

MINUTES OF TORQUAY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MEETING

Town Hall

06<sup>th</sup> February 2012

<b>Board Members:</b>	<b>Susie Colley (SC)</b>	<b>Chair person</b>
	<b>Julie Brandon (JB)</b>	<b>Minute taker</b>
	<b>Sylvia Allen (SA)</b>	<b>Minute taker</b>
	<b>Colin Ritchie (CR)</b>	<b>Member of Board</b>
	<b>Kerri Underhill (KU)</b>	<b>Minute taker</b>
	<b>Lee Kerslake (LK)</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>

**Present:**

Please see attached list of attendees as there were too many to list on the minutes.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ATTENDEES:**

Kerri Underhill – **Hele and Lower Barton**  
John Rawson – **Wellswood**  
Susie Colley/Julie Brandon – **Torre and Upton**

Usha Garrattley – **Ellacombe**  
Reverend Macey – **Cockington**  
Martin Edgell - **Shiphay /Willows**

Steve Darling – **Barton & Watcombe**  
Kevin Fannon – **Torre Action Group**

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Item No	Minute/Action Agreed	By whom	By when	Completed Carried forward	Additional Note/Action
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>				
	<p>All attendees were welcomed, fire exits explained and noted all apologies</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Chris Forster, Nick Burleigh, Richard Maddock, Joyce Rainbird, Lisa Chubb, Anthony Moore, Jane Barnaby, Robin Cawsley , Tina Edgell, Jenny Faulkner</p> <p><b><u>Minutes of previous meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012</u></b>  Approval of minutes was proposed by Margaret Forbes-Hamilton, seconded by Julie Brandon and signed as a true record by Susie Colley.</p>	SC			Attendees of meeting gave the apologies
2.	<b>Matters Arising from 09<sup>th</sup> January Meeting</b>				
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Floor was asked if anybody had any matters arising from the Minutes of previous meeting ?</li> <li>2. Nobody on the floor had any matters arising regarding previous meeting or minutes.</li> </ol>	SC			
3.	<b>AOB Declaration</b>				
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community First Fund</li> </ol>	MFH			
4.	<b>Feedback From initial meeting and Subgroups</b>				

<p><b>(a) Town Centre:</b> 12 people attended with a wide range of use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourism – need to get in touch with tourism colleagues and co-operate and connect with them.</li> <li>• Deal with what we understood as a town centre?</li> <li>• Town Centre is too large – re look at as to where it should be and what it should look like.</li> </ul> <p><b>(b) Tourism:</b> Need to expand our group only 3 people attended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To draw together Views from stakeholders to inform local plan</li> <li>• Terms of reference</li> <li>• Tasks</li> <li>• Clarifications</li> <li>• Initial emerging themes</li> <li>• Quality and diversity</li> <li>• Recognise specific strengths</li> <li>• Green issues and the environment</li> <li>• Problem areas identified/identifying</li> <li>• Resolutions to be sought from known problems</li> </ul> <p>Link with tourism training at South Devon College</p> <p><b>(c) Jobs:</b> 9 people attended the meeting at Hele’s Angels. TDA gave perspective employment in Torquay. Good jobs and sustainable jobs is the way forward and the list of stakeholders in that area is very long. We want to hold meeting with all stakeholders. What do new businesses see jobwise when coming to Torquay. Need to liaise with Paignton and Brixham Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p><b>(d) Youth:</b> We had 5 attendees and asked ourselves a few questions. What is the point of having a youth sub-group? What are we there to do? Are we counter productive? We want to have involvement with other groups to see what views the youth’s have on what they would like to see in Torquay.</p>	<p><b>Rev Macey</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Amil</b></p> <p><b>Martin Edgell</b></p> <p><b>Glyn Ley</b></p>			
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	<p>Disagree with jobs link to housing. Young people living at home with parents are employed so they do not need housing.</p> <p>Don't want to lose the enthusiasm of all those attended tonight's meeting. We do have a core strategy and would like everyone here to understand it.</p> <p>Quite useful to have feedback from all chairs of each subgroup to report back every couple of months.</p> <p>Wise to say at this stage that everyone that comes to Torbay for jobs does so for the natural beauty. .We need to be aware of this with regards to building on green land. Instead of building on green land, re open the train lines and get on a train in the morning to work in the outskirts where we can build factories etc.</p>	<p>??</p> <p>Cllr Excell</p> <p>PR</p> <p>AG</p>			
5.	<p><b>A leader speaks: Executive Lead for involved and Healthy Communities – Cllr A Hernandez</b></p>				
	<p>Alison Hernandez explained herself and what/who she was representing at tonight's meeting. She pointed out 3 main actions that she wanted to discuss. They are as follows:</p> <p>1) <b>Mayors aspirations</b> – it was election pledges that got him voted in for 6/7 pledges. He wants to use neighbourhood plan to see what we would like for the Bay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a healthy and happy prosperous Bay. Sympathetic regeneration – don't want to ruin the Greenland of the Bay as he feels it is why people visit the Bay.</li> <li>• Boosting local employment – key issue.</li> <li>• Protecting vulnerable children and adults – wants the community to feel protected and supported.</li> <li>• A cleaner, greener healthier Bay – do not want areas of our community to live less than other areas.</li> <li>• Expansion of tourism and heritage areas.</li> <li>• Safer bay – one of the safest areas.</li> <li>• Value for money</li> </ul> <p>2) <b>Process of Neighbourhood planning and involvement – project team for this approach.</b> We should run it as an action orientated process and not a meeting and minute taking approach.</p>				

