

St Luke's Residents Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 15th February 2017 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Waldon Point Meeting Room

1. Welcome and apologies - Julie Brandon (Chair)

Julie welcomed everyone and explained that Sean McTiernan and Cllr Excell would only be able to stay for a short time.

2. Police Report - There was no police report. Cllr. Excell told the meeting that, worryingly, there are to be cuts in the number of PCSOs - details should be known shortly.

Residents were reminded that non urgent concerns can be logged by phone on 101 or by email (**101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk**) **ACTIONS Cllr. Excell** to inform Julie as soon as he received more information about cuts. **Chris** to ensure contact details for PCSOs are up to date on the website, including 101 email address.

3. Agree Mins from meeting on 9th November 2016 - Proposed and seconded by Andy Baker and Kevin Dixon.

4. AOB Declaration

Dog mess A resident expressed concerns about the escalation of dog litter in the area. As this was clearly a real problem for residents we went on to discuss the issue, rather than leave it to the end of the meeting.

Cllr Excell had previously informed us that the new company, employed to deal with littering, would be efficient and pro-active in tackling the issue. He fed back, however, that, disappointingly, they did not deliver as promised and a new company was being sought.

In the meantime ideas about dog bins, CCTV, leafleting etc. were all discussed at length. A decision was made as follows: **ACTIONS - Julie** to create leaflets to be delivered to all residents explaining how to report dog owners who do not pick up their mess. **Julie** to create posters to be displayed locally, warning dog owners that they are being watched and that they will be reported if they offend. **Julie** to liaise with **Sean** (community builder) about covering the cost of producing the material. **Val** to co-ordinate leafleting. **Residents** have volunteered to help with this.

5. Community Builder - Sean McTiernan

Sean left leaflets, explaining his role and asking for feedback to inform the future direction of 'Ageing Well'. He fed back that the Ad Hoc company had put 'guardians' into the Mount Nessing property whilst the owners waited for it to be sold. Some concerns were expressed about the guardianship scheme, which we have covered in a previous meeting. Ad Hoc also use the Waverley building which does look extremely run-down at present. If residents want to find out more about the Ad Hoc company the details will be on the website. Residents are encouraged to contact the company if they wish to express their concerns or find out more.

Sean told the meeting that the new owners of 'Serendipity' cafe are very community minded and may well be worth a visit.

6. Matters Arising from meeting on 9th November 2016

a. Torquay Neighbourhood Plan

Julie fed back that this is now being re-drafted after consultation. It will soon be ready to go to a referendum. The Neighbourhood Plan group have worked extremely hard over a long period of time to get to this point and it is very important to make sure it is adopted to prevent erosion of green spaces in the Bay.

b) c) and d) Empty properties, Maycliffe change of use and feedback on general planning issues arising from these

- Shedden Hall - planning approved, awaiting developments
- Roebuck House - being used by various charities whilst future for the building is decided. This seems to be working well so far.
- Conway Court - awaiting arrival of spring flowers on the site before survey can be completed.

Following on from our last meeting Harry Gorst and Cllr. Excell contacted the Planning Dept. re Maycliffe. They have been told that the Maycliffe and Brampton Court have been served an enforcement order. It is unclear what this means so it's a case of 'wait and see'. Julie said that this could have been avoided if planning had been agreed before work was carried out.

e) Street Party

Val fed back that she would not be organising a street part this year but that she would be happy to support any resident that would like to take this on. Val suggested that we might have several smaller events throughout the summer and asked residents to think about whether they would like to host something to raise funds - for example barbecues, coffee mornings, singalong sessions etc.

ACTIONS - all residents to consider hosting an event and contacting Val or Julie to discuss.

7. Treasurers Report

Chris reported as follows:

Total funds - £302.74 comprising £228.93 unprotected and £73.81 balance from lottery funding, protected.

It seems most unlikely that we will be asked to pay anything back to the Big Lottery now so the meeting agreed that we should incorporate the protected amount into the funds. Julie will read the accounts and sign them off for the year. The full report is available to any resident who would like to see it. Available from Chris.

8. Website News

A new resident asked how to find out what is happening in the area. Chris explained about the website and that events were publicised on posters and on the notice board on Cary road. Chris went on to say that he would be very pleased for help with the content of the website and asked for volunteers to contact him. Chris also gave information about the 'my diversion' evenings on Thursday evenings.

9. Community Transport - 60/61 bus

Chris fed back as follows:

“Local Link are stopping all their fare stage routes, including 60/61.

- The routes are not financially viable for a commercial operator, due to a combination of fairly low passenger numbers and the low reimbursement for concessionary fares paid by Torbay Council.

