MINUTES OF TORQUAY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM
Steering Group

Tuesday 11th October, 7.30pm
At CDT Offices plus Zoom

Officers of the Steering Group: Present Rodney Horder (Chair), Nigel Goodman (Treasurer), Julie Brandon (Communications)
Steering Group Members: Chris Davies, Roger Carter, Tracey Cabache (minutes), Margaret Forbes Hamilton, Sue Kenway, Gary Goswell-Monroe, Sarah O'Connor, Pat Bishop, Cllr Steve Darling
Public: Graham Stephenson

Item	
1.	**Minute taker** Tracey Cabache
2.	**Apologies:** Darren Cowell (unwell), John Rawson, Alan Griffey
3.	**Minutes of Meeting 13th September 2022** Minutes from meeting held on the 13th September – accepted and approved. Thanks to John Arcus.
4.	**Matters arising** The issue of potential clashes between the Neighbourhood Forum meetings and the Community Partnership meetings was raised. **Action: Tracey to remind Torquay CPs that the Forum meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.** Imperial Hotel application – still with Darren to follow up NB Court – now in private ownership. Living Coasts – the leaseholder – Wild Planet Trust - has a preferred bidder but this seems to have been delayed possibly by the economic downturn. Some CPs have still not sent their one page on aspirations. Rest of items covered by agenda.

5.	**Bank accounts** Nat West bank account - Nigel has been added as a signatory. Pat can now stand down. Balance is as reported previously.
6.	**Membership of the Forum** Hele and Lower Barton now attending. Barton, Watcombe and the Willows have still to identify a rep.
7.	**Neighbourhood Plan Refresh** As outlined above we still need updated aspirations from some CPs. Need to new maps – Tracey has these now and just reviewing. End of Oct deadline for submission of Application for Re-Designation so that it can go to the Dec Council meeting NB. The plan will not go to a referendum in May 2023 as there in insufficient time to meet all of the regulations. There will be a separate referendum.
8.	**Local Plan update** Draft proposals now out for consultation. New homes target reduced to 300 homes per year There was a discussion about whether Government has dropped housing targets. Not currently clear. 11.59 on Friday deadline for proposed investment zones – current proposals are Torquay Town Centre and Edginswell Challenge re developers wanting to build houses in Edginswell where we have allocated employment space. Rodney suggested that he meet with David Pickhaver and review the sites that have been developed and those that are still available. **Action: Rodney to review housing sites with David Pickhaver**
9.	**Planning Committee** Rodney did not attend the meeting yesterday as there were no controversial applications for Torquay.

10.	**Planning Applications** • Review of new Applications 48-50 The Terrace – Julie advised the proposal is to remove the later additions and the preserve the original building – at first sight looks ok. **Action: Julie happy to have a look at this, Rodney to assist** • Current specific Applications: o Rowcroft P/2022/0772 – response from Mark Hawkins to Margaret. Response bit dismissive. Margaret has completed the check list. Likely response from the CP is neutral and raising some of the questions not answered by Mark Hawkins. Crownhill Park residents have support the application, but raised some access concerns. TNF will support in principle, but raise specific questions. **Action: Rodney** o Seabury Hotel P/2022/0908 – overdevelopment. Lots of objections. Not supported by the Forum. Response submitted o Magistrates' Court P/2022/0969 – presentation at the CP last night by Chris Kenny of Kay Elliot. Few questions from St Mary Mags church – architects to follow up. 14 apartments, 13 x 2 bedrooms in the main building, 3 bedroom in the annexed building. Building a floor on top, double pitched roof, outdoor roof space. Some balconies, 2 private gardens, nuclear bunker repurposed as storage and bins. 14 car parking spaces, 2 cycle spaces, electrical car charging sites. Height is good – between 2 listed buildings and they have taken this into account. Well received by the CP. Steve Darling raised the point that at 14 units the development did not need to make an affordable housing provision. Nigel raised the issue of electrical cars and underground car parking issue – not relevant for Magistrates Court but relevant for Seabury. o Bampfylde Road P/2022/0984 – (new submission post Refusal) Julie – resubmission hasn't really changed. The policies that were not compliant are still not compliant. **Action: Rodney**

	○ Sladnor Park – works. Area has environmental protection. Highline have ripped out the bat roosts and fly way. Western Power have also done some works. But they have no permission to do so. This is wildlife crime. 4 weeks ago put in a request for the Torbay Council tree officer to come on site and review. Council have not responded. Chris - Enforcement is not up to scratch. We also requested a review of a house nearby, but the enforcement officers 'did not have time'. Cllr Steve Darling requested that he be copied into any follow-up. Julie – how can we have some swift action on eg Patrick the Pony – but no action on Sladnor or eg containers at Beacon Quay. Steve – more capacity – more triage – swifter response. With the Patrick the Pony situation the owners agreed that they were breaking the law and the enclosure was not in keeping with Lutyens design. Margaret – I have Dan the tree officer's number. Will email it to Chris. Planning was informed there would be some low level cutting back, they should have checked. How can we get the police more involved? Sarah advised contacting the media.
11.	**Housing supply** • **HELAA follow-up** See 8 above.
12.	**Torbay Place Leadership Board** Tracey provided an update. The planned events to design local Town Boards and identify how these link into the Place Leadership Board are now planned for November (following delays caused by the period of mourning). All of the Forums are now on board with this process. Anne-Marie Bond reviewing the proposal this week. Invites to follow.

13.	**Section 106/CIL** • CIL Applications – process Process needs to be clarified. Can the funds not be transferred to the Forum and they just distribute in line with the Neighbourhood Plan. **Action: Tracey to clarify process with David Edmondson.** • Glen Sannox Application from St Marychurch CP Supported by the majority • Still no response re Stoodley Knowle request **Action: Rodney to follow up with Dave Edmondson.** **Action: Rodney to give Steve Darling the application form and recirculate to the CPs.** Question from Sarah: are there any restrictions on where funds needs to be spent? Yes within Torquay Pat reminded those present that no structures can be placed on a Local Green Space. • Tracking payments – Defer until next meeting • P/2017/0888 Livvy Dean – Defer until next meeting
14.	**AOB** **Margaret updated on 2 other properties purchased by Keith Richardson.** i) Municipal buildings – due for development in the new year ii) Old Town Hall – has also been bought. NB The pre-application for The Grand has gone quiet

	Corbyn Head Hotel Roger reported a local resident has been contacted by a disabled lady – developers have closed off the pavement. Highways dept have been written to 3 times with no response. Should this not have been advertised. **Action: Roger to email Anne-Marie Bond, copy Steve Darling** General comment - Officers do not respond – how can we make this happen? Steve Darling requested an early recruitment to replace John Clewer, but this has not happened. John Turnham has been very good. Julie raised the following: • Casino – building works but we have not seen applications • Old Town Hall – rumour clock has been tampered with or removed • Fleet Street former bank – building taking place – listed building has there been any consent? • Container on Beacon Cove – no longer has consent but no enforcement to remove **Action: Forum to write to Anne Marie Bond re lack of response. We want to be a positive force to improve the area and we need responses to queries. All to send key issues to Rodney to draft a letter.**
15.	**Next meetings:** **Second (usually) 08 November at 7.30pm, 13 December, 10 January 2023** NB Rodney is away on the 13th December so Darren to chair. The meeting closed at 9pm.