<p>3) <b>What skills we have to bring to the table -</b>  Wants people to come forward and share their skills that could help support and further the project team (be hands on).  Also would like community members to come forward with what they could offer to help the project team progress further.</p> <p>What is Torre and Upton’s Community Partnership’s involvement in the Neighbourhood Plan? As it is headed at the top of the agenda.  SC responded to Nick Bonston regarding the header for the Agenda : as the art work for the NP has yet to be created she could not see anything wrong with using the T&amp;U CP header. Perhaps if the group feel that it is inappropriate they would like to appoint someone to create a more befitting header.  She felt that there are a lot more issues more pressing than notepaper.</p> <p>The floor was asked: has everyone spoken to more than 10 people about what Community Partnerships and Neighbourhood Plan do?  Nearly all of the floor had spoken to more than 10 people about what we do.</p> <p><b>NB asked for more clarification about CP’s JB explained that within these groups some were more proactive than others and we couldn’t just rely on them to widen the engagement of the wider community.</b></p> <p>How are we going to get the connection started? Would like to see templates that we can use for community events to get quality information from grass roots to engage with the community, and connecting the partnerships with the community.</p> <p>Happy with the idea of using templates. Everybody will then be able to work on the same level and gain the same information. Steve is this something you would like to engage in?</p> <p>I went on a dare to dream training course to use ways from training to engage with the community further. If it works will feedback information and findings to Steve Darling.</p> <p>Very important to spread the word widely about the process and what we do. Maybe do a competition to create a header for our Neighbourhood Plan meeting, get herald express involved</p>	<p>NB</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SC</p> <p>JB</p> <p>SD</p> <p>SC</p> <p>MM</p> <p>DC</p>			<p><b>SC to appoint somebody to come up with a new header for Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p><b>SD happy to engage with others to create templates.</b></p> <p><b>MM to feedback info to SD</b></p>
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<p>and other developers as well as community members.</p> <p>Conscious about galloping off into the sunset. What is the core strategy of the council? The whole of Neighbourhood plan need to see and understand what the strategy is and if we agree with it.</p> <p>SC confirmed that she had received some info re the Draft but as it was for internal viewing only could not share ; she also would like to know when the Draft will be ready to be published</p> <p>Ideally it will be a seamless transition between the core strategy and Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Will the mayor have any involvement in the process? Yes he will be getting involved with the process but we do not have a process or a strategy for him to get involved in as of yet. But the ideal situation is for us to go back to him as a community and advise him of what we want and would like to see and be done.</p> <p>One agency in the area that we need to get involved and part of Neighbourhood Plan is the Torbay Development Agency. They have a lot of information on how to go about attracting employment and businesses to the area and will be a sustainable reference to have.</p> <p>Need to have a proper understanding of the process of the core strategy.</p> <p>Core strategy – when are we going to see the plan? If we don't have the core strategy we can't inform or enforce it. Internal draft – vision issues-objectives. It is due in the spring as it is only at the internal draft stage.</p> <p>Is it possible to send a precis of draft core strategy? Too many documents are being sent and are hard to understand. Will start to put together a fundamental version of the core strategy and a fact sheet of the main findings of the areas, for example housing.</p> <p>Alan Denby or member of TDA will be attending jobs meetings each month.</p> <p>Lets get core strategy published like yesterday!</p> <p>Would like it published as a document in plain English so that everyone of any age or matter can understand it.</p>	<p><b>GJ</b></p> <p><b>SC</b></p> <p><b>TB</b></p> <p><b>ML</b> <b>AH</b></p> <p><b>PB</b></p> <p><b>Cllr</b> <b>Excell</b></p> <p><b>MFH</b></p> <p><b>TB</b></p> <p><b>SC</b></p> <p><b>TB</b></p> <p><b>ME</b></p> <p><b>SD</b></p> <p><b>SC</b></p>			
