



MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TORQUAY
Torbay Yacht Club, 6.30pm – 8.30pm
06th August 2012

Board Members:

Susie Colley	(SC)	Chair person
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Present:

Chris Smith	Len Short	J Mellor	Alan Griffey	Patrick Canavan	Kevin Dixon
Mark Hoyle	Paul Raybould	Lee Kerslake	Roy Ashwell	G Kendall	M Edgell
Pat Bishop	Jackie Milan	John Docherty	Jim Campbell	Barbara Graham	Jack Sheldon
Nick Bonstow	Joy Filon	Michael Byfield	Cllr Darren Cowell	Margaret Forbes Hamilton	Alison Hernandez
Julie Brandon	John Rawson	C Ritchie	M Spring	H Carter	M Humble
C Humble	J Anderson Smith	Anne Bradford	Nick Bye	Cllr Robert Excell	Andy Baker
Pauline Baker	Usha Garrattley	Pat Steward	Andrew Gunther	Pam	

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5.	Landscape for Success (draft local plan) Pat Steward Andrew Gunther				
	<p>Pat Steward introduced himself and the new draft local plan.</p> <p>Redeveloping for small hotels – what type of developments are they? Where in the past they have been turned into flats we are looking at making family accommodation instead.</p> <p>Could you convert the hotels to office lets? Also what is the trend in the tourism economy? Apparently there was a huge increase in demand for rooms for the Bay. Also yes we can look into office spaces. We want to encourage people to stay overnight and provide higher quality accommodation.</p> <p>Can I please have a copy of the slides to take home and digest? This will be available from September/October as this is only a draft.</p> <p>300 new jobs a year are a very small amount compared to 60,000 people. It's a 750 jobs challenge but that is a high number to achieve and people might say it is unachievable but we will try and change these views.</p> <p>The closure of the small hotels = 30 homes a year. Is it only going to produce 30 homes a year? These are hotels that are not in our main tourism area and we would prefer these to be converted into homes. We have budgeted for this and we would prefer hotels not to be closed.</p> <p>I was told that White Rock was built on agricultural land? Not true.</p> <p>Protection of the environment, does this include Maidencombe? Yes and Babbacombe.</p> <p>Population: how many people will the Bay have over the next 10 years in population growth? Our population has grown over 1700 people over the last 10 years according to statistics, which means we have only built around 700 new homes. We do not follow these statistics.</p> <p>With the number of homes produced, what are the private sectors doing? Especially when they convert properties.is this included in the statistics? Yes they are but some developments may not need planning permission.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>PB PS</p> <p>JMellor PS</p> <p>JD PS</p> <p>JAS PS</p> <p>AG PS</p> <p>AG PS</p> <p>JC PS</p> <p>Cllr RE PS</p> <p>PB</p> <p>PS</p>			

<p>John needs to consider going back to our roots and getting better shops back in over the next 10 years and how are you going to do it? My personal view, the most successful shops are Primark, Wilkinson's and other retailers of that nature. We are looking into getting factory shops just like Clarks village in Somerset to invest in the Bay.</p>	Cllr RE			
<p>Is this market outside the town hall going on? It has already started last Tuesday. This market has started to deter away the drug users away from the town centre. We are looking into doing a market on a Saturday which will be a farmers market.</p>	JD			
<p>Will this destroy the pavings and structure of the area? I am not sure of this but they have had fire engines on there which hasn't caused any damage.</p>	AG			
<p>The Princes Foundation will help us work together and delivering projects like this. We need to bare this in mind.</p>	JD			
<p>People on holiday like to go shopping but don't want to see the same shops as they would at home. All the students who stay with her and others at the school have commented on how early the shops close. They would go shopping if they were open later as they are at school all day.</p>	PS			
<p>Multi-shopping – if you go into BHS there is already a lot of main chains in there. It is a pattern already existing it should be repeated.</p>	JB			
<p>You walk up the town centre at 5.30pm and it's dead. People work till 5.30pm, maybe we could keep shops open till 7.30pm (or earlier/later)</p>	PB			
<p>Late night shopping requires a lot of investment and could cause costly for smaller businesses whereas larger businesses could cover this.</p>	ML			
<p>Light-touch project at Castle Circus is only a short-term vision. The long term visions are looking to build on the council car park. At the moment the stalls/markets are free. With regards to Clark's village go and take a look at M&S in Newton Abbot, they are a thriving town.</p>	JD			
<p>Asked the stall markets if they were happy and were they making any money? They have said yes they are making money and are very happy with this.</p>	Cllr DC			
<p>Could you tell me how full these car parks are? This way we can look into keeping car parking</p>	Cllr RE			
	JM			

10.	AOB	AG	SC	MS	SC	Cllr DC	JB	AG	PC to price this up.
<p>Free Herald Express – with regards to engagement, could we please get hold of the Herald Express and ask the editor to put a page of SWOT Analysis to the general public i.e. 10 questions in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan? If editor says no put it in showroom donating to the postage out of neighbourhood plan funds.</p>									
<p>Why can't we have a banner around each roundabout saying Torquay Neighbourhood Plan – get in touch via the website.</p>									
<p>Do all the nightclubs opening until 3am mix with the new proposal 5* hotels (hopefully to be built)</p>									
<p>The forum will have to consider if they want to consider relocating either the clubs or the takeaways or both. Alternatively , there has to be a discussion whether or not Torquay wish to continue with the Hen and Stag culture or change the “tourist offer”</p>									
<p>In relation to relocating takeaways. We can use the Neighbourhood Plan to do this. After a meeting we have been given ideas on the tools to revamp the Harbourside and night-time economy.</p>									
<p>He also mentioned the opening, closing and resiteing of the toilets due to redevelopment etc.</p>									
<p>Steve Cox and his team have been doing really good work relating to noise issues and poor management regarding night clubs. For example the police closed down Mambo's as it was intolerable.</p>									
<p>JB pointed out that you can only object to licensing applications based on 4 criteria and with the system as it is it is very difficult to apply any one of these to individual premises. Collectively they (the bars and clubs) create a problem because the high concentration makes enforcement difficult for the police and this will only get worse as budgets are cut.(Have been told it costs in excess of £1,000 to process an arrest). All the police are doing are managing the situation, but this means that littering, urinating and more minor asb etc go unchallenged. This is a problem because this sends a message that it is ok and this sort of behavior then spills out into the rest of the town and causes problems for those residential areas on the fringes of the centre.</p>									
<p>I like the street pastors idea, going back along was they were out of the town and it worked</p>									

	<p>really well.</p> <p>For any emails send to: licensing@torbay.co.uk</p> <p>To defend them they are strong viable businesses. It is not necessary the nightclubs that's the problem it's the people that attend. Torwood street has very good economic reasons why it has not come forward as of yet.</p> <p>About 15/20 years ago the police tried to concentrate on keeping these in one place but they found it really difficult.</p> <p>Have you met with any of the owners from the clubs/pubs? No not yet Maybe you should meet up with them and voice your concerns along with the licensing laws instead of having continuous battle.</p> <p>The theory in putting them all in one place is really good but the location would be the main issue.</p> <p>The reason why the clubs/pubs are successful is because they feed off each other and have a variety of places to visit. Splitting them up will have an impact on the economy.</p>	<p>MFH</p> <p>ML</p> <p>NBye</p> <p>PR</p> <p>SC</p> <p>PR</p>			
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Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting is on 04th September 2012 - Yacht Club at 6.30 pm

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