

**ST LUKE'S RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
AGM**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 7pm  
Waldon Point Meeting Room**

**1. Welcome from the Chair** –Julie Brandon.

Main purpose of meeting was the official business of AGM and to elect or re-elect new officers.

Julie introduced Kevin Dixon and thanked him for agreeing to talk about Health Watch as the speaker originally booked was ill and the CDT could not send another Community Builder at such short notice.

**2. Apologies** received from Cllr. Pentney and Cllr. Darling.

**3. Kevin Dixon Voluntary Chair of Health Watch.**

- Every Authority has to have a Health Watch Team
- Health Watch Torbay is based in Paignton Library – 0800 052 0029
- Any concerns about Health provision in Torbay need to be reported to Health Watch – this includes GP's: Hospitals: Care Homes: Social Workers: Community Care.
- Kevin has a seat on the Health and Wellbeing Board, which makes lots of decisions about health care in Torbay.
- Kevin is passionate about Health Watch and feels it is making a difference.
- Health Watch web page has links or contact can be made by email - [info@healthwatchtorbay.org.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchtorbay.org.uk)

Kevin mentioned the Torbay Undiscovered, Lost.Forgotten – a public Facebook group primarily for posting pictures of Torbay that provide historical information.

**4. Minutes of previous meeting were approved** – Proposed Kevin Dixon: Seconded Andy Baker

**5. Fundraising Report** – this is attached at the end of the minutes.

**6. Pauline provided leaflets to enable people to join up for Neighbourhood Police Alerts** , which can be sent via text or email – visit [www.alerts.dc.police.uk](http://www.alerts.dc.police.uk).

The Police Alert Officer for Devon and Cornwall Police send out these alerts.

**7. Treasurers Report**

The outgoing Treasurer reported the SLRA balance stands at £738. 45p

There was not an end of year balance sheet available.

**8. Chairs Report** – this is attached at the end of the minutes.

**9. Business part of the AGM**

There were nominations for all of the 4 roles.

3 of the nominees gave a short introductory speech.

The following community residents were unanimously voted in.

- Chair Amanda (Mandy) Thrift
- Vice Chair Pauline Baker
- Secretary Diane Bolland
- Treasurer Martin Thrift
- ICT Manager Martin Thrift.

After being elected the new Chair (Mandy) thanked the outgoing officers.

Although not thanked at the AGM as Mandy was not fully aware of the on-going input of Chris Noble as IT manager – Mandy would like to say a big thank you to Chris for his invaluable help from afar.

## 10. AOB

1. Request for a dog bin in the area. It was explained we have tried hard to get this in the past. We did manage to get a multi purpose bin after a 6-month trial with two residents taking full responsibility for the emptying. Torbay Council has no extra money for bins unfortunately.

2. Update from Lyn Everil St Luke's Church.

Church Activities

Lady's Circle = 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month

Chat at the Church Café = 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday morning every month

Quiet Space = every Monday evening at 7pm.

Tai Chi = Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

Slimming World = Thursday evenings.

Cake Stall = last Sunday of every month.

Visit [www.stlukeschurchtorquay.co.uk](http://www.stlukeschurchtorquay.co.uk) - for more information.

3. Bus Update – Community Bus is running Monday: Wednesday and Fridays.

To keep the bus running, residents are asked to subscribe - £3 weekly.

If interested contact Community Development Trust 01803 212638 or call into their office in Temperance Street.

There are designated stops but if possible the bus will try to stop if the driver notices someone waving for it to stop. The drivers are all volunteers from the bus route area.

It has taken a lot of hard work to get the bus running.

A special thank you to Joan Murison who has played a major role in getting the bus operational on behalf of the St Luke's Community.

4. Weeding and Sweeping

Pauline asked for residents to let her know if happy to join the Weeding and Sweeping group. A meeting will be held to try to have a structured plan.

11 Residents expressed an interest in this group – any others please contact Pauline via text message - 07788104132. (Vice Chair)

5. Fundraising Group

4 more residents have expressed an interest to join this group.

Anyone else – please contact Mandy 07841350487 ( Chair)

The meeting concluded and wine/ juice and nibbles were available until 9pm.