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	<p>We have got 10 months to get this document together and published. Can I have a show of hands of those who feel we should have a separate subgroup relating to the core strategy specifically? The floor had an open discussion to this and a decision was not reached due to a number of different opinions.</p> <p>New members adding to the Tourism subgroup with Lee Kerslake are Nick Bonstow</p>	SC			
<b>6.</b>	<b>Ground Rules: Some Amendments</b>				
	<p>We need to add/amend two small issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Respect:</b> at subgroup and public meetings, respect each other and their ideas – all to be noted,</li> <li>2) <b>Venues:</b> make sure it is public but do not change it at the last minute as it causes too many problems.</li> </ol> <p>I did not attend last youth meeting as it was held at somebody else's house and feels that it was not appropriate as it was a public meeting. Also what happens if we break the rules?</p> <p>Are they rules or suggestions; commonsense has to be applied in all aspects</p> <p>Do we have a youth group as its own sub group? Youth should have a part in all sub groups e.g. jobs, housing etc.</p> <p>I will invite Polish representatives to our meetings.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>NB</p> <p>SC</p> <p>NB</p> <p>Cllr Excell</p>			<p>NB and GL to discuss and feedback at next meeting also liase with PB.(maybe add to agenda under matters arising).</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>AOB</b>				
	<p>On the 4<sup>th</sup> October the Government launched its Community First initiative. Community First is an £80m government funded programme that will run for four years until March 2015. There are 2 elements to the Community First funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A £30m Neighbourhood Match Fund and</li> <li>• A £50m Endowment Match Challenge designed to encourage the development of local endowments to be a long term source of local grants. Through leveraging private sector investment on a two to one match, this fund is expected to be worth £150 million, plus gift aid, by 2015</li> </ul> <p>Three wards in Torbay qualified for Community First Neighbourhood Match Funding and the two areas within our Neighbourhood Plan are listed below. We need ideas for projects for them.</p>	MFH			



	<p>Possible ideas of projects for the 2 following areas:  Tormohun - £50,865 over 4 years  Ellacombe £33,910 over 4 years.</p> <p>The allocations outlined have to be matched by in-kind or monetary contributions. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The existing community grants held by community partnerships</li> <li>• Volunteer time amongst community groups and eg Community Centres active in the neighbourhood</li> <li>• Other community generated bids etc.</li> </ul> <p>Community assets is part of Localism Act. Its an opportunity for the public to ask council to include on a register of community assets public or private land that they think are of value to the community.</p>	<b>BF</b>			
<b>8.</b>	<b>Dates For Future Meetings</b>				
	Town Regeneration – St Peters Centre, Chelston – 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb Sustainable Communities – 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb Jobs – Town Hall Board room – 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb Tourism - Toorak Hotel 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 6.30 -8.30 The project Team and subgroup leaders only – Yacht club – 5 <sup>th</sup> March				

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm**

**Next meeting of Project Team only on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 Yacht Club at 6.30 pm**  
Next Public meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 Yacht Club at 6.30 pm

Signed :

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012

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