- This is a UK-wide problem due to the Concessionary fare scheme being underfunded and subsidies being withdrawn.
- Torbay Council have written to other operators, like Stagecoach and Country Bus, to see if they want to pick-up any of the routes.
- Time for this procedure has been quoted as around ten days, after which the CT group will be encouraged to submit its requests.
- Extremely unlikely that 60/61 will be picked-up, in which case the nascent community transport organisation hopes to do so (quite possibly, along with three other routes).
- A "template" business plan, which the community transport business group has designed, has been submitted to the council and responses are awaited.
- The plan asks that the council fund the necessary buses from their Local Transport budget and lease it to the community transport organisation, thus requiring no up-front starter costs to the organisation.
- If they do not do that, the CT group will try to lease a bus commercially, which will require about £10,000 up-front. It has a loose contingency plan for that, but the source of the money has not yet been identified.
- Figures for the 60/61 indicate that the organisation would be able to run the route with a small financial excess, which would be used for future developments.

The structure is: a steering group (28 members - I am chair), which meets once a month and guides the business group's (6 members, including me, meeting every two weeks) actions. TCDT heavily involved and the CT group is fully supported (in principal at least) by the council, particularly Cllrs Robert Excell, Ian Doggett and Mark King.

Currently, the Community Transport organisation is taking over the community Brixham Bus, setup in 2015 to replace the 17/18 evening services which were dropped by Stagecoach. All services will run using a Section 22 permit (not for profit transport), currently being obtained by TCDT.

In an effort to get maximum council support, we suggest most strongly to canvass councillors (particularly Mark King) and local MP via telephone and/or e-mail.

We will shortly be setting up a Torbay Public Transport Users group (full remit

yet to be established) - if you would like to be part of that, let me know.”

It was clear that a great deal of hard work had taken place, by Chris and others, in order to ensure that residents are not left high and dry without transport. There was a round of applause in appreciation of this.

10. Nominations for Officers in 2017

Julie asked if anyone would like to put themselves forward for Chair, Deputy, Secretary, Treasurer or ICT manager. She felt that it was time for the role of Chair, in particular, to be taken on by another resident as she had been in this position since the beginning. There were no nominations, however and the meeting agreed that the present officers should remain in place. Pauline informed the meeting that she and Andy are likely to be leaving the area later this year and so will no longer be able to act as the second secretary. Pauline and Andy have both worked extremely hard for the association, hosting many fun events such as table tennis evenings and barbecues. St. Lukes will miss them both very much. Our loss will be Guilford's gain!

Julie agreed to keep on the role of Chair, despite being very busy and residents were most grateful for her commitment. To honour her work, Chris suggested that Julie should be named as Honorary President of the St Luke's Residents' Association. This was agreed so that Julie will now be President and Chair.

ACTIONS - Chris to change the constitution to allow for the role of Honorary President. This was agreed by all present. Letterheads to be changed to incorporate this.

11. TTCCP feedback from meeting re the social state of Torquay

Pauline fed back as follows:

- The Mayor proposed a public consultation for homeless and vulnerable adults
- Police have issued 6 community banning orders but they are aware that this has the effect of simply displacing anti-social behaviour to another area.
- CCTV is proving to be very useful. Tapes are kept for 31 days.
- Nick Burleigh gave a presentation on social disadvantage and deprivation.

He spoke about the changes from 1850 to the present day. From 1900 to 1950 Torbay was one of wealthiest places in Britain, based on the fact that most people took seaside holidays. When holidaymakers started to go abroad, Torbay's fortunes began to decline. Police say that many of the people who ask for money around the harbour are deemed 'professional beggars' In the 1900's they were known as the 'undeserving poor'.

- Mark Richards, Public Health specialist from Torbay Council said that poor health is connected to socio-economic levels. People in poorer areas die earlier and have more ill-health and/or disability. In 2004, Torbay residents identified as 'deprived' numbered 18,150. In 2015 that number had risen to 42,000.

12. Pavilion planning application

There is a great deal of objection to the latest planning application by developers. There is to be a public consultation meeting on 27th February at the Riveria Centre - 5.30pm. Julie will be speaking against this application. She encourages anyone with an interest, either for or against, to attend the meeting.

13. The Tale

Kevin fed back as follows:

“The Tale is a major arts initiative coming to the Bay in September 2017. One suggestion has been to invite the organisers to site one of their events/installations in St Lukes Road. Julie is going along to one of their breakfast meetings and we will both be pressing to ensure that the initiative moves beyond the usual sea front locations. This could prove to be an alternative to the annual street party this year?”

More information available on: <http://www.encounters-arts.org.uk/index.php/the-tale/>

14. Any Other Business

Dealt with earlier in the meeting. See item 4.

Next Meeting to be arranged. Please see noticeboard, website and posters for further details.