

PAIGNTON TOWN TEAM & LSP MEETING
Wednesday 11th August 2004 – Paignton Zoo

Present	Pet Curnow (PC)	Paignton Resort Team Co-ordinator
	Kirstin Tripp (KT)	Apollo Cinema
	Ron Sharpe (RS)	Winner Street & District Association
	Richard Stevens (R.St)	Paignton Pier
	Cllr Mike James (Cllr.J)	Torbay Council
	Cllr. Kevin Carroll (Cllr.C)	Torbay Council
	Chris Beer (CB)	Paignton Zoo
	Richard Taylor (RT)	Torbay Council
	James O'Dwyer (J.O'D)	Paignton Chamber of Trade
	Vicki Cowell (VC)	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Nigel Jones (NJ)	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Jim Lakeman (JL)	Torbay Council
	Eileen Donovan (ED)	Paignton Historical Society
Apologies	Tony Moss	Paignton Historical Society
	Insp Mark Backhouse	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Grant Pay-Savage	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Ben Downing	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Maureen McAllister	Torbay Council
	Ian Turner	Bay Blooms (Paignton Zoo)
	Ian Williams	Torbay Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2004 agreed as correct with one amendment to the last line of Item 5. *D-Day Events funding available until March 2005*

1	POLICE MATTERS	ACTION
	NJ informed the group that the crime statistics for the period 9 th June to present, show a reduction in crime. 23 crime incidents (51 last year) 33 Burglaries (62 last year). Police are working hard to promote the Community Police with recent press coverage and production of posters for retail outlets to display.	
	VC reported on incidents regarding International Students saying that the Esplanade & Town Centre are the worst areas for crime, with theft, assault and incidents concerning mobile phones being the main reasons (7 reported incidents since May). Apollo now offer a 'safe haven' for students who are being targeted. Police can mark property so that they can track it, they also liaise with the Language Schools and mix with the students when they are out so that they can monitor the situation. Issues are to be better addressed for next year.	
2	PAIGNTON CHAMBER OF TRADE	ACTION
	Xmas Lights for Paignton – J.O'D said that Torbay Council may now take on the issue of Insurance and Lumalite Ltd has offered a Credit of £600 (refund from last years lights). Chamber fundraising is slow and there is a lot of apathy from Chamber members, no-one is keen to take it on. PC reminded the group that Torbay Council will support the event with a £2.5K donation. Cllr.J asked J.O'D if he could be invited to the next Chamber meeting.	

	J.O'D said Paul Eaton has offered to do the lights for a Christmas Tree (using new type bulbs) – PC pointed out that time is running out to place an order for a tree. PC asked if white pea-lights could be put in existing trees in Victoria Street as an alternative while the funding is available. Torbay Road was preferred by the group as Victoria Street had some illuminations across the street.	
	CB said that Torquay Chamber had held a successful event for their Christmas Fundraising and suggested Paignton do something similar. J.O'D responded that Paignton does not have a fundraising committee like Torquay and its membership is smaller. CB volunteered himself and KT to organise a big event.	
	J.O'D said he had taken Maureen McAllister's suggestion of asking for funding under the 'D-Day Events Funding' but said that the forms ask for a specific D-Day link and Christmas lighting just didn't fit the bill although a 'black-out' would! RS suggested (if it were possible) incorporating the funding under a charity heading so that public collections could be made. PC suggested that, when the College moves in, students could be involved in the fundraising effort. However, she said that would not help with funding this Christmas and asked what was going to happen this year. J'O'D said they may have to go for a Christmas tree only. KT endorsed the suggestion of pea-lights – RT to approach TOS for a feasibility study.	RT to approach TOS for feasibility study
	RS said the re-vamp of Winner Street had incorporated light fittings and that will make it less expensive this year. J.O'D said that he was asked to sign an Insurance License for the whole of Paignton (including Winner Street) and had refused. PC to check with Torbay Council's Legal Dept to find out more.	PC
	PC informed the group that the PTT meetings are to become bi-monthly to fall in line with Torquay & Brixham therefore the next meeting would not be scheduled until October. R.St. said October would be too close to Christmas and asked if a September meeting could be held to update this issue – all agreed.	
3	WINNER STREET & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION	ACTION
	RS reported that WS&DA are currently without a Committee – therefore no items to raise at this time	
4	BRITAIN IN BLOOM (PRIDE IN PAIGNTON)	ACTION
	RT reported on behalf of Ian Turner, that, apart from Victoria Park, everything was good. Maintenance of the displays could have been better but they were hoping for some sort of award. The awards evening is being held at Paignton Zoo on 5 th October 7.30 pm (reception and buffet) with the Mayor of Torbay in attendance. Paignton Town Team Committee Members are invited. RT thanked Ian Turner for the amount of effort and expertise he had put into the 'Pride of Paignton'.	ALL

