



MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TORQUAY
Torbay Yacht Club, 6.30pm – 8.30pm
2nd April 2012

Board Members:

Susie Colley	(SC)	Chair person
Julie Brandon	(JB)	Minute taker
Kerri Underhill	(KU)	Minute taker
Lee Kerslake	(LK)	Vice Chair

Present:

Mike Lister	Nick Bonstow	Molly Holmes	Councillor Beryl Mcphail
Allan Griffey	Martin Edgell	Reverend Macey	Tony Morton
Councilor Steve Darling	Councilor Darren Cowell	Alison Hernandez	John Docherty
Pat Steward	Craig Northway	Margaret Forbes Hamilton	Pat Bishop
Cllr Jenny Faulkner	Alan Gunther	Len Short	Anne & James Prowse
Richard Lister	Paul Turner	Heidi Hallam	Gillian Kendall
Mark Hoyle	Chris Smith	Pauline Baker	Councillor Nicole Amil
Andy Baker	Paul Raybold	Jeanne Collins	H Carter
M Spring	J Campbell	J Aberry	Mark Kingscote

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Prior to our Neighbourhood Plan Meeting, subgroups and project team met. The following proposals were:-

- Torquay Gateway
- Torquay Centre
- Babbacombe Area
- Communication, Engagement and promotion

These will be discussed further at the next public meeting.

Item No	Minute/Action Agreed	By whom	By when	Completed Carried forward	Additional Note/Action
1.	Welcome, Housekeeping and Apologies				
	SC welcomed everybody and started the meeting. Explained the fire exits and asked everybody to sign the attendance record sheet.	SC			
	Apologies: Chris Forster, Cllr Mark Poutney, Cllr Alan Faulkner, Cllr Robert Excell, Glyn Ley, Jon Rawson, Tracey Cabache	SC			
2.	Matters Arising from 05th March 2012				
	We now have and are using our own Neighbourhood Plan Logo thanks to Cllr Darren Cowell.	SC			
	Also we have our Facebook and Twitter Pages live but know body has tweeted or posted on the social sites. So please can we add and upload information asap and regularly.	SC			
	Do we have a Blog as well?	AG			
	No because we have not yet got round to creating one and it is finding the volunteers and time to do it.	SC			
	The floor was asked if they were happy with the minutes and a proposer and seconder was asked. Proposer – NB Seconder – PB	SC			

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3.	AOB Declaration				
	Planning Application for Tesco at 1 – Edginswell and 2- Maidencombe Parking Restrictions on the seafront (before the meters)	MFH LS			
4.	Feedback Subgroups				
	Prior to this Neighbourhood Plan Meeting, the members of each sub-group and project team had their own small meeting and it was decided to disperse the subgroups but if necessary we will reset them back up again in the future. This is explained in the next section of the agenda.	SC			
5.	Pat Steward – Strategic Planning Team (Princes Trust)				
	Government published the National Planning Policy Framework 1) Emphasised that we are a plan lead system. 12 months to get these plans together (by April 2013). We have got to be ambitious but realistic and evidential. I cannot emphasise enough how much we have to do in the next 12 months. 2) Neighbourhood Plan Regulations – summarise regulations and had them sent out to them. It's a number of steps to producing a Neighbourhood Plan and put together a sense of direction. # Please see attached copy of the National Policy Framework ## Please see attached a copy of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 PRINCES FOUNDATION (The Report) One of four Organisation's sponsored by government that offers a free service at point of delivery to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. (RTPI, Princes Foundation, Locality, CPRE) A scoping exercise was carried out to understand what we have done in our Neighbourhood Plan and how much we have put together. It summarises What we need to do? What our ambitions are? And How we go about creating it? They are coming back down in June/July but will work primarily with Brixham (3 days) as they already have their scope/plan and then 1 day in both Paignton and Torquay. They will also come back again at a later date. They knew we were recently set up a as a whole and that we also set up sub-groups. Torquay/Torbay would be difficult to deal with as a whole. It will also be difficult in terms of	PS PS PS PS PS			

