



STREET WARDEN STEERING GROUP
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 14th September 2004
at the Acorn Centre, Lummaton Cross, Barton, Torquay

<u>Present</u>	<u>Organisation/Agency</u>
SC	E P Section - Torbay Council
TF	E P Section - Torbay Council
DW	E P Section - Torbay Council
VC	Street Warden – Hele
SS	Street Warden – Hele
DG	Street Warden – Castle Circus/Torre
MG	HVCA/CAPTARA
DQ	Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
PH	Torbay Neighbourhood Watch
MM	SWAGTARA
Councillor Hayman	Torbay Council
Jenny Faulkner	Torbay Council – Mayor
Sarah Passmore	Devon & Cornwall Police
CH	Torbay Council
SD	Torbay Council
EG	Torbay Youth Offending Team

Item No.	Discussion	Action
	APOLOGIES	
	Fran Hughes, Russell Bammens, Di Wyatt, Vicky Thomas, Graham Clay	
1.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The abandoned vehicles in Pendennis Road is still an issue. The land belongs to Parks Section and Vicki proposes to speak with Sue Cheriton on this matter. Dave Quaintance raised the issue of noise problems at Pendennis Road. He handed Tara a noise diary, a copy of this will be given to Di also. With regards to the fencing for the rear of the Windmill Centre, Vicki and Sue had been to look at some fencing in Kingsteignton regarding the quote from Groundworks. An amount of £10,000 may be available from ODPM, and if this is the case a bid will be made for it. With regard to the alleyways at the rear of 84 – 108 Hele Road, it is felt that this problem will be solved with the proposed gating work. The second consultation is to be held on Thursday at the Lighthouse (16/9/04, 6–8 p.m.) with the proposed works due to commence middle/end of October looking for completion end of February. <p>The funding for these works has been applied for and obtained by Groundworks, and a contribution of £200 has been made by Riviera Housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As Vicky Thomas from Riviera Housing was not present at the meeting, we were unable to obtain any update with regard to 	<p>VC</p> <p>VC</p>

the fencing along Pendennis Road to the Skateboard park. This item will be carried forward and raised on the Agenda for the next meeting.

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- Paul Hammond reported that after the recent meeting for Winchester/Salisbury Avenue no-one had been willing to co-ordinate a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for fear of reprisals. Paul will pass information on to residents, but the initiative for a scheme in that area must come from the residents themselves.
- Vicki suggested it would be an idea to go back and invite residents to another meeting in case there are still issues to be raised. This should be a partnership effort together with Neighbourhood Watch with a clear defined agenda/questionnaire as to what changes are wanted by both adults and the kids.
- Community Partnership is working, Vicki/Tara together with Steve Darling will organise a meeting for the middle to end of October.
- Steve is currently looking at previous questionnaires to see what improvements have been made in relation to points raised as previous issues. This was taken to Hele Partnership meeting.

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UPDATE FROM WARDEN

- Vicki reported that she had won a National award for the Street Warden program in Hele. She had received a Trophy which she proudly showed to the meeting, and had also received an amount of £1,000. This money had been used to fund the completion of the BMX track.
- Maureen informed the meeting that she has raised a petition in favour of keeping the Street Warden Scheme, not only for Hele, and is proposing to take this to 10 Downing Street and present to John Prescott.
- Vicki reported that the newsletter (which had been sponsored by McDonalds) had been issued early as another skip collection had been arranged for Sunday 19th September 2004. Riviera Housing had confirmed that they were happy to match fund up to 4 skip collections per year in the area.
- Lots of events took place throughout the summer with the Kids kept entertained at the School Club. This was stretched for full capacity. Aimed at working parents within the area, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. for a cost of only £9.00 per day.
- Vicki plans to clear the woods in the Hele Road area again and will be meeting with Chris Gowman, Grounds Maintenance. Over 400 syringes were found at the last clear up. Odd ones are still being found, although the exchange system does appear to be working. A sharps kit is carried in the Street Warden Van.
- Vikki reported that another Tick or Treat night will be arranged

for Halloween as last year was a great success. Sarah Passmore reported on a reduced record of "egging" also.

3. BEST GARDEN COMPETITION

- The Best Garden competition had taken place and had been judged by the new owners of Jacks Patch. Standards had been exceedingly high with 1 winner and 4 runners up prizes being given.

4. SURVEY OF RESIDENTS

- The proposed survey to measure what has been achieved over the last 2 1/2 years is not yet ready to be circulated, although it is hoped it will be ready for next month.

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5. BMX TRACK

- An additional £1900 has now been found for the sculpture of the mud, and the BMX track has been completed.

6. SCHEME EXPANSION AND FUTURE FUNDING

- Need to ensure we can retain the Wardens we already have at present. It is felt that if we can find permanent funding for the scheme existing wardens, there may be the opportunity to bid for additional wardens. European funding may now not be an option due to the limited funds running down.

7. TORRE/CASTLE CIRCUS

- Welcome Sue to her new role as Street Warden for Hele, and welcome back to Dave who now covers the Torre/Castle Circus area.
- The Street Warden Scheme is now in operation in Torre/Castle Circus area. Since Dave's return he has been getting to know businesses/residents in the area.
- Steve, Tara, Dave and Vicki had attended the Torre Action group meeting held the previous evening. They had hoped to get the opportunity to extend a couple of seats of this Steering Group to people from Torre, but this opportunity did not arise.
- Steve will be on extended leave from the end of this month and Tara will take over from him in the day to day management of the Street Wardens. Upon his return his involvement with the Program will change slightly and he will concentrate on future fund raising in order to maintain the Street Warden Program.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Dave Quaintance was concerned about problems with numbers 63 and 67 Pendennis Road, as the residents are still scared to give their names when making a complaint. There had been a couple of occasions when police had not been able to take any action because the caller would not leave their details. Sarah Passmore promised to look into this situation to clarify the situation with Officers and staff at the station.

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Dave also expressed that Vicki and Tara had helped with this matter considerably.

- Dave then referred to a report from the Safer Estate sub-committee meeting on 18th October 2001. He had read through some of the items on the list. He did not feel that the estate had "moved on" very much with regards to cleansing, as Riviera no longer appeared to clean the car park.
- Dog fouling was another matter that Dave raised, the fouling in Hele Close should be dealt with by Riviera Housing, but Dean Fitzgerald the Dog Warden for the Torquay area can be contacted via (01803) 208091.
- Maureen expressed that she would like to see more police attendance at the weekly drop in on a Tuesday. She does appreciate that the MBNs of the area are not always available, but Mel Broad had assured her that a representative **would** be attending each drop in. Sarah Passmore will look into this and find out why a representative from Police has not been present.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2004
2:00 P.M.

ACORN CENTRE, LUMMATON CROSS, BARTON, TORQUAY