

**St Luke's Residents Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 10th February - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Waldon Point Meeting Room**

1. Welcome and apologies – Julie Brandon (Chair)

Julie welcomed everyone and gave apologies as follows:

Cllr. Robert Excell
Sue Cornelius
Sean McTiernan
Father John Hervé

2. Summary of 2015 SLRA Activities

Julie gave a summary of SLRA events last year, including the Street party, Christmas party, weeding/tidying events and table tennis.

3. Declaration of Any Other Business

See items under AOB

4. Matters arising

a) Council owned property around Waldon Point and other problem areas

Hazel reported that she had successfully had the lighting around Waldon Point repaired. She was very persistent and it was agreed that diligence and determination do pay off when chasing the Council in these matters.

b) 60/61 bus

Robert Excell emailed Julie to say that the matters he agreed to address are ongoing. There was some discussion about numbers using the bus and the difference between weekdays and Saturdays but, ultimately, we understand that Derek French is at liberty to stop or amend this service as he chooses. **ACTIONS – Julie to email Kevin Foster, outlining our concerns about potential problems of isolation and depression if this bus no longer runs. Val to find out about the 'Bob the bus' scheme in Totnes.**

c) Handrail

Tor 2 have agreed to fit a handrail free of charge. It would appear, however, that the rail we were going to use may not now be available to us. It was agreed that we would use SLRA funds to pay for a 'made to measure' rail. Total cost for this will be around £375 which will leave us with approximately £100 for the following year, once other ongoing costs are taken into consideration. All residents agreed that this would be an appropriate use of money raised. **ACTIONS – Julie to arrange for rail to be fitted**

d) Dog Fouling

There was some concern that the problem is getting worse. It's not always easy to report incidents on the website but, unless this is done regularly, nothing is likely to change. See discussion about CCTV under item 9c. **ACTIONS following last meeting Cllr. Excell to liaise with Julie and Cllr. Mark King to enquire about a litter bin.** All residents to report dog fouling incidents.

Link for reporting dog fouling online is: forms.torbay.gov.uk/Dogs?type=Dog+fouling

e) Maycliffe Hotel and community room

Julie fed back from Richard Greenland that the drawings are now completed and they await quotes and approval from building control. It would appear that RG is still responsible for the project, despite a rumour that he had sold his interest in it. There was a discussion about how funds could be raised to pay for the community room and Julie fed back that it's possible to apply for funding under the 'Community Infrastructure Levy' if the Abbey Sands development is granted full residential status. Julie has already emailed councillors and the planning department to make them aware of our situation. See item re applying for grants under item 11.

4. Agree and adopt minutes of meeting held on 28th October 2015

Andy Baker proposed and Mike McHugh seconded. Minutes passed.

5. Website and IT news – Chris

Chris fed back that he has been forced to change the service provider as the one being used had withdrawn its free service for the webcam. The new service costs approx. £15 per year. As a result of the change, the number of hits on the website has reduced. Chris feels that this is due to the address being less easily targeted by random hits. The new website is very similar to the old one, with just a few tweaks and a couple of items taken off. Chris repeated that anyone can post comments/thoughts on the website and it would be great to make it more interactive.

The computer classes continue to be well attended.

6. Treasurer's Report

Balances as follows:

Unprotected balance - £559

Protected balance - £411.48

Report available for inspection. A resident, who does not want to be named, has kindly donated a gift which has been sold for £80 and will help with the cost of the handrail.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

The idea of the Neighbourhood Plan was for local people to have a say in how Torbay will develop and look over the next 20 years or so. It began in 2011, with groups from Torquay, Paignton and Brixham getting together to put forward views and ideas to form part of an overall strategy for the Bay. The plan will shortly be put forward for approval and, if agreed, will become a legal document which must be taken into account when developments are being considered. Although the plan has now been drawn up, there is still a little time to have your say before it is finally adopted. Julie stressed how important it is for residents to have an input into this, pointing out that Totnes is now experiencing difficulties as there is no protection in place to prevent construction companies from building wherever they choose in that area. There are several events planned, beginning with a meeting on the 7th March at the Livermead House Hotel after which there will be a final 6 week consultation period. Copies of the plan will be available at various venues around the Bay and you will be receiving a flyer with your council tax bill with further details. Please see the website torquaynp.org for more details.