5	VICTORIA SKATE PARK / CAR PARK	ACTION
	<p>KT asked if we were any further forward with regard to the 'Friends of Victoria Park' getting funding. PC said that Alan Denby (Torbay Development Agency – European Funding) had spoken to the group and advised of the way forward. KT concerned that no information was being passed on. **PC to find out from Alan Denby if Alan Hall (Chairman FOVP) has done anything more. CB also voiced his concerns over the lack of urgency. NJ said he knew of residents in that area who may be interested in supporting FOVP. Cllr.C suggested a Skate Park Association be formed to separate the facility from the Park itself, Cllr.J agreed. KT asked if the surface problem had been addressed. RS asked if Rick Kelly from 'The Garage' still has an association with FOVP and if so could he not be involved with the funding application.</p>	<p>** FOVP have the application forms + the list of fund types. FOVP have to make the next move</p>
	<p>Jim Lakeman joined the meeting at this stage NJ stated that a new proposed by-law means that the Police have no discretion when dealing with skateboarders/bikers in car parks, therefore offenders would have to go to Court. JL said the by-law is targeted at persistent offenders using Car Parks / Parks for skateboards and Bikes – Torbay Council will use CCTV to monitor this behaviour. JL said the offenders only move when the Police come along and then come back when the coast is clear, the by-law will enable Torbay Council to deal with the matter themselves. The proposed areas include Car parks + Oldway. All agreed that the skate park needs to be developed and covered which would help to solve the car park problem. Cllr.C said that, when visiting residents of this area, all had complained about Victoria Car Park abuse. KT expressed her concerns about the ban on skateboarders using the car park because she feared they would return to the area by the Apollo Cinema.</p>	
	<p>JL also reported that the Palace Avenue camera has picked up incidences of Cash Point fraud, Alcohol abuse and Vehicle Tax offences. VC said that the CCTV camera in Church Street was obstructed by trees – JL said he would report this to the appropriate department. RS asked if there are enough funds to have an extra camera in Winner Street. JL said all sites were being looked at and made more efficient.</p>	
6	NEW TRAFFIC PLAN FOR PAIGNTON	ACTION
	<p>KT attended a recent meeting of the Working Group and circulated notes to all present. Overall she said it was a positive meeting and James McKechnie (Senior Transport Planner for Torbay Council) is fronting the public for comment. Issues were raised regarding the lack of CCTV in the Town Square, there are plans for access for emergency vehicles operating between Station Square and Sea Front and possible bus/taxi/coach lane. It was suggested that delivery times are restricted. Hyde Road reverting to 2-way is of concern and mention was made of a service access lane to the rear (Woolworths side of the road).</p>	

	J.O'D said he was hoping to get a copy of the proposed plans for the next Chamber meeting. Cllr.J asked, if objections were raised at the proposed Traffic Plan would they produce an alternative plan and likewise if there are objections to the alternative. Matthew Clark was not invited to the last meeting - Cllr.J asked if he could be invited to the next.	Matthew Clark was invited to Fridays meeting but was unable to attend
	ED said that pedestrians are not the priority when it comes to traffic lights – either you wait forever for them to change or there is not enough time to cross the road. Cllr.J agreed and said he is still pressing to get this looked at.	
	R.St. said the congestion at Tweenaway Cross is now even worse because Battersway Road is closed to through traffic – he asked how it became closed in the first place. Cllr.J & Cllr.C said they would find out. CB said the traffic often blocked the entrance to the Zoo. J.O'D said thing could only get worse when the College moves out to the Bookhams Building. PC asked who was willing to take up the challenge. Cllr.J said the Zoo should petition so that the matter can be looked at again.	Cllr.J & Cllr.C Battersway Road
7	A.O.B.	ACTION
	PC reminded the group that there is funding of £2.5K available for each Town and asked for suggestions. ED asked what the time span was, PC said it had to be taken up by the end of the financial year (31 st March 2005). R.St. asked if the money could be rolled-over? – PC replied, only for a special event. CB suggested it go to the Christmas fund – PC said that the Christmas event met the criteria and would probably be enough to decorate Victoria Street or Torbay Road. RS asked if Winner Street could be included. J.O'D didn't think the money would be enough. KT suggested that the £600 credit from Lumalite be spent on Winner Street and the £5K go towards pea-lights in Victoria Street & Torbay Road.	
	PC suggested inviting an accommodation provider on to the PTT Committee as they may help with fundraising and other issues. <u>the following to be approached:</u> Stephen Twigger – Redcliffe Hotel Shearings – Esplanade Hotel Duchy Hotels (Palace) <u>Also to be invited to the next meeting:</u> Alan Hall – Friends of Victoria Park Toad Hall, Dartmouth Road, Paignton Rick Kelly – The Garage, Thank you to Chris Beer for his hospitality and squidgy cakes	PC
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 15 th September - 10 am - Paignton Zoo	