24 APRIL 2019
HOE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES

Apologies: Janice Cawthorn, Ben Cooper, Hugh Janes, Graham Lobb, Paul Spackman, Kim Stevenson, Dave and Pam Ward, Carole Worrall

There were presentations from Catherine Arthurs (Mayflower Capital Projects) and Victoria Allen (PCC Events). Please see attached Annexes for details.

1 The minutes were agreed.

2 Updates were given by the working groups that had met since the previous meeting.

Culture, Tourism and the Economy: Hilary and Jackie

The group has reviewed the policy and background material, including the Joint Local Plan (JLP), the Plymouth Plan (PP), Visitor strategy, other neighbourhood plans, the Aecom Report (AR) and St Andrew's School contribution, and created a lists of bullet points. Businesses will need to be consulted and surveyed, including hospitality businesses in the area with the help of the Forum. A vision needs to be developed for 2034, including information about access and transport by sea and road. The issue of cars will need to be considered.

It is strongly felt that the Citadel should remain in public ownership and be used for the benefit of the City, as a conference centre with on-site accommodation or a similar function.

It is hoped the group will have a list of principles by the next meeting, and a first draft of a working document.

Heritage: Chris Penberthy

The Conservation Management Plan is outdated, and cannot be used as an evidence base. It will therefore need to be updated, and work on that has been started, in conjunction with the JLP, PP and AR and walking the streets. At the same time, extending the boundary of the Conservation Area has been considered to take in Pier Street, Radford Road and behind Grand Parade to take in less grand housing (not taking the new boundary as far as Walker Terrace). Doing so might help to engage West Hoe residents. In trying to marry up the local listings information with a new Conservation Management Plan which then informs a Heritage Plan might help with the process by which decisions are made, although this is not a detailed site planning statement.

A check of external appearances with a view to the expectations of Whole Street Appearance would be helpful and should include considerations as to maintenance expectations of and by the neighbourhood.

PT has data on local listings and will forward it to CP which might be useful in drawing up local information.

3 Promoting Communty Safety

David Carson gave a talk on Promoting Community Safety from a discussion paper, on how to encourage positive behaviour. There is good quality data on crime available, but if residents keep focussing on crime, crime is what will be found. It might be more productive to focus on a Code of Use for the Hoe, such as the use of barbeques in the way that Southampton has done so, which then shapes the quality of users' behaviour positively. The Hoe is both loved and valued by Plymothians, which can be capitalised and developed using a positive approach.

PT suggested that it might be helpful for new members of HNF if there were an induction session for people who had recently joined, and the use of a map to highlight areas under discussion.

4 Date and Time of Next Meeting

7.00 pm on Wednesday 22 May at the Bowling Club.

Annexe 1

MAYFLOWER 2020
PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL CAPITAL PROJECTS

Catherine Arthurs outlined the £5 million capital projects the Council has undertaken in connection with Mayflower 2020. There will be three National Heritage Walking Trails (in conjunction with eleven other UK sites), public realm improvements and the restoration of the Elizabethan House.

Three trails will be launched in Spring 2020:
1. Mayflower Trail around the Barbican,
2. Plymouth Hoe Trail including other departures
3. City Centre Trail.

Only the Mayflower Trail will be physical using bronze totems, the others will be delivered by leaflet and digital, principally phone apps.

The West Pier and Mayflower Steps will become a 'Legacy Event Space.' The repairs had originally included the lifting of cobbles and resurfacing, the cobbles being moved to replace blacktop on the road; this decision has since been revisited by PCC.

Improvements to the public realm will include consideration about wheelie bins used by local food businesses around the Barbican area, particularly at the entrance to Southside Street.

The Prysten House front exterior square will be refurbished, the Elizabethan House will be restored, and re-interpreted, to be re-opened in September in time for the 2020 celebrations.

Volunteers are sought for gardening, welcoming visitors, sewing, research, oral history, social media, walking tour guides and any other roles people would like to suggest.

