MINUTES OF TORQUAY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM
Steering Group
Tuesday 12th April, 7.00pm
By Zoom

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

Item	
1.	**Minute taker** Tracey Cabache
2.	**Apologies for absence** Sarah O'Connor, Margaret Forbes Hamilton, Pat Bishop (Treasurer), Cllr Steve Darling
3.	**Minutes of meeting 08 March 2022** These have not yet been written up yet. Apologies from Tracey. The February meeting minutes have been drafted but do not look accurate. Tracey to revise. **ACTION: both sets of minutes to be circulated by the end of the week.**
4.	**Matters arising** To follow.

5.	**Bank accounts** No movement in the account.
6.	**Membership of the Forum** Missing partnerships – Ellacombe regularly sends apologies, Hele and Lower Barton no rep, Barton, Watcombe and the Willows no rep. Roger still to find a replacement for Cockington, Chelston and Livermead. **ACTION: Tracey to raise the rep issues at Ellacombe CP meeting on Wed evening. Gary Goswell-Monroe will identify a rep for Hele and Lower Barton, Barton, Watcombe and the Willows to identify rep also.**
7.	**AGM** Princess Theatre may be too large a venue? Darren suggested a discussion with RIC? 25th May as a possibility Speakers: Anne Marie Bond, David Edmondson, Alan Denby, someone from the TDA? Torquay now and the future…. Update on Town Deal - Debenhams, Strand Update on Fleet Walk consultation Use May Committee meeting to identify the topics **ACTION: Darren to approach Simon Jolly at RIC** **ACTION: Rodney to approach speakers** Pavilion – costs have rocketed but positive conversations with MDL with 50/50 agreement of cost recovery. Site next door MDL want to develop is nearly at planning stage. We need to work with MDL on their plans. **ACTION: Darren to request MDL to engage with the Forum**
8.	**Planning Applications** <u>Review of new applications</u> i) Bamflyde Rd – Conversion of terraced house to 4 flats – issues re parking bins etc

	ACTION: Julie to draft a response <u>Current specific Applications:</u> ii) Lincombe Keep Letter has been spread far and wide. Nigel wrote a response. Little has changed. First application not in line with permitted development rights. Nigel advised that has been addressed but other issues have not been addressed. Conservation protection is not clear. Change of use of the keep is still an issue. Whole site needs to be considered in its entirety. Alan raised the issue of height. Roger expressed his opinion that if the TNF is to have any credibility we need to have a meeting with Mr and Mrs Marks and their planning consultant – at least we will have looked at it. How many local people use their house as their office – would it be considered de minimus? Mr Marks has said that he does not run a business from home – but where does he run it from? **ACTION: Zoom meeting with residents nearby plus John R, Sue K and Nigel. John, Rodney and Nigel to meet with Mr Marks** **iii)** Sladnor Park Rd Woodland within the village envelope. 2 houses – planning for one in detail, one in outline. Drainage concern, concerns about the felling of the mature trees – but it was in the HELAA for housing. 2 houses seem acceptable, but a couple of technical issues to sort. No real objections **ACTION: Nigel to draft a response**
9.	**Housing supply** HELAA follow-up Major allocations will be in the Local Plan, windfall sites (less than 6 units) will be in the Neighbourhood Plans Seabury Hotel plans – Alan worried about signs outside - open 10-4pm Sat and Sun 'make me an offer'. Is this the sale of the contents of the hotel contents? The Forum supported the application, which has been Approved (Planning Committee 14 March). Co-op in St Marychurch – asbestos from the roof? May have been disturbed by the recent storms and hence needs to be resolved. Boots Chemist (in the pedestrian area) to be converted into 2 flats? Is the shop going to go? Would not support change of use. Charleswood Court – 4 apartments passed previously now being implemented

10.	**Neighbourhood Plan update – additional Green Spaces, protected views, Swift Nest boxes** Admin support for the Forums? Darren advised we need to have a taking stock audit. Dave Chetwyn has been working with the other 3 forums. Try to meet before the end of the month. Aim to get the day to day admin covered and more paid support at this critical stage. Tasks shared in Torquay – Paignton has been highly dependent on the chair. Rodney shared that it would be good to have support to finalise the text and the links. Tracey added support was needed for consultation too. Nigel asked about the White Paper – no news. Referendum planned to coincide with the next local elections. Alan – taking the photos requested is proving challenging – we need a high location. **ACTION: Rodney to get Alan access to St Marychurch Church, Alan to see if Mervyn Seal has access to a drone.**
11.	**Torbay Together Partnership** Now known as Torbay Place Leadership Board. TCDT are to make a recommendation of the community representation with the agreement of Jim Parker who chairs the Board. Alan Denby has been asked to develop plans for Town Boards. Tracey has raised with Mark Hammett (Torbay Council) that this all needs to join up. Cllr Steve Darling has now asked for a meeting Mark, Alan, Steve, Tracey to make sure this happens. **ACTION: Tracey to attend meeting and progress**

12.	**Section 106/CIL** <u>CIL Applications</u> Making some headway on the Maidencombe application. Wellswood application was submitted, with costs from James Nicholas (SWISCo). **ACTION: Rodney to follow up with Dave Edmondson** <u>Tracking payments</u> It has been tricky to track what CIL is available. Darren feels the 2 pilots have been torturous. The system needs to work better. **ACTION: Darren to progress** <u>P/2017/0888 Livvy Dean</u> The money seems to move! Leon Butler has expressed concerns. **ACTION: Darren to get an update**
13.	**VCSE Levelling Up representation** Raised by Margaret – defer to next meeting
14.	**Torquay Neighbourhood Plan Forum website** Julie and Tracey met Julian Rees the web designer. He has got access to the old site. Some of this will need to be archived. He is going to use the Torbay Place Toolkit – we may be the first to use this. Email addresses may have to migrant across. NB Rodney uses the Chair email as a filing system. **ACTION: Julie to bring initial plans back to the Forum.**
15.	**Any other business** <u>Wesup containers</u> Containers are not fully clad. The outer sides are done but not the inner ones.

	Can we live with this? Yes. <u>Corbyn Head</u> Alan raised concerns re the 2nd floor of the proposed café. It was agreed to await the application. The TDA are seeking to support Wesup to repair the relationship with the TNF.
16.	**Next meetings** Second (usually) Tuesday of month **3 May 2022**, 14 June 2022, 12 July 2022