

**Notes from Tormohun Ward Partnership meeting held on Monday 14th
November 2005 6.00 p.m. at Riviera Centre Torquay**

Present

Leslie Hare	Resident
Beryl Gaskill	Resident
Tony Morton	Resident
Joan Dunne	Resident
Stephanie Nickels	Resident
Karen Jemmett	Resident
John Lee	Resident
Tracey Cabache	Ward Partnership Coordinator
Carole Schneider	Torbay Voluntary Service
Sue Wreford	Friends of Upton Park/Resident
Tara Fowler	Torbay Council
Sue Smith	Street Warden/Resident
Ian Campbell	Change Up Partnership Co-ordinator
Robert Excell	S Devon Chamber of Trade
Cllr G Hayman	Torbay Council
Barry Cole	Riviera Centre
Cllr J Faulkner	Torbay Council
Chris Thomas	Upton School
Alex Picot	Groundwork
Kevin Fannon	Torre Community Action Group/Resident
Susie Colley	Torre Community Action Group/Resident
Maureen Gifford	CAPTARA/Resident
Simon Sherwood	Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Tom Norrish	Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Geraint Jones	Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
David McCaffery	Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Margaret Forbes Hamilton	Community group /Resident
Tanya Till	TorPat/Victim Support
Kevin Mowat	Harbourmaster
Gille Battye	Torquay Community College
Madeleine Cooper	Torquay Community College
Vivian Seif Said	Christians Together in Torquay

1 Prioritising issues

Attendees were asked to prioritise the 8 themes contained within the community plan.

Results as follows

Community Safety	21
Community Development/support/involvement	17
Environment	16
Jobs/economy	11
Learning/Schools	6
Leisure activities	5
Housing	4
Health and Social Care	2

2 What is a Ward Partnership?

A brief powerpoint presentation was given on the aims/objectives of Ward Partnerships and work undertaken to date

Tormohun Ward Partnership was set up in June 2005 following an open meeting held at the Foyer where a small steering group volunteered to meet and establish the Ward partnership. Early on the group agreed the importance of holding open public meetings to ensure transparency and accountability.

3 Current and proposed developments – Tormohun

- Harbourside developments – opportunity for community rep to join steering/work group
- Telecom Masts – Cricketfield Rd and Town Centre Car Park – opportunity for community rep to attend Cabinet meeting
- Torre pedestrianisation – Work commencing late Nov/early Dec
- Street Wardens
- SOS bus – pilot at Christmas Fri/Sat nights on harbourside – volunteers needed.
- Torquay Community College – Community Gym – funding needed for equipment
- Upton School – plans for community use.

3 Key issues

Small groups identified the following issues and possible solutions

Group 1

This group felt Ward Partnership should identify and target areas with specific problems and focus efforts on that area.

Issue	Solution
1 Environment	
Car parking problems on Sundays	Give Wardens the day off
Dirty Streets	Employ more cleaners
Noisy street cleaning machines	Use brooms
Abandoned vehicles	Joint agency protocol
Contractors leaving mud on roads	Inform environmental health
2 Community Safety	
Hot spots re; antisocial behaviour	More CCTV
Drug addicts sleeping rough in Torre	Send them home/refuse benefits

Group 2

Issue	Solution
1 Environment Traffic in Hele Road	Review results of emission test
Tyre garage – parking v pedestrians	Talk to garage owner
Car Parking/Castle Circus – Sundays	Increase time allowed to park
Churchyard St Efrides Road – anti social behaviour	Support community group in efforts to tidy up area. Increase Awareness of project and engage Schools and tourism.
2 Community development/involvement Encouraging community involvement	Publicise Ward Partnership Herald Express WP Page Develop Website

Group 3

This group asked the following questions about the Ward Partnership
Is it too big/too diverse an area?
Should there be sub groups for different areas with larger Ward meeting to bring it all together.?

Issue	Solution
1 Safer Communities Lack of sleep at weekends	Contact Housing Association
Making community safer place	More Beat Officers
Anti Social Behaviour by young people	Parenting skills More activities for young people
2 Environment Church Street parking	Double Yellow lines 1 hr residents parking
3 Community Development Lack of community facilities	Develop schools for community use

4 Way Forward

A lot of discussion took place about the structure of the Ward Partnership and how best to enable community involvement and ownership. It was felt best not to fragment the Ward partnership but to ensure all areas were represented on the steering group.

The following points were highlighted as key messages that needed to be fed back to public bodies

The need for:

A realistic timetable for community consultation.

An agreed protocol for information dissemination to Ward Partnerships

Identification of mechanism for ward partnerships to inform strategic planning

Clarity and confirmation that Ward Councillors are aware of proposed planning developments within their wards.

The meeting agreed that the current steering group should continue meeting in its current form, feedback through the Herald Express and Torbay Council Website and hold 4 open meetings to enable community involvement.