MINUTES OF TORQUAY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM
Steering Group
Tuesday 6th July, 2021 7.00pm
By Zoom

Officers of the Steering Group: Rodney Horder (Chair), Pat Bishop (Treasurer)
Steering Group Members: Margaret Forbes-Hamilton, Nigel Goodman, Alan Griffey, Sue Kenway, Sarah O'Connor, Chris Davies, Julie Brandon (part), Tracey Cabache (Minutes).
Apologies: Roger Carter, John Rawson, Cllr Darren Cowell (Vice-Chair), Len Short, Sally Baglin

Item	
1.	**Minute taker** Tracey Cabache
2.	**Apologies for absence** Roger Carter, John Rawson, Cllr Darren Cowell, Sally Baglin, Len Short
3.	**Minutes of meeting 8th June 2021** Approved as a true record

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4.	**Matters Arising** **Actions carried over from June meeting:** **Bank Account** ACTION Pat to Investigate best way for sign up for Darren and Rodney ACTION: Pat to give Rodney full access to the account UPDATE: Pat started process using existing form – but worried form out of date. Contacted bank – email went awry. Have phoned now 3 times – awaiting new form **Housing supply** Action: Christine to send Darren John Buxton's contact details. **Updating the plan** ACTION: TRACEY to chase CPs look into their chapter and invite them to comment – in process **Torbay Together Partnership** ACTION to discuss representatives to sit on the meetings at the next meeting **AOB** New community partnership maps Rodney raised at Planning Meeting, but none received **ACTION: TRACEY to send boundary maps to Nigel – Tracey following up next Monday** **Actions carried over from July meeting:** Julie updated that there is also a container at the Cove leased by the Yacht Club – rubbish is accumulating behind it. This needs to be sorted. **ACTION: Darren to get Clean and Green Ambassadors to have a look (3 in post so far)/Steve Darling to get Simon Pinder to investigate.** CIL – community infrastructure Levy **ACTION: Darren to get an update from David Edmondson on the amount in hand for Torquay.** The rest of the actions had been completed. The rest of the matters arising are covered by the agenda.
5.	**Planning Applications**

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- Review of new Applications

The last planning meeting was aborted as no one could hear the proceedings. All agenda items have been carried over to next Monday's meeting.

- Current specific Applications:
    - Dawn, Brim Hill, Maidencombe P/2020/1044 (Committee 12 July)

Case Officer report contains a misleading and inaccurate statement re the Chair being a multiple objector. Rodney has sent a rebuttal email to the Committee members.

    - Ashfield Gables , P2021/0460 (Committee 12 July)

With Roger Carter who will be speaking at the meeting

    - Cherry Trees P/2020/0866 (Committee 12 July)

In support

    - Mayfield School P/2021/0357 (Committee 12 July)

In support

    - Torre Abbey Sands containers P/2021/0300

Application in. Not fully clad but operational

    - Ashfield Lodge P/2012/0469 Solar panels

Awaiting external advice. Possible presentation at next meeting

    - Beacon Cove P/2019/1023

Still waiting for Natural England

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- Imperial Hotel P/2021/0120

No update yet

- Kerswell Gardens P/2020/1298

We have supported, but no update yet

- Magistrates' Court P/2021/0266

Looked very exciting – but has now been confirmed as an HMO. MFH contacted the architect – raised issue of parking? Contacted Church Office of St Mary Magdalene's Church – they confirmed they were aware it would be a HMO and possible supported living. Near neighbour concerns – letters sent to near neighbours stated 10 flats – no mention of HMO. Scott Jones (Planning) has confirmed that HMO use had not been discussed with planning. Application has been made by Andrew Windsor of Windsor Estates. Cllrs unaware, police unaware. MFH assessing in line with Neighbourhood Plan policy. Management concerns. Forum is extremely concerned about another facility with vulnerable people at the top of the Town Centre, without adequate support.

ACTION: Agreed for Margaret to coordinate a response with the relevant CPs. Margaret recommended others send in personal objections if they see fit. It was agreed the Forum should object.

NB Dawn experience in Maidencombe indicated Case Officer may question the geographical proximity of those who can object.

- Princess Gardens (Ferris Wheel) P/2021/0708

Planning application to legalise the Ferris Wheel – TTCCP, Rodney and Darren in favour. Mervyn has raised an issue. TTCCP slight worry about the visual impact. Nigel raised the insurance issue. There should be a certificate on site. Can we make sure this is in place? It is not a Planning Issue, but should be highlighted in our comment. Also consider reducing the impact of illegal parking.

ACTION: Rodney, Julie and Darren to draft a supportive submission

- Torbay Hospital redevelopment – presentation at August meeting.

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	○ Orchard Way, Edginswell P/2021/0123 Added to Planning Committee Agenda for 12 July. **ACTION: Darren & Sally to advise Forum input to meeting** ○ Two new sites in St Marychurch – Hatfield House, Seabury Hotel **ACTION: Chris to explore further**
6.	**Housing supply** **Confirm current sites.** 480 homes now identified not currently in Neighbourhood Plan. Rodney meeting with David Pickhaver on Thursday 8th July to compare lists. 1,700 homes have planning consent, but not yet started. NB re St Helens, Higher Erith, was reported at the last meeting that this application has been withdrawn. **ACTION: Sue to get an update** Meeting with the MPs July 16th with Catherine Fritz, Jackie Stockman and Karen Kennedy of Paignton Neighbourhood Forum, Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum and Churston, Galmpton and Broadsands CP. Nigel posed a question re the cabinet's commitment to delivering the housing supply. Rodney will explore.
7.	**Neighbourhood Plan update** Some progress has been made. Need to follow up with Sally re Edginswell. Re: Article 4 (limited to conservation areas). Nigel has researched the compensation issue as requested – likely to have 12 months notice period re loss of permitted development rights via the referendum process - which negates the compensation. NB Does not preclude applying for a normal

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	planning application. **ACTION: Nigel and Chris to develop the pros and cons of article 4 and share.** The issue was raised again about the ability of the Planning Committee members to understand the Conservation Area limitations and permitted development rights.
8.	**Torquay Town Centre** Town Deal Community Shadow Board meeting tomorrow. Have received a presentation on the refurbishment of The Pavilion – which is very positive.
9.	**Torbay Together Partnership** Julie provided an update. Thinking Place have shared a document from their visioning work. There is political will to make sure TT is more community focused. Still some members with strong business focus. Still needs more of a balance. Torbay Hospital also presented at the last meeting.
10	**CIL – community infrastructure Levy** Darren not present to report back.
11.	**AOB** **Land on Sladnor Park Rd, Maidencombe:** Rendells have put on the market a woodland site. Under Neighbourhood Plan it cannot be developed. One potential buyer was interested in 10 units, but sale was agreed with a buyer proposing 2 units. Does not comply with Neighbourhood Plan so pre planning advice has been that an application would be turned down. MRA currently do not have an issue with development of this site, but this could set a precedent. We could only accommodate this through the Neighbourhood Plan update. It was agreed it was dangerous to do this outside of the update. **Public Toilet provision:** Alan raised concerns re the lack of provision in Torquay particularly. Additional temporary toilets are being brought in for

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	the summer. Radar keys can no longer be used in the Bay. The toilets are also not well signposted. Rightly or wrongly - this could cost the current administration the election. **ACTION: Rodney to solicit an update from Cllr Darling and Cowell**
	Next meetings: Second (usually) Tuesday of month: 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, 09 November August meeting at Temperance St if possible. Meeting closed at 20.28.

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