



STREET WARDEN STEERING GROUP
Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 11th September 2003
at the Windmill Centre, Pendennis Road, Hele

<u>Present</u>	<u>Organisation/Agency</u>
SC	Torbay Council
DW	Torbay Council
DG	Street Warden
VC	Street Warden
RK	Riviera Housing Trust
AP	Herald Express
SS	HVCA
PH	Neighbourhood Watch
MG	HVCA/CAPTARA
SP	Devon & Cornwall Police - Torquay
Councillor Hayman	Torbay Council
DQ	Neighbourhood Watch
IW	Torbay Council
AP	Safer Communities Torbay
WPC Diane Wyatt	Neighbourhood Beat Manager – Hele
A/Sgt Ian Stell	Neighbourhood Beat Manager – Torquay
OK	Government Office South West
SH	Government Office South West

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	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Eric Greif, Peter Haikin, Cllr Darling, Mel Broad, Sue Cheriton, Christina Minty.</p> <p>INTRODUCTIONS & AWARDS</p> <p>Bob Plumb (Community Education) arrived and introduced Anne-Marie who is a Street Based Youth Worker. She will be working together with another Youth Worker (Jeff) in the Hele area for two sessions each week commencing next week, having previously worked in Watcombe.</p> <p>Bob Plumb will be the point of contact for these workers at Torquay Community College on (01803) 316930</p> <p>Alison informed the meeting that Dave Quaintance has recently won an award for his work within the Neighbourhood Watch. Congratulations to Dave.</p>	

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1.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>Minutes were agreed and no matters raised.</p>	
2.	<p>UPDATE FROM WARDENS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Govier reported that with Vicki back to work he is able to get out and about more. Abandoned cars have been increasing on the estate with an increase also of stolen vehicles. The good news is that the abandoned vehicle parked on land which Dave and Vicki had reported when they first started patrolling as Wardens (some 16 months ago) has now been removed. 	
3.	<p>STATISTICAL RETURNS TO GOVERNMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly returns to Government were circulated for discussion. • Alison reported that funds are available for the elderly, low-income, vulnerable people, victims of crime which could be used for target hardening. Initial referrals to be via Dave and Vicki. • Vicki is to arrange a meeting with Paul Hammond, Police, Victim Support, Parkview Society, Social Services, Safer Communities in order to discuss better communication links and protocols. 	VC
4.	<p>SKATEBOARD PARK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council has now agreed at Committee for the Skateboard Park to Proceed. Next step is for building works to commence. Steve Cox and Ian Williams are to have a meeting next week, with work needing to be commenced before the beginning of October. The problems which occurred with the temporary park at Upton where there had been only limited discussions with neighbouring properties etc., had delayed the Hele project and it had to go to Committee for a decision, but Ian reported that the BMX track could be completed very quickly, with skateboard park taking approximately 8 – 10 weeks to be completed. • Steve informed the meeting that the pathway and access of Mr Orwell's flat is very open and hoped that Riviera would be in a position to fund the erection of fencing. If this is not the case Steve felt that some SRB money should be made available. • Steve also advised that the residents of the properties at the rear of the Windmill Centre had also requested fencing. Alison felt that this fencing had been a missed opportunity when 	SC/IW

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5.	<p>security funding re the Windmill Centre had been paid. Maureen confirmed that the funding for this fencing had been included in the SRB bid.</p> <p>FUTURE FUNDING & SCHEME EXPANSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve is arranging a Seminar on 14th October 2003 at Paignton Zoo bringing together Managers, operation staff and agencies involved with the Street Warden program and further details and invitations will be send out shortly. • Further funding may be available from Government and the program is looking to expand into Watcombe etc 	SC
6.	<p>ACTION PLAN FOR EXTENSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve advised the meeting that he will be making a bid to extend the Street Warden scheme for 1 year from GOSW. An action plan is required and agreement in principle that we support the extension to the scheme • Dave Quaintance confirmed that he felt the scheme should definitely be continued as he personally has seen a vast improvement in the area since the scheme started. The meeting agreed their support to extend the street warden programme for another year and beyond. • Olwen Kelly advised that it is important the bid is submitted before the end of the month. • Steve circulated the scheme objectives (Action Plan) which is to be submitted with points raised from the recent survey of residents having been incorporated i.e. CCTV. 	
7.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Di Wyatt reported that as to the issue of Youths drinking alcohol, it was the retailers who are selling the alcohol to them that needed to be targeted. She is currently working on a plan of targets (within next two weeks) and is well aware of the problems on the estate. An action plan which is to be put into a Newsletter will be circulated to residents giving details of contact numbers etc. • Dave Quaintance commented on the school children and the dropping of their litter. Steve is unsure on the Litter Law, this is Mike Trevarthen's Department. • Olwen Kelly reiterated that the final copy of Action Plan must be submitted by 26th September 2003. 	DW

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8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Hammond reported that new scheme enquiries had been received from Lower Audley Drive and Corfe Crescent. • He also enquired if Dave and Vicki could adjust their working hours on 31 October 2003 as he would like a large turn out in order to cut down on the number of intimidating incidents on the estate which happen each year (egg throwing and fireworks) at Halloween. Neighbourhood Watch will be out between 6 – 10.00 p.m. wearing florescent jackets and carrying torches. The media will be involved i.e. Gemini, posters, radio appearances. • Maureen Giffard extended a huge thank you to all involved for the work done to date. • Sue Smith enquired re the time criteria for application of an ABC and ASBO. Steve defined the difference between the two (with an ABC being done on hearsay evidence with no statement needing to be given). Police forces that are using this system find it a positive tool although it is a voluntary scheme and the kids do not have to sign up for it if they do not wish to. • Dave Govier reported a large number of complaints re bikes being ridden at speed on the footpaths. <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>THURSDAY 11th December 2003 2:00 P.M. WINDMILL CENTRE, PENDENNIS ROAD, HELE</p>	