

Minutes of the interim Preston Ward Partnership
Held on Thursday 26th January 2006: 7.30pm at Paignton Police Station.

Present:

Bob Brewis (BB)	Resident - Acting Chairperson
John Quinn (JQ)	Resident
Patrick Woodwark (PW)	Businessman
Cllr Ian Oxley (IO)	Councillor for Preston
Joan Dugate (JD)	Retailer
Mr and Mrs G Watkins (GW)	Living Waters Church
Tracey Cabache (TC)	Torbay Council
Sue Cheriton (SC)	Torbay Council
Dominic Ackland (DA)	Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust
PC Jonathan Reed (JR)	Preston Neighbourhood Beat Manager - Secretary

Introductions: Welcome to Mr & Mrs Watkins – representing Living Waters Church.

1. Apologies received from Joan Hammond (resident); Cllr Jean Turnbull; Cliff Tite and Steve Maloney (Living Waters Church)

2. Confirmation of Minutes: Agreed and signed by BB.

3. Actions and matters arising from previous meeting:

Ian Campbell to write to BB with details of further voluntary and/or community groups.

Present meeting organised by JR

Ian Williams has booked the Herbert room at Oldway Mansion. (However see Item 7)

4. Current issues:

ITEM	ISSUE	ANY ACTION BY
Redundant toilets	Re-open or not? What will happen with building?	
Traffic flow from Paris road to Torquay road.	It was discussed a Bus lane would not be of benefit nor a roundabout.	
Control Parking Zones	Only one in Langs Road. Any more likely? Knock on effect from CPZs planned for Paignton	SC announced the council were already reviewing this matter for Torbay
Preston Seafront Parking	3 hourly timings not right. Early morning parking restriction bars cars from parking before 8am.	At a previous on-site meeting Mr Yeo said he would take up the issue.
Overall parking problems in Preston		To be assessed at a future meeting
Future of Concorde House	PW stated that the Inland Revenue was vacating the building by the end of January.	SC/TC agreed that the Preston partnership should be consulted re any future use of the property.
Preston Supermarket development was discussed	Planning permission for Shops and 21 flats with parking had been granted 18 months ago the permission lasts for 5 years.	

Sustaining blue flag status for Preston Beach	SC stated the Council has applied for Blue Flag and results are due in May. Main problems come from outflows of underground streams.	
Enhancing the seafront for visitors and residents	It was agreed that the coloured lights were operational and the bins regularly emptied. Apart from the graffiti the area was looking much better. Preston promenade needs sweeping.	SC said that after resurfacing this would be done.
Shopping areas to sustain interest and growth	It was discussed that the area could benefit from Christmas lights and that this should be thought about now. Three areas were highlighted - Preston Down road, Junction Torquay Road & Seaway Road and Manor cross-roads. IO mentioned sculpture for Preston Gardens	ALL to publicise SC will investigate
Hollicombe development	This actually comes within the Cockington with Chelston Ward but agreed that Preston should be consulted on all future development for the area. SC stated that the Councils Cultural Partnership dept have looked at the park site and made plans for development of the area.	SC to bring these 'plans and ideas' to the next meeting
Ward developments and uses for Section 106 funding	TC said that the Govt. has introduced a Local Development Framework (LDF). Proposals for the council planning team to consult with Ward Partnerships.	
Occombe Farm	DA introduced the Occombe Farm project. Public opening 16 th March. To include country walks, an organic farm shop and coffee shop in addition to the Educational side of the development.	DC to produce display at Open Evening
Crime and fear of crime in the Preston area.	JR gave short brief on crime stats. Torquay Road provided worst figures	JR to provide details at Public meeting
Lack of dental facilities		To be discussed at future meeting
Children's facilities	SC stated that the IWM has funded a play area. It was proposed and supported by the committee that this should be placed within the fenced off area on Preston green. It was suggested that seating for parents should be installed. Also should a Youth shelter be provided in Preston. If so, where would be appropriate.	SC to arranged for Plans/drawings To be displayed at Open Evening

Youth issues		To be discussed at future meeting
Raising the profile of Preston		To be discussed at future meeting

5. Social activities and services currently provided:

ITEM	ISSUE	ACTION BY
Newsletter	BB described the need for a newsletter. Agreed by the Committee Contributions to BB Limited expenditure allowed	BB to produce ALL Bills to TC
Community Centre	Do we need a Community centre? What would it be use for? Where would it be located?	To be put in newsletter To be discussed at Public Meeting
Name of this Group	Should the group be renamed? Drop the word 'Ward'? Suggestion: Preston Community Group	TC to discuss with ALL Ward partnerships for common name

6. Public meeting:

ITEM	ISSUE	ACTION BY
Date	The date was confirmed as Thursday 23 rd Feb <i>(nb – since changed to Wed 22nd Feb)</i>	BB to inform all
Location	Oldway mansion – Herbert Room booked but considered too small. Preferable location Redcliffe Hotel Offer by Living Waters Church (nb - Redcliffe Hotel now confirmed – but note date change)	TC/SC to cancel BB to check with Redcliffe
Publicity and Press	Publish meeting in upbeat article Contact radio Devon; Gemini; Herald Express; Community messaging service Produce posters – total publicity expenditure allowed (incl newsletter) - £100.	JR BB BB BB to send receipts to TC
Invitees	All Ward Councillors	BB
Control of meeting	Informal atmosphere Introduction of Committee to public Ocombe Farm Play area display/plans Safer communities Display Crime Prevention display	BB DA SC JR JR

7. Any Other Business

ITEM	ISSUE	ACTION BY
Beach users Group	SC stated that the Beach hut manager is organising a Beach Hut users group and letters were going to all beach hut users asking for participation. It was agreed that this group should be a sub group of the Ward Partnership.	Possible to float idea at the Public meeting
Beach Hut insurance	An Insurer for Beach Huts has been identified	
Beach hut alarm	A simple alarm that can be fitted is available from the Police.	
Yellow line and signs – Marine Parade	JQ asked for the yellow line on Marine Parade separating the cars from the walkway to be re-painted, and signs placed there re-enforcing this no parking area.	SC agreed to action

8. Next Meeting: The next meeting after February (Public meeting) will be at 1930hrs on 23rd March at Paignton Police Station

Date:

Signed: