MINUTES OF TORQUAY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM
Steering Group

Tuesday 9 August, 7.00pm
At CDT Offices plus Zoom

Officers of the Steering Group: Present Rodney Horder (Chair), Darren Cowell (Vice-Chair)
Steering Group Members: Chris Davies, Roger Carter, Tracey Cabache (minutes), Nigel Goodman, Margaret Forbes Hamilton, Alan Griffey, Sue Kenway
Public: Graham Stephenson, June Pierce,

Item	
1.	**Minute taker** Tracey Cabache
2.	**Apologies:** Pat Bishop (Treasurer), Julie Brandon (Communications), John Rawson, Steve Darling, Sarah O'Connor, Kelly Harvey
3.	**Minutes of Meeting 12 July 2022** Minutes from meeting held on the 12 July 2022 – accepted and approved. Thanks to John.
4.	**Matters arising** Actions to take forward: Cockington Pipes – JP Circulate Constitution – RH CIL application form to Margaret – RH CD: Brixham – 75% of the trawlers have been sold to 2 people only. If the Council invests further in the fish market will this just benefit these 2 individuals? DC: It is no different from our other investments that benefit businesses – they will be paying a commercial lease.

5.	**Bank accounts** No offers yet for the treasurer post. Email from Pat Bishop confirming no changes on the account this month and the balance is £5,156.91.
6.	**Membership of the Forum** Hele and Lower Barton now attending. Barton, Watcombe and the Willows have still to identify a rep. The Forum needs to be redesignated in December as 5 years have passed. We need to complete the maps for the revised plan and submit to the Council. **Action: Tracey to get the maps finalised** **Action: Darren to clarify the timeline for the process with Torbay Council Governance**
7.	**Planning Committee** Committee does not meet this month – will meet in Sept.
8.	**Planning Applications** **Re Shedden Hall Hotel P/2021/1314:** The Forum looked at the submission from the Torbay Heritage Trust's reaction to the Forum's response. It was noted that this was quite insulting. All agreed that further clarification from Kay Elliot was needed and the height is also an issue. The Planning Officer has raised this with Kay Elliott as a result of our Consultee Response. **Re Rowcroft P/2022/0772:** Concerns re the traffic plan. Community Centre – can anyone remember who this was for? Rowcroft or the wider community? 'Fully Consulted' but only 15 letters were sent to residents. They have engaged with the Forum and the local CP, but a lot of the details have some out since. DC: Why don't we invite Mark back and pose these questions **Action: MFH to draw up the concerns and Rodney to liaise with Mark** **Re Corbyn Head :** Where are we going? We need something that is viable, but keeps within the footprint. TDA have said in an email on 19th July that the Forum have not responded. The response went to Claire. **Action: RH to check**

	RC – it does not look viable with a budget of £1.2milllion – we may need to go back to the drawing board. RH should we revert back to a renovated toilet block? DC: we would not need such a large block. What is the footfall and usage of the toilet block. Could end up with a total removal. **Action : DC to discuss with Liam Montgomery** JP: Should we move the toilets to the beach? RC would be expensive re flow. NG: Open roof terrace would attract more ASB GS: Are we trying to make money out of this? How do we deal with the ASB. We have done up Beacon Cove and it looks great but we are still getting ASB. People without 30p for the toilets use a corner or a bush! DC: NB bid requires that the operator make their toilet facilities accessible to the public. RH suggested Forum respond – need to be within the current footprint, the provision of toilets is preferable and we understand this may necessitate a business on site. DC: It is a Council project – to be designed with the operator's needs in mind. There will be no parking and no loss of greenspace. **Metropole Hotel P/2021/1184**: Response submitted. **175 Lymington Rd HMO P/2022/0832:** Response submitted with suggestion that a manager is put in place. There is a planning process and a licensing process. Are people advised of this? There seems to be a disconnect. We should also be informed of applications to convert to HMO. Licence comes through Housing Standards. Better for these not to be retrospective. **Action: MFH to follow up with Tara Harris of Housing cc RH** **McKay Ave (Torre marine) P/2022/0722:** MFH has done the checklist. We have had presentations at the Forum and the CP. Questions re the height and parking. There were logical reasons for the parking plan. RC: Limit was put on the amount of social housing of 30% at the time of the outline planning consent. So this will need to be amended. DC: Historically we have fallen below this 30%. We need to up this if possible, but this does cause a viability issue. **Debenhams P/2022/0806:** We need a volunteer to respond to this one. Will Julie be able to do this? The Forum were in favour of the development. There is the canopy issue – but we know that only the lamp stands are Victorian the rest was replaced in the 1940s. **Action: RH to draft in conjunction with Julie** **St Albans Hotel P/2022/0875 (ref P/2021/1201):** Resubmission of a previous refusal but no substantive change. St Marychurch. **Action: NG to draft a response**
9.	**Housing supply**

	Further consultation in Sept. Focus on the brownfield sites as eg Cockington, Maidencombe do not have the required infrastructure.
10.	**Neighbourhood Plan update – Referendum timetable** Still awaiting a response on the Healthcheck from David Chetwyn. **RH to check progress** We need to go out to Regulation 15 consultation next month. If we miss the May elections we will need to have a referendum at another time. Shiphay section has still not been written **Action: DC to draft the Shiphay section** DC: Think we can get Torquay and Paignton ready. Churston, Galmpton and Broadsands possible. Brixham unknown! RH: We do not want to be held back waiting for the others NG: Is the Local Plan refresh going to delay us? DC: Only refreshing the housing supply and traveller sites. Impact of a new Prime Minister? AG: Need to strengthen the conservation areas policies NG: These have been done. RH: We need to wait for David Chetwyn's response.
11.	**Place Leadership Board** Town Board process to come forward in Sept convened by TCDT as agreed at a previous meeting. Paignton Councillors are not keen on this. All agreed duplication needs to be avoided.
12.	**Antisocial Behaviour** Susie Colley campaign. RH pointed out that going to the press may not be the best way forward. Since the discussion further Safer Streets funding has been secured from the Police. MFH: Can we have any influence on how this funding is used now or is it prescribed. Eg street wardens were really good and cheaper than the police. Eg Kevin Dinnicombe in the Town Centre. I would like to apply to have a street warden in Torre and Upton.

	DC: £1.2million is to cover a number of initiatives including CCTV. **Action: DC to circulate the bid** SK: Can we have CCTV along Meadfoot and/or in the Kilmorie carpark? New road has brought the boy racers back. Police have said that residents need to get registration numbers! Can there be a mobile unit that can be deployed out of the Town Centre. GS: Can we also target graffiti? Why don't the police investigate the tags? We have this in Beacon Cove. CD: We also had this in Maidencombe – the council cleaned it up but the police were not able to do anything. JP: How much will be spent on the street vis a vis back room? DC: It is prescriptive – street marshals are included. It is not a bidding process.
13.	**Section 106/CIL** CIL Applications Wellswood and Maidencombe bids have been submitted to the Council, but with no response yet. Alan also working on an application for Glen Sannox. RH: Have asked for this to go on the next NP steering group agenda together with Enforcement. CD: Why has the Patrick the Pony situation been prioritised for enforcement? DC: Re CIL allocations have realised expecting Planning to make these decisions may not be the best process. It is not working. We should use a similar process to the £200,000 Community Investment Grants. TC how did the Forum lose the decision-making on this? The Forum developed a set of criteria to make decisions on the allocation of CIL. But now this decision lies with the Council. **Action: DC suggest Dave Edmonson, Kate Spencer and Tracey get together on this.** Tracking payments **Action: Darren to look into this.** P/2017/0888 Livvy Dean **Action: DC getting info on how much CIL funds were paid and how much has been spent?**
14.	**Member email: Imperial Hotel & Living Coasts – status** GS: Why are there delays on both sites?

	SK: re The Imperial - the funding is not in place for the development at the moment. Wellswood CP has been informed as is tracking the provision of the footpath still. (10 years in the making). RC: I understand the section 106 elements are still being negotiated. DC: Living Coasts announcement is imminent.
15.	**AOB** Pre-application advice for a mobile base station at Torbay Hospital This has raised 5G concerns again. **Action: RH to clarify if the station will be 5G**
16.	Meeting Concluded at 20:40 **Next Meetings** Second (usually) Tuesday of month 13 September 2022, 11 October 2022, 08 November Continue with the hybrid meeting. Apologies from Cockington, Chelston and Livermead CP as they have a CP meeting.