



STREET WARDEN STEERING GROUP
Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 11th August 2005
at the Acorn Centre, Lummaton Cross, Barton, Torquay

<u>Present</u>	<u>Organisation/Agency</u>
TF	E P Section - Torbay Council
JC	E P Section - Torbay Council
PV	ASB Co-ordinator
SD	NHW
VC	Street Warden – Hele
SS	Street Warden – Hele
Cllr Jenny Faulkner	TBC
MG	HVCA/CAPTARA
Cllr Steve Darling	Torbay Council
Cllr Gillian Hayman	Councillor
VN	Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
MM	SWAGTARA
SS	Devon & Cornwall Police
AJ	T P P
IM	DC Police
ES	DC Police
MH	RHS Neighbourhood Manager
PW	Herald Express

Item No.	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Vicki Thomas Jennifer Elliott Dave Gouvier Simon Sherwood</p> <p>Welcome to Phil Vandenhove, the Antisocial Behaviour Co-ordinator.</p>	
2.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>Funding Issues and Expansion of Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tara reported that funding had been raised through the European Community for the additional Street Wardens but although this has not been fully publicised yet, she should shortly have something in writing. <p>It was anticipated that additional Street Wardens would be commencing September/October.</p> <p>These additional Street Wardens will be covering QED and Foxhole and will establish their own groups and schemes and will meet approx. every six months. Funding will be available until December 2007.</p>	

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ACTION PLAN

a) Quarterly Community Newsletter

Vicki Clarke is inviting people to submit their articles for the next edition of the Newsletter. This will hopefully tie in with the next skip collection so that the dates and details can be published in it.

Tara reported she had a fantastic communication team for the Graphic design work, which should take some of the burden off of Vicki. She also added that this publication was to be a "Community based parish type magazine" but welcomed any comments on its new look.

b) Community Notice Board

Vicki has had discussions with the Manager of the Co-op who will speak to the Area Manager. There was concern that this Notice Board could be a target for vandalism and because of the large cost involved in getting this board erected, there were concerns for its safety. There was general discussion on its location for passing pedestrians.

Tara added there was potential funding available from Ward Partnership but this could take time to come through.

Sue Smith added that Carters were not willing to put up a Notice Board.

There were also concerns that if placed on a shop front, people may not necessarily look at it as they may think it is a shop advertisement.

It was generally agreed by those present that first preference was the Chip Shop. The second choice was the Co-op.

Sue Smith added that the Chip Shop were more than happy to have the Notice Board erected outside their shop.

Steve Darling suggested that it could be donated by the Co-op but possibly could be cited elsewhere.

Vicki Clark to ask the Co-op and see if this is possible.

c) Wood Clearance

Martin Hall reported that the hedge cutting will commence in the next three weeks and clearing will commence beginning of September. Estates Dept are looking at employing a two man clearing team and four-man grass cutting team.

Steve Darling enquired whether we could be informed in advance as to when this practice of grass cutting and clearing was to take place, so that we have a schedule date before the beginning of next summer.

Martin Hall to get a schedule together on this.

d) **Forte Apache**

Tara proposed to have a site meeting in September but will need proposals for next meeting.

e) **Junior Warden Scheme**

Tara asked those present as to how we wanted to progress the Junior Warden Scheme from here. Do we have specific activities for the children? Meetings to be arranged with School Officers to progress this scheme further.

There had been interest from childrens' holiday clubs, schools, youths etc to get involved. It was suggested a Youth Committee would have to be set up first.

Strategy for under-age drinking

Steve Stoppard reported that Ian McClure had set up "Friday Vans" that were going out to every park in the bay. Warning letters had been served during the week and there had been a significant decrease of under age drinkers in some parks, although it was also added that some children had moved to other areas. It was also stated that it was significant in that Police Logs were down and there was a significant decrease in drinking incidents in the parks. It was also noted that there were still some "problem parks" but as it is the summer months and due to the light evenings, this is to be expected and will continue through to September.

f) **New Signs for Neighbourhood Watch**

Fundraising had been obtained. Sue added signs have been obtained but they are not erected yet. Decisions are still yet to be made on where they are to be displayed.

g) **Improve Youth Activities**

Tara said Simon had expressed an interest for a flyer which will be produced for the next meeting.

h) **Litter**

Tara asked those present what work had been done in terms of schools but no progress has been made yet.

Sue Smith added that litter was not as bad in the School Holidays as it spread over a wider area and not in and around the school areas.