8. Table Tennis

Following a very successful event in January, residents are welcomed to Julie and Andy's house for an evening of chat and table tennis. No problem if you'd rather not play, just come along for the craic! **Next event Monday 7th March at 7 pm.**

9. Any Other Business

a. Street Cleaning

Mike reported that his persistence led to a good job being done by the council street cleaners. The last 'crew' with the small machine, were particularly diligent and Mike let Tor 2 know that we were very pleased. Julie has been communicating with Dennis Potter from Tor 2 and we understand that we are on a 16 week cycle of cleaning, meaning that we will be due again in May. **ACTION Julie to contact Dennis Potter, re-iterating that we were pleased with the last sweep and advising that residents will help by putting notice on cars etc. if we have a few days notice.**

b. Community Magazine

The first of these magazines covering this area will be completed and distributed shortly. There will be a short article about the SLRA.

c. Police matters and small seating area/park on Warren Road.

It is understood that there has been a considerable amount of car vandalism, both on Warren Road and in Chelston. One resident reported that one man, living at Waldon Point, has had his car scratched. There was some concern that, since the widespread use of CCTVs in the Warren Road area, problems such as drug dealing may move out into the St Luke's area and/or the small park at the top of Warren Road.

PCSO 30496 Rachael Greene joined the meeting. She emphasised that any incident of anti-social behaviour or vandalism should be reported by calling 101 (15p per call regardless of length of call or where you are calling from) or use the crime reporting form as follows:

services.devon-cornwall.police.uk/crimereporting PCSO Greene can be contacted by email on Rachael.Greene@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

There was a discussion about use of CCTV cameras and PCSO Greene suggested that 'dummy' cameras or signs alerting residents to the use of cameras in the area, are very effective deterrents. She did, however, warn camera owners that must not use them in a way which might infringe the rights of neighbours (e.g. pointing them directly at other properties). She reassured one resident that her camera (just recording her own property and a small amount of pavement) should not cause any problem.

ACTIONS – Chris to email PCSO Greene at above address and send details of our website PCSO Greene will then email us about obtaining CCTV signs. Mike McHugh to arrange signs for top and bottom of steps down to Warren Road.

d. Overgrown Tree on Steps down to Roebuck House

Pauline has agreed to report this issue which is causing a nuisance. **ACTION** Pauline to report.

e. Neglected, empty properties

Still no news on Roebuck House, Shedden Hall Hotel or Conway Court. It was acknowledged that these are difficult sites to develop but it does look very bad for the area. Julie said that, once the Neighbourhood Plan has been agreed, it might potentially speed up a resolution to these long-running eyesore issues.

f. State of road surfaces in area

A resident pointed out that the road surfaces in the St. Luke's area are in a poor state. Residents are encouraged to report problems by filling in the form on the website at forms.torbay.gov.uk/highways or by telephoning 01803 207740

g. **ORB**

Orb is a new on-line directory of voluntary groups in the Bay. It is to be launched on 25th February in the afternoon at the Torquay museum. It is hoped that this will help with information and expertise sharing between various voluntary groups in the area.

10. Election of Officers for 2016

Julie will continue as Chair, Chris as Treasurer and IT Manager and Val/Pauline will jointly continue with their duties as secretary. Jennifer Le Jeune has agreed to take on the role of Vice Chair as Gerry has now moved out of the area.

11. Funding for Worthwhile Projects

Julie informed the meeting that there are several opportunities to apply for funding in the Bay. Pauline suggested that we should look at applying for charitable status. It would be particularly useful when we start looking at finding money for the Community Room. **ACTION Julie to look into applying for charitable status.**

12. Community Builder Feedback

Julie reported that Sean McTiernan was not able to be at the meeting but that he had fed back as follows:

Sean now visits Waldon Point once a month. This is a chance to catch up with residents to discuss developments, generate ideas and suggest strategies to combat problems. The next meeting will be on 16th February but then back to the second Tuesday in the month from 8th March.

Sean attends the mother and toddler drop in a St Luke's church on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. He also goes to the Melville St. car park on Fridays from 2 – 4pm, offering tea and coffee and allowing residents to meet and discuss concerns.

Sean is contactable on seanmctiernan@torbaycdt.org.uk mobile 07854066117

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS IN 2016/17

GENERAL MEETING - 7.00PM - 9.00PM WALDON POINT - WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY

GENERAL MEETING - 7.00PM - 9.00PM WALDON POINT - WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST

NB * ABOVE MEETING WILL BE PART OF A SOCIAL EVENT

GENERAL MEETING - 7.00PM - 9.00PM WALDON POINT - WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

AGM - 7.00PM - 9.00PM WALDON POINT - WEDNESDAY