

CHELSTON AND COCKINGTON WARD MANAGEMENT MEETING

Held at: Torquay Police Station - 15th October 2003

Chairman: WPC 5095 Gael HAMMETT

Minutes: PC 3256 Keith HODGINS

Attended by: Shirley MALDINI - Chelston Tenants & Residents Assoc.
Elizabeth LUXTON - Chelston Tenants & Residents Assoc.
Richard KEITH - Riviera Housing Trust
Kate BECKENHAM - Riviera Housing Trust
PC 4391 Chris ARMES - Shiphay Neighbourhood Beat Manager
Mike GREEN - Sherwell Valley Road Post Office
Richard FORD - Shiphay Herald Correspondent
Phil SMITH - Lower Chelston Residents Assoc.
Ron KEEGAN - Lower Chelston Residents Assoc.
Dr Stefano CANNIZARO - Walnut Lodge Surgery
PC 3536 Nick JONES - Cockington/ Livermead NBM
Dr Paul HUTCHINSON - Old Mill Surgery
Pamela MACEY - Herald Express and local Resident

Apologies: Cllr. Michael MONAGHAN - Councillor for Shiphay with The Willows
Philip MEEK - Walnut road Trader
Cllr. Jean COPE - Councillor for Cockington with Chelston
Clive BROOKS - Old Mill Road Traders Association
Will HOOD - Lower Chelston Residents Assoc.
Paul BLAKE - SPAR, Hawkins Avenue
Cllr. Colin CHARLWOOD - Councillor for Shiphay with The Willows
Rev. Anthony MACEY - St Matthews/ St Peters Vicar

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1	Introductions from all persons present.	
2	Introduction to the new partnership approach by Gael Hammett. Elizabeth LUXTON voiced disappointment that no Councillors were present, which was unanimous. It was agreed by all present that the Neighbourhood Beat Managers would hold separate ward meetings for their own areas and bring items from them to the main Partnership meeting.	

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- 3 Gael HAMMETT gave an update of the proposed Refurbishment of Victoria Park, Sherwell Valley Road.
- ◆ The proposal is to install a Youth Shelter, Football area and spruce up the park.
 - ◆ £ 17,000 of funding approx. is available.
 - ◆ The proposal is being heard at the Executive Committee of the Council on 11th November 2003 for a decision to be made as to whether to ahead or not.
 - ◆ There has been opposition from some local residents with a petition now in force, which over 50 people have signed in two days.
 - ◆ Mike GREEN confirmed that some of the concerns include people attending the park from other areas; more disruption to residents; peoples will hang around the park more.

Shirley MALDINI stated that there are currently problems with "gangs" of youths in the area, and felt that the refurbishment may cause this to worsen.

Paul HUTCHINSON stated he was disappointed at the negativity of the group.

Keith HODGINS felt that the positive elements of the proposal needed to be put across e.g., policing and education etc.

Following concerns that there had not been enough consultation, Gael HAMMETT informed the meeting about the extensive consultation done to date. Ron KEGGAN felt that a very good job had been done with the consultation and that if new things like this were not tried, then things would get not improve.

Shirley Maldini enquired whether the facilities would be removed if it were a disaster. Gael HAMMETT confirmed that a second questionnaire would be sent out 6 months after the refurbishment to measure the effect, if any. This would be looked at in conjunction with police logs to make a decision as to the success or not, and then further liaison would be made with the Council. Nick JONES mentioned the successful refurbishment at Brewery Park, Ellacombe as an example.

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4 Pamela MACEY gave an update of the progress of the Community Centre to be built at the current location of St Peter's Church Hall, Queensway. The Community Centre will provide an indoor sport court, a drop in coffee bar, a nursery, and a computer room. The chapel will be remaining to provide a place for worship, and therefore there is no change of use required. The Council will hear the plans in November for the final planning decision. It was felt that the new facilities in Victoria Park would work together with the plans for the Community Centre. The finance for this project would be raised by the sale of three town houses to be built on land at the rear of the current Church Hall.

5 An update was given of three traffic concerns that had been raised previously, these being:

- ◆ Junc. Rathmore Road with Walnut Road - it was suggested that a mirror be placed at this tricky junction. Nick Reed of the Highways Dept. stated that this was not an option.
- ◆ Parking problems by the Ocean Diner, Walnut Road - this has been monitored by Nick JONES and he is working in conjunction with owner of the restaurant to try to resolve the problems. There is no possibility at this time for double yellow lines due to a Council moratorium on them.
- ◆ Speeding traffic under the bridge from Rathmore Road into Goshen road. Nick JONES will also be paying attention to this area and will look at carrying out a speed check operation.

Two further matters were raised:

- ◆ Falkland Road into Walnut Road junction where you end up in the middle of the road in a "no mans land".
- ◆ Rousdown Road into Old Mill Road - cars coming too fast.

It was mentioned by Gael HAMMETT that in the future any traffic concerns could be sent direct to Nick Reed, Senior Engineer, Highways Dept. at Torbay Council. Nick Jones also requested that residents make contact with him with any speeding traffic concerns for future speed check operations in the area.

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6	<p>Gael HAMMETT informed the meeting of the Friends of Chelston Parks' group, which is being formed. This will enable local residents to have their say in the future development of the parks in their area. The group can apply for funding to make improvements. The meeting to form this group is being held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 4th November 2003, at the Chelston Manor Hotel. The group requires a committee and a constitution, and work closely with the Council to improve the local green areas.</p>	
7	<p>Ron KEEGAN mentioned concerns of excessively loud music being played at the Cheltenham Children's Home, although he did state that it had been quiet this past week. Nick JONES informed the meeting that he has been working closely with the residents and staff at the home, and that these problems are being tackled as they arise.</p>	
8	<p>The date and venue of the next meeting is to be arranged at a later date, as it is dependent upon when the separate ward meetings are held.</p>	