<p>engagement and identifies how we would engage with the community.</p> <p>It noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Issues • Town centre and Town centre Decline (“Torquay Doesn’t Know what it wants to be”) <p>Our areas of focus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre • Edge of Town (Torquay’s Gateway- expanded Edginswell area – Housing/Jobs/Dev.) • Maybe a 3rd area at a later stage <p># Please see attached copy of the Torbay Scoping Report for full details and findings.</p> <p>When first put our Neighbourhood Plan Forum together, we put together 5 key subgroups which was identified as key areas for change. We haven’t wasted our time, we have done a lot of hard work and I thank everyone for their time, efforts and commitment.</p> <p>We have decided to disperse the subgroups and concentrate our efforts on the 4 main points identified by us and the Princes Foundation. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Torquay Gateway (Edginswell, Shiphay and the Willows etc.) 2) Torquay Centre 3) Babbacombe/Wellswood Area – a very important part of Torquay 4) Community, Engagement and Promotion <p>We need to sit down and formulate a business plan so we can progress further and utilise the work and findings we have already collated. We can use this and create a SWOT and work this into the Neighbourhood Plan. Hopefully it will be ready for us at the next meeting (14.05.2012)</p> <p>Being part of the Strategic Planning Team, does this mean building/structure? No it doesn’t.</p> <p>So far we need to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Have ambition/vision of Torquay and what we want it to be. 	<p>PS</p> <p>PS</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SC/PS</p> <p>AG PS</p> <p>PS</p>			
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<p>2) Have projects that are visible and feasible to deliver the ambition.</p> <p>A lot of the work that has already been done in the Torquay Town Centre group will be utilized into the new group and Business Plan.</p> <p>Torquay Gateway – that is vital to our tourism, especially the transport into and around the area. Tourism does link in to all areas and aspects of Torquay Gateway and Torquay Centre.</p> <p>First phase says it's completed at end of 31st march 2012, the next beginning of April. Do we have the funding?</p> <p>Princes Foundation have pretty much secured the funding for the first 4 months. The Princes Foundation have put a bid in for the remainder 8 months and they are pretty sure they will get it.</p> <p>If we don't plan then other people will come along and put their plans in for Torquay and the council will find it hard to say no.</p> <p>Some of our plans will link into our Core Strategy as well as our Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>That particular area identifies and generates a controversy of what we want or don't want there. It identifies this as an area of importance (Torquay Gateway).</p> <p>I voted for Nick Bye over Gordon Oliver as the mayors vision was 80% there, some slightly scary but there. I want the assurance that this is going to be published by June. Communications team – how is this going to be progressed? Wants some assurance and clarifications to expectations. (core strategy)</p> <p>Suggested Consultation/Communication/Engagement. In order for this we need to have an idea of what our message is? Who the audience is? And what we want to achieve? This will identify what we need to do.</p> <p>Would be good to have a Core Strategy together already but we don't, but will have as soon as we can work together and produce the Core Strategy.</p> <p>You mentioned each neighbourhood forum gets its application into the council. What is a neighbourhood forum?</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>MFH</p> <p>ML</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p> <p>SC</p> <p>NB</p> <p>Cllr SD</p> <p>HH</p> <p>PS</p> <p>AG</p>			
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<p>There are 3 – Torquay, Paignton and Brixham.</p> <p>Presume will take representations from community partnerships.</p> <p>Can we ask Pat to put a column into our local newspaper (Herald Express)?</p> <p>It has already been done.</p> <p>When will it be published?</p> <p>This is unknown.</p> <p>It is an ambitious time scale of 12 months. My general concern is that so many people are involved and many issues have been identified. This may change later on and decide on smaller issues being identified as a better way forward. Is this going to help sustain our economy especially over the next 20-50 years?</p> <p>We already have that plan from the TDA (economic plan).</p> <p>Everything that has been said so far is very relevant.</p> <p>This plan cannot create jobs but can work around the people/businesses to create jobs within the area. Bring businesses back into the town rather than pushing them away from the town.</p> <p>What skills are going to be needed and available to create this?</p> <p>Andy Gunther is named as our TOA. Also we have the TDA, Princes Trust and Tracey Cabache's team. I'm sure we can resource and find other skills to help create this. We have already had people volunteer in the short-term.</p> <p>2 Examples in the last couple of months that the Neighbourhood Plan has created in the UK are :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Torbay Development Agency listening to reports back from the focus groups. 2) Neighbourhood Plan – small town near here (Ivybridge) pointed out the town had got its transport routes back to front. <p>This has summed up people power and what power and logistics we actually have. "This is our town".</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>AG</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p>PS</p> <p>SC</p> <p>PS</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>PS</p> <p>SC</p> <p>NB</p> <p>Richard</p> <p>PS</p> <p>Mark</p> <p>SC</p>			
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	<p>Pat mentioned a lot of information on the websites for example TDA etc. is it feasible to email out via Susie the website details?</p> <p>This has already been done but we are doing one better and creating links to evidence on the Torbay Council Website that are less formal.</p> <p>Do we have a timetable for the application designation?</p> <p>The regulations are pretty relaxed within this area, but do specify at least 21 people living within the area on the application.</p> <p>How we recruit is down to you and needs to be done within the next month or so.</p>	<p>AG</p> <p>PS</p> <p>Cllr DC</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p>			<p>SC to put Constitution on the agenda for 14.05.12</p>
6.	AOB				
	<p>1) Plans for Tesco superstore at Edginswell with the warehouse application that was approved previously. My main concern is the traffic. A traffic survey that was carried out in July 2010 noted that the main access point is Newton Road. This does not take into consideration the new Asda store and Dunelm Mill. This has now increased traffic and the data on the survey is incorrect. It ignored Torbay Hospital within the plans totally. They have a 3 week slot for objections until the committee date has been set.</p> <p>As the Lead from transport – concerns will be looked at before the application especially regarding the new road.</p> <p>This new Tesco's will be twice the size of the new Asda Store.</p> <p>2) A member of the Maidencombe Residents Association was doing a bit of gardening down in the Maidencombe Area and was unaware of Neighbourhood Plan. Could it be possible for the residents to put together their own small plan to put into the Neighbourhood Plan?</p> <p>You should work together with your Community Partnership, do a SWOT analysis and create a plan to see what they want within their area.</p> <p>Could the Residents Association link with Community Partnership to help create ideas to include within our Torquay Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>MFH</p> <p>Cllr RE</p> <p>LS</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p>PS</p> <p>SC</p>			

	<p>We need to keep our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) beautiful.</p> <p>We need key questions/templates for resources like SWOT Analysis, so we can engage better with the community for example community events.</p> <p>Parking Restrictions – 8-10am and 4-6pm Why have these been taken away? We still have rush hour traffic within these rush hour times.</p> <p>This is being questioned under the review.</p>	<p>Unknown</p> <p>Cllr SD</p> <p>LS</p> <p>Cllr RE</p>			
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Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting is on 14th May 2012 - Yacht Club at 6.30 pm

Signed
Date 14th May 2012

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