

**STREET WARDEN STEERING GROUP**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2003**  
**at the Windmill Centre, Pendennis Road, Hele**



<u>Present</u>	<u>Organisation/Agency</u>
SC	Torbay Council
DW	Torbay Council
VC	Street Warden
RK	Riviera Housing Trust
NT	Herald Express
SS	HVCA
MG	HVCA/CAPTARA
Councillor Hayman	Torbay Council
AP	Safer Communities Torbay
AH	Victim Support Torbay
Councillor Darling	Torbay Council
GC	Lighthouse
EG	Torbay Youth Offending Team
JW	Torquay Police Station
PF	HVCA (Visiting)

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1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Cllr Faulkner, Mel Broad, Sarah Hopkins, Cllr Harris, Mike Caulfield</p> <p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <p>Minutes were agreed and no matters raised.</p>	
2.	<p><b>UPDATE FROM WARDEN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vicki informed the meeting that a litter pick had been arranged for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2003. A supply of litter picking kits has been ordered from Encams, but she needed to collect more gloves as these had proved very useful at the last litter pick. On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2003 in conjunction with Torbay Council, Riviera Housing Trust and the Local Community another Skip collection had been arranged. Vicki has been delivering leaflets, and residents had been requested to telephone regarding any large bulky items they needed help with.</li> <li>• Vicki also reported that it was proposed to clear the woods near Tintagel Close and Probation are keen to be involved in this work.</li> <li>• Halloween had been a very successful evening. Residents had been issued with stickers to put in their windows if they were willing to have the children call and knock on their door. There were no reports of any disturbances, no houses were</li> </ul>	<b>VC</b>

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3.	<p>egged or floured, and no police presence was required. Reported crime was actually down by 20% that night across the bay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The organised Bonfire and fireworks evening had also been a success as far as the community were concerned, and after the fireworks hot soup and rolls had been available at the Windmill Centre.</li> <li>• Steve Darling reported that Plymco and Carters had been advised not to sell flour and eggs directly to children. This is the same for Alcohol and any that had been obtained by "kids" had been obtained via a third party.</li> <li>• Maureen Giffard commented that although Vicki had a high profile presence on the estate she did not feel that police presence was as high and Di and Steve had not been allowed to give the commitment promised.</li> <li>• John Woods did explain that Di and Steve's area extended beyond the estate and they were never very far away. He also informed that on Tuesday last between 16 – 24 Officers were in the area issuing Warrants.</li> </ul> <p><b>STATISTICAL RETURNS TO GOVERNMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly returns to Government were circulated for discussion.</li> <li>• Vicki reported that Parkview Society had drawn her attention to "Datalink" which is a plastic bottle kept in the fridge which contains details of the occupant of the house. It listed information regarding Next of Kin, Medication, etc., and these were now being circulated on the estate.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>SKATEBOARD PARK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The groundwork for this was now underway, the contractors had moved onto the site and it is anticipated that the equipment should be installed by the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2004. Community punishment will be helping with the completion of the grounds with planting and the second footpath.</li> <li>• Maureen enquired what the position was regarding the fencing, and Richard Keith confirmed that Riviera had now agreed the funding for this.</li> <li>• Steve Darling informed the meeting that concerns had been expressed that the kids from Salisbury/Lichfield may become territorial over the play facilities. It was felt that that this would not be an issue as all concerned were pro-active in</li> </ul>	

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5.	<p>ensuring that there is not any territorial issues, and the skateboard park is a core building block with other issues to bring the "two communities" together. This project had been 4 years coming to fruition.</p> <p><b>FUTURE FUNDING &amp; SCHEME EXPANSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve reported on the Seminar that was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2003 at Paignton Zoo. He was not really sure what to expect from the outcome from the meeting, but felt it was a step in the right direction and confirmed the Street Wardens were wanted in Torbay. No confirmation of funding had yet been received from GOSW, and various agencies who could possibly come up with funding had been approached but was not sure who is able to deliver or what amounts.</li> <li>• Steve had been in consultation with Alan Denby regarding possible funding bids. Providing we can match fund, would like to expand the Street Warden program into QED, Foxhole and Watcombe.</li> <li>• A new post within EP had been agreed to oversee the Street Wardens together with other duties required within this department as part of the Council restructure.</li> <li>• Alison believes that all front-line staff should work together to deliver a single service, albeit with slightly different jobs. This would include Street Wardens, Park Wardens, Park Managers, maybe Dog Wardens, and certainly the new Traffic Wardens. Steve Darling was to take this back to the Council.</li> </ul>	SD
6.	<p><b>INFORMATION TRANSFER BETWEEN AGENCIES ON VICTIM'S OF CRIME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This matter was discussed between John Woods, Alison Parnell, Steve Cox, Vicki Clarke and Anne Hilton, after the meeting.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve reported that the draft summary of the local community plan clearly supported the Street Warden scheme. A copy was circulated to the meeting.</li> <li>• A local strategic event is to take place on a Saturday morning and feedback on workshops will make a dramatic change to views on Street Wardens.</li> <li>• Eric Greif informed the meeting that Torbay Council is to create a new post, which is to be advertised during February/March with the employee being in post by April.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>This post will be for mediation in social housing. This full-time position will mediate between tenants and landlords etc in order to prevent homelessness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alison Parnell informed the meeting that she is to go on a secondment at Bristol in early February as a Crime Advisor for a period of 12 months.</li> </ul> <p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> February 2004  2:00 P.M.  WINDMILL CENTRE, PENDENNIS ROAD, HELE</p>	

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