MINUTES OF TORQUAY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM Steering Group
Wednesday 10th January 2023, 6.30pm
At CDT Offices and Zoom

Officers of the Steering Group: Present Rodney Horder (Chair), Nigel Goodman (Treasurer), Julie Brandon (Communications)
Steering Group Members: Roger Carter, June Pierce, Anthony King, Pat Bishop (part), Cllr Nicole Amil, Alan Griffey, Anna Scarborough
Other: Tracey Cabache Torbay Communities

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1.	**Minute taker:** Tracey Cabache
2.	**Apologies:** Cllr Steve Darling, Mike Cowdery, Margaret Forbes Hamilton, Cllr Darren Cowell
3.	**Membership of Forum** Membership is thin on the ground. Some on the Steering Group are not fully participating. **ACTION: Rodney to contact current steering group members who are unable to attend and ask them to stand down.**
4.	**Minutes of meeting 12 December 2023** The Minutes were agreed subject to Alan's name being corrected.
5.	**Matters arising** Actions carried forward: **ACTION: Rodney to raise HELAA at next Neighbourhood Planning Meeting** Need also to follow up Kevin Foster's recent response.

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	ACTION: Pat to recirculate the Greenspace designation template **ACTION: Darren to complete Neighbourhood Plan templates for Shiphay** **ACTION: Rodney to raise Good Design at next Neighbourhood Planning Meeting** Katya has asked to attend our meeting as an observer. She raised the point herself that the points raised by the Forum at Planning Committee do not seem to be discussed in the meeting and she is going to rectify this. **ACTION: Rodney to consult Amanda Barlow re the public perception of the Vice Chair of the Committee.** **ACTION: Rodney to raise Shedden Hall Enforcement at the Neighbourhood Planning Meeting** It was raised that Cllr Mandy Darling has rejoined the Planning Committee. **ACTION: This is welcomed, Forum to ask what support will be provided to Cllr Darling due to her visual impairment?** **ACTION: All to review REASONS FOR LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE PLANNING PROCESS before next meeting. To be discussed at the next Forum meeting, agreed and circulated to all Councillors.** Nigel would like to add element of 'cover ups' which are frequent – it was agreed to add honesty and transparency to the paper. Should we send it anywhere else? Start with the Neighbourhood Planning Group, copy Annemarie Bond and our MPs. **ACTION : Rodney to send an email to Malcolm Coe to clarify the process for distribution of funds, copy Darren** **ACTION: Tracey and Rodney to craft a CIL Spreadsheet and share with David Edmondson** **ACTION: Darren to complete the Armada Park CIL application**
6.	**Forum AGM –17 January 2024** 7pm at the Hampton at the Hilton. Alan Denby has confirmed. **ACTION: Rodney to contact Rachel Geary and Historic England** **ACTION: Tracey to send round the venue instructions and general publicity for the AGM.** All to publicise.
7.	**Bank accounts/balances** Current balance is £3,906.41. £1,250.50 has been spent over the last year on two items the revised Neighbourhood Plan Healthcheck and printing.

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8.	**Website – maintenance** **ACTION: Julie and David Gledhill still to meet to discuss – probably Feb**
9.	**Housing supply** • **HELAA follow-up** We need to get more of idea of the actual type of housing needed in Torquay. Land banking – we need to find a way of getting delivery.
10.	**Neighbourhood Plan update** Work continues by Nigel and Rodney. We can add new Greenspaces where needed. Needs to be updated in line with the NPPF, extend the Good Design section, add the 10% Biodiversity net gain, need to add consideration of Article 4 and need to get an update on 2nd homes. Ortus group has some interesting articles – see https://ortus-group.co.uk/. They have 2 properties in Warren Rd that were a Care Home and have been given permission to return to a 3 bedroom and a 4 bedroom houses. But currently the properties are about to be used to home asylum seekers/refugees. What is the status of the property? **ACTION: Julie to clarify with Planning Dept.**
11.	**Local Plan update** No update
12.	**Planning Committee** Responses have been prepared for Dairy Crest and Quintaville. Add comment on HMOs to Quintaville response. **ACTION: Rodney will be away for the 4th Feb meeting – Mike to cover?**

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13.	**Planning Applications** See email from Cllr Steve Darling re viability of the Palace Hotel development **ACTION: Rodney to contact AnneMarie Bond to say the Forum supports Cllr Darling communication** Current specific Applications: • Daleside Court P/2023/0734 - Withdrawn • Charltons, Lucius Street P/2023/0891 - Refused • Land off Nicholson Road P/2023/0900 – we are not supporting it based on the majority vote in the Forum. • Singleton Gardens P/2023/0994 – objected to and awaiting committee meeting • Hotel Virginia P/2023/0868 – awaiting a decision • Market Street P/2023/0957 - Ellacombe comments still to be received • Victoria Parade P/2023/0891 – Prior Approval granted • Westerlands, Cockington Lane P/2023/0422 – objected • Shedden Hall (Enforcement) – awaiting enforcement • Sladnor Park – still very quiet • Appeals Re: Costs should not be a material consideration. Rodney has sent material to all Planning Committee members except Cllr Tyerman as he has only just joined. **ACTION: Rodney to send to Cllr Tyerman**
14.	**Torbay Place Leadership Board & Town Deal** **Place Leadership Board** Has not met since last Forum meeting. See Kevin Foster's email to Pat re Govt funds that have come to Torbay of £140 million. **'High Street' – Concerns raised by Cllr Katya Maddison**

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	Katya will be attending the Feb 6th Meeting
15.	**Section 106/CIL** • CIL Panel Ellacombe application finally signed off by the Council, but only £1,600 was transferred rather than £16,000. Now sorted. • New proposals: o Still awaiting for Armada Park Transfer has still not been received for Glen Sannox application.
16.	**Any other business** i) Street Vote Development Order Flagged by Katya – something we need to look into. **ACTION: Rodney to circulate to all**
17.	**Next meetings:** 06 February (to avoid Cabinet clash), 14 March, 09 April at Temperance Street Roger sent apologies for the 6th Feb.

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