

BABBACOMBE. ST MARYCHURCH,
WATCOMBE & MAIDENCOMBE
WARD MANAGEMENT

Minutes of the meeting held at the St Marychurch Town Hall on Monday 26th April 2004

PRESENT: -

Peter Huff	Chairman
Jill Gillon	Secretary
Sgt. Adrian Leisk	Community Police Sergeant
Phil Owen	Community Constable
Trevor Thomas	Community Constable
Cllr. Steve Darling	Ward Councillor – Watcombe
Cllr. Matthew Phillips	Ward Councillor - Wellswood
Chris Gubby,	Torbay Council - Highways
Steve Cox	Environmental Health Officer
Chris Widdecombe	“ “ “
Chris & Eileen Williams	Babbacombe Residents
Don Brooks	St Marychurch Town Hall representative
Paul Price	St Marychurch Resident
Rod Lester	Watcombe Heights Road Resident
Kathleen Hawkins	St Annes Hall Representative
Paul Hammond	Neighbourhood Watch Chairman for Torbay
John Lawrence	District Action Group – Bay Blooms

APOLOGIES

Arthur Christian, Inspector Mel Broad, Cllr. Andy Westwood

MINUTES of MEETING held on 26 January 2004

These were approved - proposed by Paul Price seconded by Steve Darling

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WORKING PARTY REPORT

The Steering Group had met on 29th March 2004 at the Snooty Fox. Those present were, Cllr. Steve Darling, Chairman Peter Huff, Secretary Jill Gillon, P.C. Wise, P.S. A Leisk, P.C. P Owen, Arthur Christian and Cllr. Andy Westwood. The Working Party Report was presented to the Committee. The report was basically in two parts: **Recommendations** regarding running of future meetings and the creation of an **Action Plan** that would enable the committee to list and prioritise the issues raised and progress the action taken. **PH** suggested that there should also be an 'Outcome' column. There may also be a cost implication which should be recognised. There was considerable discussion about whether the proposals would accord with the government directives and the overall

arrangements within Torbay. Government funding and Council match funding was available to enable groups to set themselves up but some areas had yet do this. There was still some uncertainty as to how things would finally be organised. There is a need to develop the ward partnerships and have a Strategic Partnership Meeting in six months time. Whilst our proposals may well have to be reviewed in light of the final arrangements, **it was agreed to adopt the recommendations in principal, create an Action Plan and review the situation in six months time.** (Proposed Cllr. Steve Darling, seconded Don Brooks)

It was also **agreed** to send agreed minutes to Bernard Page so that they could be posted on the Council website.

MOOR LANE

The first section of the traffic-calming scheme approaching from the Teignmouth Rd remains a concern. The number of Schools in the area complicates the issue. The system was designed with emergency services in mind. There has been three damage only incidents in three years, which in highways terms is a success. The Steps Lane re-development required further changes as large numbers of children are picked up by taxis, which was bound to create safety problems. Advertising costs for highways amendments are prohibitive so it was decided to take the matter directly to the Transport Strategy Group for approval on safety grounds. The intention was that appropriate parking restrictions should be in place and enforceable by April 2005. The police view is that the no-parking zone should be extended (**ACTION PLAN - Chris Gubby TC**)

SOUTH DEVON HOTEL - SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME

There is local concern regarding alcohol abuse and drug abuse in the area and residents had suggested that some of the problems were related to The South Devon Hotel. The committee saw the need to work with local businesses in an effort to remedy the problem and David Henson from SDH had been invited to tell us about the work of his organisation through the Supporting People Programme. He has 40 clients from all walks of life and employs 60 staff. There are growing numbers of people in our community, including young people, who need care and support. Placement at the centre is a temporary situation for most people who are helped to 'sort themselves out' and return to normal life. However staff cannot force clients to accept remedial help but where they refuse any treatment they may be re-located to other specialist centres. Staff liaise with licensees in efforts to restrict the sale of alcohol to individuals, but inevitably there are lapses and this can lead to problems.

It was **agreed** that P.C Martin Finnis who was standing in for P.C Steve Anderson, should be requested to co-ordinate with SDH and traders to see what action might be appropriate. (**ACTION PLAN-Martin Finnis**)

MOTOR BIKES GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

Mr. Rod Lester, a resident from Watcombe Heights Road reported problems with the unauthorised use of George V playing field by motorcyclists. This created a noise nuisance, particularly at weekends. **A.L** to report back. This may be a LSP issue

Steve Cox outlined measures that were being introduced to restrict vehicular access to the site which should remedy the problem.

TWO WAY RADIO LINK

At the last meeting Paul Hammond outlined a 2 way radio scheme that had been set up in Brixham. The Secretary suggested it could well be introduced to St Marychurch, to help combat vandalism and ant social behavior, with this in mind a meeting was called with Residents and Traders and after a debate it was decided that we would try the scheme with 6 radio links to start with. Paul Hammond agreed to obtain these and let us know when they were available and arrange the Police training to use them.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 28TH AT 6.30 P.M.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF ANY
SPECIFIC PROBLEMS YOU WISH TO BRING UP
AT THIS MEETING SO THAT TIME COULD BE
ALLOTTED AND AN APPROPRIATE OFFICER
COULD BE INVITED TO RESPOND.

St Marychurch
Community Partnership
Safety Action Plan. Created April 04

Challenge	Solution / Current Position	Responsibility	Target Review Date
1) Reducing anti social behaviour, in St Marychurch Village Centre	Install CCTV – in Precinct Increase Patrols Make Provision for young people Introduce 2 way Radio system for Traders/Residents/Licensees	TC PC Martin Finnis	Nov. 04
	Widen no drinking areas to reduce street drinking. Rigorous enforcement of new laws when introduced	Barry Davis ?	Nov. 04
	Liaise with licensed premises and other establishments	P.C. Martin Finnis	
2) A.S.B. relating to beach activity at Petitor Beach	Review designation of Beach	St Marychurch Ward Councillors /Police /TCCT	Nov. 04
3) On street parking/ obstruction of pavements	Regulation of on street parking Enforcement of breaches Education of Road users. Develop clear and consistent policy to prepare for decriminalisation	Police/Media T.C.	April 05
4) Off road motor cycling Easterfield Playing Field and surrounding area	Find dedicated site Educate users Restricted access to problem areas Develop strategy for O.R.M. through L.S.P.	TC Media Steve Cox T.C. Ian Williams	Nov. 04

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Improving Facilities at Beaches			
Watcombe Facilities	Future of Toilets (now Closed) Picnic Area improvements Signage to Coastal Path		
Oddicombe Cliff Railway	Develop Friends pf Oddicombe Cliff Railway and invest in improvements	Arthur Christian	Nov. 04