. Mike James (Cllr.J)	Torbay Council
	Cllr. Ian Fenton (Cllr.F)	Torbay Council
	Ian Williams (IW)	Torbay Council
	Alan Davies	Torbay Council (Arts & Events)
	Jim Lakeman	Torbay Council (Corporate Security Manager)
	Jane English	Guest from Paignton Community College
<b>Apologies:</b>	Chris Beer	Paignton Zoo
	Richard Taylor	Torbay Council

The group welcomed Jane English (Paignton Community College) to the meeting. Before the agenda items PC handed out minutes from the recent Paignton In Bloom (Pride in Paignton) meeting which took place on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2004. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2003 were agreed.

1	POLICE MATTERS	ACTION
	<p>MB addressed the current situation by saying that there had been a spate of commercial burglaries (13 in January) involving the Winner Street, Church Street, Palace Avenue &amp; Crossways areas – suspects had been apprehended – he assured the group that there were resources in place to tackle this sort of crime. There is also a town centre drugs problem and this will be assessed and funding will be applied for, to investigate the situation.</p> <p>Vicki Cowell reported that there is also a ‘binge drinking’ problem in the town, there is special concern regarding The Lighthouse who are charging an entrance fee of £10 which entitles ‘free’ drinks throughout the evening (the entrance charge is as little £3 for females outside of the weekend). MB stated that the Police are very concerned about this and patrol this particular outlet to monitor the situation and the Licensee has been approached. MB also pointed out that a Taxi Rank on the sea front would help alleviate the problem from the town centre but, to date, no provision has been set up. KT said that discussions had taken place with 2 major Taxi Companies and a ‘taxi phone booth’ had been suggested, however, Torbay Council appear reluctant the run with this proposal</p> <p>There is a public meeting being held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at the Palace Theatre to discuss crime in the area. MB said they are soon to look at</p>	

	<p>performance figures – at present Burglary crimes are down but car theft is up. RS asked if an Officer could attend the WSDA Meeting to discuss Crime Prevention, he also asked if the drugs problem was related to crime in the Winner Street area – MB replied that the drugs issue was being looked into.</p> <p>MB went on to talk about the Neighbourhood Beat Community Scheme whereon there is now a permanent Officer within Paignton Community College, his job is to deal with crimes associated with this age group. Jane English said that it was excellent to have an on-site Police Officer, not only to deal (instantly) with any problem, as it occurs, but also to act as a deterrent to others. His post is secured for 2 years in which time the pupils will be familiar to him and they, in turn, will see what is involved in Community policing. Jane was very enthusiastic about this project and said it was having a positive effect on the students. Cllr.F and JR asked if the project would be continued after the 2 years are up – MB replied that, if successful, he hoped it would continue.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>SKATE PARK AT VICTORIA PARK</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	<p>Ben Downing opened this item saying that the Skate Park has been very successful – but – he feels that there has not been enough investment in the project. Problems still occur in the nearby multi-storey car park especially when it is wet and/or dark. The solution would be to floodlight the Skate Park and put a roof on it.</p> <p>Jim Lakeman said the use of the car park for skateboarding is a danger to both the skater and motorist and a Bylaw prohibiting skating in Car Parks with a £500 fine can be enforced, but an alternative venue has to be provided. He mentioned that the cost of security to check the car park was high.</p> <p>IW stated that consultation with the residents near to the park showed that although the majority thought it was a good facility they did not want the noise and disturbance in the evening. Funding was discussed and it appears the best way forward would be for the Community Group to apply themselves. IW said a Community Group has been set up but seemed to lack leadership, Cllr.F asked if Councillors could attend their next Committee Meeting to help them get started. The work would cost in the region of £113,000</p> <p>General discussion on the matter took place at this point:-  Jane English asked if part of the car park could be a designated an undercover venue for the winter months  KT – Skaters are back around the Apollo Cinema again  IW – join with South Hams &amp; Teignbridge to build one out-of-town centre  Cllr.J &amp; JR – some younger children are intimidated by older ones because skaters and bikers didn't mix very well.  JR – asked if Councillors would investigate the possibility of using European Funding  IW – pointed out that match funding was the best idea but he agreed to speak again to the Community Group</p>	

<b>3</b>	<b>LOCAL STRATEGIC PLAN</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	MB asked if the minutes of this meeting could be passed to the LSP Officer (Inspector Mel Broad) at the Town Hall	<b>PC</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>BRITAIN IN BLOOM - BAY BLOOMS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	Minutes of the recent Paignton in Bloom (Pride in Paignton) meeting were circulated. RS said that it was a very good meeting. Cllr James asked Jane English if the College would be prepared to get involved, she said she would look into this, she also suggested that Primary Schools may wish to participate. JR mentioned that Paignton needs a lot of help to get started and stated that Torquay & Brixham get assistance from Torbay Council but Paignton do not **	** Richard Barton to be approached with regard to Council help
<b>5</b>	<b>WINNER STREET &amp; DISTRICT ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	RS announced that he is now the WSDA Representative for 'Paignton In Bloom' and a new WSDA Chairman has been appointed – Alan Arnold of Marshalls Newsagents in Winner Street. He mentioned forthcoming events – Festival 12 <sup>th</sup> April and Pageant on 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug (Bank Holiday Monday). From October onwards the road/pavement surface is being revamped. JR asked if permanent fixtures and fittings were being put in during revamp to support the Xmas decorations – this was confirmed	
<b>6</b>	<b>EVENTS FOR PAIGNTON</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	Torbay Council Town Team Funding has offered £2,500 to each Town to support events, Alan Davies was invited to the meeting to discuss any ideas. JR said she would liaise with Alan after her Chamber of Trade meeting. It was suggested that the Xmas event be enhanced – PC reminded the group that the current funding for Xmas should not be relied upon indefinitely	
<b>7</b>	<b>A.O.B.</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	<p><b>RS</b> – Xmas decorations were not good quality (some faulty) and should be returned to Lumalite. JR said she would bring this up at the Chamber Meeting</p> <p><b>TM</b> – With reference to Paignton Rail Station, Wessex Trains have a new manager and he seems keen to improve the look of the Station. Still no reply from Network Rail concerning litter on the track.</p> <p><b>Alan Davies</b> – 'Kick Up The Arts' (1<sup>st</sup> week in August) some events will be held on Paignton Green.</p> <p><b>MB</b> said he was concerned that the Police were not automatically informed or consulted on the staging of events and he would like to see a protocol put in place to cover this issue.</p> <p><b>MB</b> raise the subject of 'Public Sex Areas' and asked if this could be discussed as an item at the next meeting</p>	<b>PC</b>
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> - Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March at Apollo Cinema	

POLICE SURGERIES – ‘Connections’ next to Palace Theatre, Paignton

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm

Information supplied by Ben Downing