



MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TORQUAY

Steering Group

CDT Building, Temperance Street

7th December 2015 6.30pm – 8.30pm

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Officers of the Steering Group:

Leon Butler (LB) Chair

Julie Brandon (JB) Communications Officer
Andy Baker (AB) Treasurer

Steering Group Members:

Alan Griffey (AG) Len Short (LS) Sue Kenway (SK) Pat Bishop (PB)

Residents / Public Attendance:

Andrew Gunther (AG) and Jim Blackwell (JB)) Torbay Council Tracey Cabache (TC) Sam Bolton TCDT (minutes)

| Item | Minute/Action Agreed |
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| 1. | <p>Welcome, Housekeeping and Apologies LB welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies Margaret Forbes Hamilton , John Rawson , Andy Baker Cllr Steve Darling Housekeeping – Trees in mens toilets !</p> |
| 2. | <p>Matters Arising from the last Steering Group Meeting on 2nd November</p> <p>Point 7: Leon hasn't yet had a response , he feels it would have just been added to the pile, but it was said by JB that everything was read Cary Green Planning application : we have put in representation and raised questions – nothing was contentious English Heritage have said a taller structure is more harmful than a smaller structure and The Victorian Society have also objected Torbay TUC have also objected Minutes approved - Proposed DC</p> |

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| | Seconded JB |
| 3 | <p>Treasurers Report Nothing spent so funds the same £498.96</p> |
| 4. | <p>Public Consultations Plan and Actions including final versions of CP submissions and policies</p> <p>Housing Policies : They have been restructured to read better but nothing has really changed – see paper from AG Julie said she will take away to have a look and compare to the previous plan , she said the key is to have dedicated central spaces and then we can move forward Plymouth are doing interesting things with their neighbourhood levy but maybe lacking in funds in the future Community infrastructure levy – CIL is a pool of projects that need to be flexible but within that also need priorities. Some areas in Torquay have more development than others, TC said what is the definition of a Community – we need to clarify as some areas need more putting into them than others and some cannot take any more housing development</p> <p>Action : Leon – to clarify how we expect council to liaise with the forum on the allocation of CIL</p> <p>Cultural Strategy: There is a perception that cultural initiatives are driven by organisations and NOT artists Need to make a point that living and working artists in the bay need to be involved/engaged as we want Torbay to be known as a cultural destination for locals and tourists</p> <p>Policies : AG said the policies section is nearly complete – people will have to vote on this document on a referendum More work is needed on CP sections and need to strengthen Watcombe, Hele and Lower Barton and Ellacombe – all sections should read positively. AG and TC said what are the groups aspirations? Could they help? DC could talk to them, TC said she will help with Hele , Watcombe Lower Barton and Ellacombe AG is keen to give an example and TC said she will be advised by AG . Developers have to consult the community if building over 10 houses TC mentioned that in recent years a lot of developers have consulted the community in advance of submitting planning applications to raise awareness and reduce objections.</p> <p>Action : LB to check developer consultation and communities involved</p> <p>Green Space : MFH has all the information , some CPs have different views as to what a green space is , TC mentioned that there are some new funding streams for greenspaces that require groups to ensure areas are registered under local greenspace designation. It might be worth reviewing what we have done so far! AG said that this is all very new in the planning world and he is concerned that there are inconsistencies AG said all green spaces are protected this is about SPECIAL green spaces</p> <p>Action: for each CP to know the ground rules for green spaces and they must adhere to that and review their charter if necessary</p> <p>Action : AG will circulate a list from all CPs of what green spaces are listed in their areas</p> |

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| | <p>Public Consultation & Actions :</p> <p>Action : LB to look at transport policy wording</p> <p>Alan is going to write to Historic England re Pavilions and Nicholas James Group</p> <p>AG said there is still money available for consultation but need to get any bids in ASAP and will need some costs to be involved , there is between £5- 8000 in the pot</p> <p>LB said the easiest way is a direct mail shot to everyone , a leaflet could invite people to a public meeting</p> <p>The Post Office could deliver but it's not very successful</p> <p>JB said it could go out with council tax bills – but not sure if we are allowed – AG will find out more</p> <p>JB suggested going to a marketing company to get flyer designed so it captures the audience</p> <p>Torquay Boys Grammar have printing facilities now – it may be worth getting a quote from them</p> <p>Action : JB will get figures from marketing companies</p> <p>Needs to be on social media – twitter and face book</p> <p>Need to get volunteers involved</p> <p>AG said bid work with Andy Baker needs to be done before Christmas to secure the funds in time for the 6 week consultation</p> <p>Action : LB to contact all CP chairs re consultation</p> <p>Mini meeting tomorrow afternoon at JB's @ 2.00pm with TC, AG ,LB to arrange a timetable of events</p> |
| .6 | <p>TRANSPORT CONSULTATION :</p> <p>AG left copies of the Transport Policy for everyone to look at</p> <p>Pat will email AG about adding pedestrians and bus users to policy</p> |

Meeting Closed

Next meeting 11th Jan 2015 @ TCDT
Public meeting 8th Feb @ Livermead House Hotel