

## **ST. MARYCHURCH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th January 2006**

#### **PRESENT**

Peter Huff (PVH)	Chairman
Nita Brass (NB)	Secretary
Eileen Williams (EW)	Treasurer
P.C. Dan Carter (DC)	D&C Constabulary
P.C. Martin Finnis (MF)	D&C Constabulary
Alistair Johns (AJ)	Police Community Support Officer
Arthur Christian (AC)	Babbacombe & St Marychurch Traders Association
Chris Howell (CH)	St Marychurch Traders
Gordon Rickard (GR)	St Marychurch Resident
John Lawrence (JL)	St Marychurch District Action Group
Don Brooks (DB)	St Marychurch District Action Group
Kathleen Hawkins (KH)	St. Anne's Hall; Townswomen's Guild
Tracey Cabache (TC)	Ward Partnership Support Officer
Ian Campbell (IC)	Change Up Coordinator (TVS)
Tracey Brooks (TB)	Strategic Planning, Torbay Council

#### **1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Jill Gillon, Mel Broad

#### **2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES of meeting held on 17 October 2005**

Proposed by AC, seconded by PH and signed by Chairman.

#### **3) CORRESPONDENCE**

Invitations to Safer Communities Conference to be held at the Riviera Centre on 7th February, PVH to attend.

Draft letter has been prepared by TC to invite other groups to participate in the WP. PVH proposed Steering Group meeting to deal with this. Meeting arranged for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **4) TREASURER'S REPORT**

EW reported that the balance in the account was £145.50.

EW also reported that she had attended the Community Centres away day. Subjects covered included paying the going rate for hiring halls and the relevance of WPs mentioned in a talk by Bernard Page.

#### **5) REPORT ON FUNDING CONFERENCE ON NOV 15 05**

TC reported on the Funding Conference which was more targeted towards well-established voluntary and community organizations.

#### **6) REPORT ON TSP VISIONING CONFERENCE ON NOV 22 05**

PVH reported that the TSP is looking for significant input from WPs. There will therefore be a follow up. WPs will be asked in March and April how the plans fit with our needs. We will focus on Action Plan and ideas. Action Plan in Jan 07 envisioning for year 2020. PVH said it is vital to broaden our base for membership. AC would like to see council take more proactive approach, he expressed some concerns over the Council's current consultation techniques which are very prescriptive – offering simple either/or questions, limiting the community's inputs

## **7) REPORT ON MAYOR'S BUDGET BREFING ON DEC 13 05**

**NB** reported that input and ideas to improve financial health had been invited from all present.

## **8) DEVELOPING LINKS BETWEEN WPs AND THE VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

**IC** introduced himself as the Change Up coordinator for Torbay (Change Up is a Government initiative to encourage the voluntary sectors' participation and to give tools to do it). They have produced list of voluntary groups in St Marychurch area. Change Up offers training in, e.g. how to deal with conflict in a meeting. **KH** mentioned that there are less and less people coming forward to volunteer.

**TC** mentioned "protocol for engagement": What to involve the WPs in.

## **9) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

**TB** said The Torbay Local Development framework is the "physical representation of the Torbay community plan". "Statement of Community Involvement" is a document at the point of being produced. They are keen to get a response individually or as a group with planning the Torbay Local Dev framework. **PVH** mentioned that a steering group and subgroups can be formed on certain topics e.g. school, wishes of students, which the WP can facilitate, once the WP is more representative of communities. **PVH** mentioned that open days are useful for publicity. All requested that the information provided on the LDF be in plain English.

## **10) COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW**

### **PROGRESS ON**

#### **A) SNOOTY FOX DEVELOPMENT – CAMERAS**

A tree is blocking the view of the camera in the middle of the precinct and will need to come down. The sign post to Foxlands Walk has been dismantled.

#### **B) BABBACOMBE FESTIVAL**

**AC** produced "Tourism in Torbay" strategy brochure. 60 organisations are to be involved in the Babbacombe Festival 2007 which will run either side of Babbacombe Fayre which is Wednesday June 20 2007. The festival will need funding. A limited company will be formed to apply for a grant (circa £5,000). If successful, they are looking at the possibility of it being an annual event, increasing prospects for business, tourism, etc.

#### **C) SIGNS FOR BIKE RACKS**

Nell Cruse, Transport Planner needs to be contacted. **TC** would look into it.

#### **D) MAINTENANCE OF FOXLANDS WALK**

Mr Williams is the superior landlord. **TC** can find out who is responsible for contacting Mr Williams. Perhaps a Highways Enforcement Officer.

#### **E) ST MARYCHURCH TOWN HALL DEVELOPMENT**

**AC** commented that there were separate planning applications. Firstly, the toilets and secondly, to build 3 town houses. Both were accepted on the understanding that the first application will happen before the town houses are built.

#### **F) MANOR ROAD TRAFFIC**

**AC** reported that Stagecoach wants 3 bays for buses to rest. **TC** to see if moratorium on yellow lines in Manor Road can be lifted.

There was a discussion on feasibility of consulting with the Highways Department to open constant dialogue with them re: traffic.

#### **G) PARISH COUNCIL**

A brief discussion ensued, mentioning that Brixham has applied for a Town Council. It was agreed that more research needed to be undertaken on the potential benefits of a Parish Council before this item could be discussed.

**11) AOB**

Millennium Green maintenance

**JL** commented that Bay Blooms is awaiting news of budget.

Councillors

It was noted that Councillors failed to attend and did not apologise.

Cliff Railway

80<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Maximum participation expected, circa 1500.

Football matches and parking

**AC** commented there was financial potential for football supporters to park in St Marychurch and Babbacombe. **AC** to write to Chairman. **AC** commented re parking: prices up means making more money from less people, prices down means making less money from more people.

GA building

There are proposals for it to be a supermarket. Two supermarkets are interested in the site, subject to planning approval.

Brunel 200

**DB** mentioned there was a meeting re Brunel 200 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January at the Old Council chambers, Town Hall, 9.30am.

TDA

**CH** asked for clarification on the relationship between the Ward Partnerships and the TDA. **TC** to get this clarification.

**12) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING(S)**

**NEXT WARD MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING:**

**MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006**

(Steering group meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006)

**SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS: 17<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2006, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007**

**ALL VENUES TO BE CONFIRMED**

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE SECRETARY TWO WEEKS BEFORE EACH MEETING  
FOR ANY NEW ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA**