

PAIGNTON WARD PARTNERSHIP – ROUNDHAM & HYDE

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2005

Present: Kirstin Matthews (KM), Chris Beer (CB), Community Police - Ben Downing (BD) Cllr. James (Cllr.J), Cllr. Carroll (Cllr.C), James O'Dwyer (JO'D), Richard Stevens (RSt) Ron Sharpe (RS), Dave Schofield (DS) Jim Lakeman (JL)

Guests: Richard Taylor, Tracey Cabache

Apologies: Tony Moss, Steve Allerly, Keith Foster, Insp. Jackson

OPERATIONS AGENDA

1. Making Torbay a Safer Place

Police matters

- BD - Action Day in the St. Michaels area, Police & Fire Service to give advice on safety matters and crime prevention, with the aim of bringing the community together.
- BD - Attacks on students throughout the summer has been a major problem – Police would like more information on these incidents from the public (Businesses and Residents) so that they can prosecute the offenders and make the area safe for everyone. Police would like suggestions of how this can be achieved.
- JL – Possible recruitment of a Business Crime Manager. Paignton Chamber of Trade to supply a list of businesses (JO'D)
- KM – graffiti has increased
- BD – the latest craze for mini motorbikes is becoming ‘the new problem’, Police can seize bikes if they are causing a nuisance.
- RS – New *Friends of the Skatepark* group being formed and the *Friends of Victoria Park* group seems to be growing in number. RT – skatepark area is to be developed further, it is hoped that this will deter vandalism. JL – CCTV needs to be included in that area, the new Skateboard Bylaw seems to be working well.
- Cllr.C – The ‘obstruction law’ is now being used to move “cars for sale” parked on highways.
- RS – Palace Avenue Gardens are being used for drinking (alcohol disguised in soft drinks bottles). JL – ring the CCTV number (310403) and they will observe and inform Police.
- DS – Gangs of youths from Torquay come to Paignton and target rival ‘gangs’. JL – ASBO’s are being issued to these gangs.

2. Improving Health & Safety Care in Torbay

Defer to next meeting

3. Improving Access To Good Quality Affordable Homes

Defer to next meeting

4. Improving Torbay’s Economy – Towards A Prosperous Torbay

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5. Valuing Our Environment

- RT – Copies of the Torbay Greenspace Strategy 2005-2016 were circulated.

The web link is -

http://www.torbay.gov.uk/4041greenspacestrategy_summary.pdf

Palace Avenue Gardens will have disabled access opposite the Theatre.

Views on the content of this strategy will be discussed at the next meeting.

- Cllr.C – a working party is to be set up to tidy the Victoria Square & Car Park area, the drainage problem is to be sorted out and it is hoped to change the culture of this area by encouraging street theatre, etc., and suggestions are welcome. BD – the road at the back of the shops (from Victoria Sq towards sea front) are a mess. Cllr.J – terms of lease need to be checked to see who is responsible.

- RT – plans for a play area on the sea front (next to Apollo / on harbour side) are being considered using money contributed by CIWM (approx £10K). Play area would be for children up to 12 years and would be free of charge.

- Cllr.C – Public toilets are to be upgraded along sea front and harbour area, contracts are being considered by Torbay Council. Could result in a reduced number of cubicles.

- DS – Complaints from disabled people regarding chains around Paignton Green. Cllr.J – chains will stay for H&S reasons.

- Cllr.C – Signage for Paignton Harbour is to be addressed

Link to the Streetscape Strategy 2004-2007 -

<http://www.torbay.gov.uk/streetscape-guidelines.pdf>

6. Placing Learning at the Heart of Our Community

Defer to next meeting

7. Developing Torbay's Culture

[Invite Rebecca Laight to next meeting](#)

8. Creating 'Sustainable' Communities

Tracey Cabache, newly appointed Ward Partnership Support Officer, joined the meeting to explain her new post and offer support and advice in obtaining funds.

There is a Torbay Strategic Partnership (TSP) conference taking place at the Riviera Centre on Tuesday 22nd November to discuss the new Community Plan 2007-2016 – Ward Partnership Chairs/Secretaries are encouraged to attend. Please contact Tracey on 208831 tracey.cabache@torbay.gov.uk if you require further details.

AOB.

- Funding Conference, Riviera Centre, Tuesday 15th November – if anyone wished to attend, booking forms are available from TDA (Tel:296296)

- Xmas Lights – £2,700 has been raised, another £3K is needed. RS – donation from Winner Street. JO'D – donation from Chamber. Confirmation required from Torbay Council that work can be carried out free of charge, including any public liability insurance premium.

DATE / TIME / VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 3rd November – 10.00am – Apollo Cinema