The coach parking spaces are being moved, and the current plan is that Southside Street / Maderia Road becomes one way as far as the ramp to Commerical Wharf. The Prawn is being removed to another (as yet unspecificed) site; it is owned by Sutton Harbour Holdings, not Plymouth City Council. The main works will be July 2019 – to January 2020. Access to the lock bridge will be available at all times via a scaffolding walkway when the crack in the pier itself is being repaired.

Annexe 2

MAYFLOWER 2020
PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL EVENTS
IN DEVELOPMENT, TO BE CONFIRMED AT A LATER DATE

Victoria Allen, Events Programme Manager and Karen, Events Officer are developing plans for events.

It is proposed to hold an MTV Crashes type event in late May – early June to catch the students before they leave for the summer and to slot into the festival season nationally.

On Sunday 23 August 2020 there will be an Arts Project, details tba. The event will not include live music.

Armed Forces Day 2020 will be different from the usual day, with heavy military equipment displayed, veteran involvement, community, children, a tea dance but no evening concert or airshow. It will run for five days between 14 – 20 September, and will be free and unfenced.

Monday 14 September: Field Gun Festival all day with teams from schools, colleges and seniors/veterans,

Wednesday 16th September: 400th Anniversary Celebrations, 'A Significant Moment.' This will be a major four nations civic event attended by UK Royalty, Ministers, potentially USA president(s), representatives from The Netherlands, and the Chief of the Native American Wampanoag Tribe. There will be four speeches.
There will be a 1,000 person choir (50% primary school children and 50% community choirs) and a 50 piece concert orchestra, two narrators, a story with live action and film, and at 7.30 pm an evening event.

Negotiations are currently underway for the broadcasting rights.

On Thursday 17th September the Royal Marines will hold their Rehabilitation Triathlon, an event usually held at Lympstone behind the walls; this will be public, and instead of the normal 200 participants, 400 will take part, including competitors from Holland and the USA. The swimming will be at Tinside, the cycling will be laps of the Citadel, Madeira Road and the Promenade. The rowing will be on a fixed site, with two rowers at a time. There will be some road closures, the event itself will last four hours, and it is hoped that Prince Harry will attend.

On Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September there will be a Military Muster Weekend with exhibitions and static displays; the seven deep water anchorages will all be occupied with some outside the Breakwater. Marching bands will be in attendance and a Sunday evening concert.

A big screen is proposed for the Royal Marine activity, a dynamic display so that events in the Sound and on the Hoe can be seen, including an assault on the Citadel.

There will be a daily Fly Past Programme with the Red Arrows, a Typhoon and an Airbus.

These plans are in the early stage of development and may be subject to significant changes.

The Infrastucture needed for all of the above includes a large stage on the south side of the Hoe, with the focus being out to sea and bearing in mind security considerations. The Big Screen will be on the Promenade, north of the Naval War Memorial, and it is envisaged that 60 – 80,000 people will attend. (The screen will only be used on Wednesday.)

A marquee is needed for 1,000 choir members, (particularly the needs of 500 children), rowers and display teams. It will be one storey and open-fronted.

There is a significant security plan in development, with a medical centre, a toilet centre and a media village near the ramp.

By the end of July 2019 the build schedules and finalisation of events stage should have been completed.

In 2020 UoP graduations will be held 18 – 21 July with ceremonies at the Guildhall, with a marquee on the Belvedere and a photo station at Smeaton's Tower; in 2021 graduations will revert to the usual format.

Pride 2019 will be 12 noon – 6.00 pm only with a smaller stage; in 2020 it will run later in the evening with a larger stage. PCC provides the infrastructure, Pride provides the content.

PT asked that the Council set aside a budget to restore the Hoe after the events. Victoria Allen asked to be told if there are any problems, such as nails on the bonfire site, and cable ties after MTV and to advise the Readiness Committee.

Fireworks will be 12 – 13 August 2020 and will be Mayflower/ American themed.

Bonfire Night and Remembrance will occur as usual.

It is noted that providing 8,000 people will a hot drink can be problematic, but HNF asked that food providers, particularly burger vans, are sensitively sited.