### **Forthcoming Events – please put dates in your diaries.**

1. We have booked 3 tables at St Luke's Church Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 11 am - 3pm**

2. Christmas Quiz – we have booked the Church Hall for **14<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**

## **FUNDRAISING GROUP REPORT**

**October 2019**

This small group of volunteers have certainly lived up to their name. The St Luke's Group funds are definitely in a far better position since the very first fundraising meeting in April this year.

There has been two events which have generated funds – the last meeting when we had wine / juice and a raffle and the Street Party.

When Julie and I started the St Luke's Association in June 2013 our main objective was to encourage a Community spirit in the St Luke's area.

I think the idea of having time to socialise at the end of the meetings is an excellent idea. And this year's Street party certainly had the Community talking. We had lots of offers of help and donations thanks to Siobhan and Eevee posting leaflets through letterboxes informing everyone – thank you.

Not forgetting Mandy and Martin who went around collecting all the donations – thank you too. The main fundraising team worked extremely hard and were very generous both financially and with their (and their partners) time as so much goes on behind the scenes days before the actual Street Party.

I was humbled by all the support but what made me so proud to be living in this area was the number of residents who turned up to weed and sweep Cary Road two days before the Street Party. I was overwhelmed.

One other thank you to Jim Andrews who took all the many black bags of weeds/dead leaves to the tip in his trailer – thank you Jim.

Another thank you must go to the Staff of EF Hostel who cooked all the burgers and sausages and Graham and Sarah of Brampton Court who very generously provided the BBQ food.

This last thank you was missed at the AGM – for which I apologise. We do have some other fundraising ideas – to be revealed shortly.

But finally- thank you everyone.  
Pauline Baker

Chairs Report Julie Brandon

When Pauline and I decided to set up the residents group some 6/7 years ago we had no idea if it would work or not but with the aim of bringing people together, we wanted to give it a try. This wasn't simply about holding the occasional meeting, but more about getting to know our neighbours and supporting and empowering them as and when the need arose.

Our aspirations were to provide support and to help each other, offer information and signposting, encourage friendships and neighbourliness and to have a collective voice when there were decisions to be made which may affect us.

This year as Chair I continued to represent and attend meetings of the TTCCP and on behalf of that group, the TNPF, the plan is now approved and provides a document that puts the community at the heart of plans for the future prosperity and growth of the Town. It should also release money to deliver projects based on community aspirations in the plan. I also offered support and signposting to those who came to me individually for help and advice.

The website remains the best way to be alerted as to when meetings are taking place but is also updated with police updates, consultations, newsletters etc and in the absence of an IT manager this was something else that I undertook to maintain. The website also feeds into a Facebook and Twitter page, both of which we as a group could certainly make more use of.

As a group we have also achieved the following;

Ensured planning consent was applied for in relation to the two EF Residencies. Prior to this there had been some problems but with consent in place along with a Management Plan, things are much improved.

Secured the bus once again – made only possible by residents here and in Livermead committing to help fund it. We all know that this took much longer than we had hoped and at times the process was frustrating to say the least, but we got there in the end. We need to make sure that as a group we continue to monitor this to ensure that it does not come under threat again.

Resurrected our annual street party, which raised a significant sum and brought people together from here but also from some of our neighbouring communities. This was made possible by our fundraising group who worked extremely hard to organise and manage it on the day, so our thanks go to Pauline, Eevee, Mandy, Siobhan, Andy, Simon, Rob, Martin and staff from the EF Residencies. And once again, the sun shone for us on the day!

We also organised a couple of street tidies/weeding although many of you will know that when Pauline goes out she pretty much always does a litter pick

We secured a permanent bin, we had to first trial our own bin to prove a genuine need and it was Andy and Pauline who undertook the work behind that.

Had a few social gatherings and informal fundraisers.

We have also welcomed some new people to the group, some of whom have already been mentioned and who are keen to build on what we have achieved.

The most frustrating thing for me has been lack of time, with work commitments, which has included setting up a social enterprise company this year in addition to the gallery, and other community work that I am involved in elsewhere, this has not left much spare time for this group and with such great support as can be seen at all of our meetings, it does deserve someone who can give and does have that time. We sought and failed to find anyone wanting to take on the roles of Chair etc last time but I am pleased to say that we now do have others who want to continue what Pauline and I started.

I would like to endorse the nominations for the various officer roles that have come forward and wish them all the best.