Fixed Penalty Tickets

Tara suggested it was not appropriate to serve minors with tickets, as we would not be able to take children to Court. Further discussions will need to take place on how to progress with the Youth Offending Team.

Steve Darling enquired what had been done so far?

Tara reported that Street Wardens have been working with the Dog Wardens and that the ODPMs will do a 5-day training course and this will hopefully will be sorted out by the end of the year.

It was also added that it wasn't just the children who dropped litter but also adults and visiting students and this problem would also have to be addressed.

Tara to arrange meeting with the Youth Offending Team and bring it back to the next meeting.

Tara suggested publicity could be strong enough to deter people from dropping litter and posed the question "do we issue something?"

The Schools commence their Autumn Term in September and the next meeting is October, hopefully we should have a clearer picture then.

i) **Pendennis to Skate Park**

Martin Hall reported that tarmac has been done and they awaiting quotes for the fencing.

j) **Bottom of Pendennis**

Discussions have taken place with Estates as to the ownership of the land. Estates Dept have drawn up legal document to hand over ownership to Riviera.

A point was raised that the former suggestion of a kicking board could be regarded as a noise nuisance.

Vicki Clarke reported that a Consultation was to take place as to what the local people want for that area. They will then look at the results and see what is wanted overall from residents. There will also be a second consultation.

Tara wants this area to stop being used as a dumping area for cars.

k) **Skip Collection**

Tara reported that this has been a bit of a problem in the past and that changing the days could be the answer. Vicki and Sue normally contracted people to help them. Tara enquired whether Friday and Saturday could be acceptable but Vicki reported she doesn't have access to vans and skips on certain days.

Vicki Clark to utilise Riviera's Team on Friday.

Martin Hall reported that he would need notice and plenty of time to arrange this, as he would have to talk to the Maintenance Manager. There was a possibility that he may have access to two vehicles, but Mondays were not

possible.

Tara added she may have access to one refuse truck on Friday. She also suggested that in the future that we could make a small charge or ask for donations but this would have to be given further thought.

Vicki added that by incorporating a working day she would get more manpower. She also added that the skip collections are a useful exercise as it helps to reduce fly tipping etc. and keeps the estate clean.

It was also suggested that local residents with cars, who would like to take advantage of these skip collections, utilise their vehicles for getting their items to the skip.

Sue Smith reported that local residents are now prepared to come forward with names of people who are dumping rubbish, as they now feel confident to say where it comes from.

Update from Wardens

Sue Smith reported that the garden competition was very successful and that one stood out from all the rest. Five other gardens entered the competition and she split the runners up vouchers between the other five entrants. She felt that all the gardens had something special to offer and they all received a card for entering. She also felt it had had a knock on effect inasmuch as people were now interested in keeping their gardens clean and tidy and were taking a pride in them.

The Manager of Jack's Patch said he would be pleased to do it again next year if he was asked.

She was also amazed at how quiet it was since the schools had broken up for the summer term. She added it could also be the result of visibility of the Beat Officers. She also felt that people were now confident to report incidents and these matters could then be passed onto the appropriate persons.

Holiday clubs had also proven successful. Police Officers had attended clubs with their cars so that the children could get involved with officers and vehicles. Holiday schemes went well and children had built up confidence with the Local Constabulary.

Sue also had been asked to do arrange another litter pick – this to coincide with the skip collection.

Vicki Clarke was glad to be back after a period of rest due to an ankle injury.

Tara reported that Dave Gouvier had been away for some time due to illness and his presence had been noticeably missed from Castle Circus.

Round the Table

Steve Stoppard reported that underage drinkers were not buying their alcohol from the Co-op or Carters, as the staff from these shops are checking regularly for children congregating outside, so the children are not buying their alcohol locally anymore.

Martin Hall added he was leaving Riviera Housing Trust at the end of the month. Those people present thanked him for all his efforts and hard work.

The consultation for the all weather pitch has commenced and the ground works are starting on Monday and the pitch has been marked out today. It will take three weeks and should be up and running by the end of September.

Public consultation is going out for the Acorn Field for running of the field. There are also consultations in for a Sport England Development at the Acorn centre – should be hearing shortly whether the application is successful or not as there is only one in the bay that has been accepted.

Jenny Faulkner added it was nice to be back – she is catching up on things and thanked Gill for covering her work in her absence.

It was also reported that the Windmill Centre was well on course for finishing at the end of September which is the deadline. The windows had been put in and there was no vandalism so far and it was looking good.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 18th October at 2.00. pm at the Windmill Centre.

