MINUTES
23 February 2022
HOE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM – Via Zoom due to Covid-19

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
   Apologies were received from Hilary, Barbara, Angela, Joan and Barry

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**
   No matters arising.
   Carrying forward following actions from previous meeting for responses from Councillor Penberthy.
   - Pedestrian lights on Notte St near The Walrus, CP
   - Waste bins near the Co-op, CP
   - Police response to vehicle nuisance/noise, CP

   The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as a fair and accurate report by Martin Worrall and seconded by Gail Mallard.

3. **One Big Summer Music Festival**
   PT welcomed Victoria Allen, PCC Events Manager, Elliot Dalton, Promoter One Big Summer and Ben Richardson, Site Manager.
   Building on previous MTV events PCC is working in collaboration with One Big Summer to host a three-day concert on The Hoe Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th June 2022. Our speakers announced that this would include Ibiza Orchestra, Years and Years, The Libertines, Supergrass and a sausage and cider festival. Full details and maps to be circulated in next week or so including details of availability of complimentary/discounted tickets for directly impacted residents. All events would start at 14.00, finish 23.00 and open to families. A telephone number and email would be permanently manned during the events for any concerns/queries. Overnight 24 hour security presence from 2-4 June.

The stage and non-see through fenced off audience area sited between Smeaton's Tower and the War Memorial. On show days Hoe Road would be closed 0700-00.30 and Citadel Road 10.00-12.00.

Responses to questions from Forum members raised issues concerning (over)use of plastic - there is a recycling plan using company with Zero to landfill policy; PCC piloting different signages on bins to encourage greater recycling and recruit Champion volunteers; the stage will face same direction as MTV.

CP requested full briefing meeting with 3 ward councillors and Luke Pollard; Plastic Free Plymouth and local procurement policies to be respected; Maps and timings to be distributed asap for disabled access and dog walkers. These will all be addressed.
PT thanked all 3 speakers for their time in joining us

4. **Councillor's Report (CP) [other than planning in MW's report]**
    - Crescent Point administrators have found a buyer
    - Pedestrian lights on Notte St near The Walrus – PCC response would cost £75,000 to ensure conformity with current design standards and rerouting cables, no-one has been injured at the location so not a priority. No other means of achieving this.
    - Vehicle noise – This is a Task Operations issue not purely a policing matter, there is interest in targeting the problem but residents need to telephone or email 101 (post-event acceptable) for picture of location/times.
    - Community engagement process re National Marine Park due to start imminently

      Cover paper:
      https://democracy.plymouth.gov.uk/documents/s127079/220224%20NMP%20Scrutiny%20Report%20FINAL.pdf

      Activity plan report:
      https://democracy.plymouth.gov.uk/documents/s127083/220224%20NMP%20Horizons%20Activity%20Plan%20Report%20FINAL%201.pdf

      Detailed activity plan:
      https://democracy.plymouth.gov.uk/documents/s127084/220203%20Activity%20Plan%20Programme%20Final%201.pdf

    - Building on the foreshore at Pier One before planning approval received. The Leader of the Council stated that PCC 'does not wish to create any rights of way or interfere with business activities'. HNF will get update on Natural England's work on public access and report back, as we are not satisfied with this response.
    - Quality Hotel site, PCC published executive decision this evening that close to signing contract with hotel chain franchise for mixed use hotel led development

Briefing paper:
https://democracy.plymouth.gov.uk/documents/s127297/Part%20I%20briefing%20paper.pdf

- Joint Committee on Joint Local Plan have requested planning guidance on climate emergency – this is now going out for consultation
  Consultation draft:
  https://democracy.plymouth.gov.uk/documents/s127294/220207%20CEPPG%20document%20FINAL.pdf

  Explanatory notes:
  https://democracy.plymouth.gov.uk/documents/s127295/220207%20CEPPG%20explanatory%20text%20FINAL.pdf

- Proposed to regularise use of the Hoe Bowling Club for the forum and to apply for designation as an Asset of Community Value to link to Neighbourhood Plan
- Bins Notte Street/Hoe Approach – due to number of reports of fly tipping and waste a street operative will now visit daily. Also CP to undertake monthly review re poor road surfaces, rubbish, blocked drains etc
- PT to please forward HNF bank details as £400 allocated to gardening group and £350 for forum activities support grant. PT thanked CP for both of these awards.
- PCC to consult on grassland management and whether No Mow May or Low Mow May will prevail, either way will need to think how various plots on The Hoe might need managing:-
  https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1dJvNYIS3np-n042F_7QuNAHR5n5ki6sO&ll=50.36977637427389%2C-4.143042823031863&z=16

Discussion ensued re above items and key outcomes:
Garden club money to be spent within 6 months. JC to investigate further about status of waterfront, whether it is registered as open access land and current situation re National Coastal Path (Natural England) and if PCC has signed up to it. Internal work on Plymouth House is being undertaken by current owners.

5. Planning Report (MW)

The planning report was sent out prior to the meeting, to allow members to consider it before the meeting.

CP offered to call in planning application for Pier 1 in light of concerns as per previous minutes. PT still not received reply on outcome of complaint on behalf of HNF re starting work without planning permission. CP to raise our concern with Anthony Payne.

CP also offered to call in 16 St James St West (HMO with 11 bedrooms) to test whether threshold for HMOs in the area has been met especially as suspected a number of unofficial ones. PW raised issue re conformity with Community Connection/licensing authority. CP clarified that legal guidelines for licensing HMOs and for planning application are different but that on balance planning rules are stricter. MW gave short summary of HMO criteria as per his report.

6. Neighbourhood Plan (HK)

HK sent her apologies. PT gave the following brief summary on HK's behalf:-
Heritage – policy redraft following feedback complete, with sub-group to review. Martin updating maps.
Blue & Green – awaiting guidance from NI Team re. Strategic vs Local greenspace, awaiting collaboration with PCC NI Team to prepare a plan for trees and biodiversity.
Culture, Economy & Tourism - policy redraft following feedback complete, with sub-group to review.
Housing – wording of Register Office policy pending outcome of dialogue with Paul Barnard. Discussion with Jess re. other policies to be arranged.
Pedestrians and Transport – sub-group meeting with Jess pending.

6. Register Office – PT

Jacky, Hilary and Penny had very positive meeting with Paul Barnard at PCC, Housing Officers and Locality and it seems our vision is becoming more aligned for an affordable housing scheme. Completion of feasibility study led to AECOM doing viability study which should be completed in next few weeks and also working together with PCC for collaborative outcomes. Jacky said that when she asked if PCC regarded the HNF as partners the response was a very definitive yes.

7. Any Other Business

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- Tree Sessions with Plymouth Tree Partnership
  PT said open invite to come along Saturday and Monday to find out more about positive value of trees

- Art Installation
  A big photograph to be taken on The Hoe to spell out 'people' and HNF have been asked about volunteering. Anyone free 4.30 pm Friday to drop down to the Belvedere for an informal photo shoot

(NB – apologies from PT that this was prior to sending out minutes. Please use facebook members' group for most timely info about events)

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 30 March 2022 at 19:00.

PT unable to make 4th Wednesday this month, so this will be a one-off on 5th Wednesday. Discussion as to whether this should be via Zoom or at the Bowling Club. Subject to covid situation and availability of Hoe Bowling Club, it is hoped to run this in the Bowling Club and to incorporate an element of celebration.
DW suggested a hybrid meeting but it was agreed that logistically this would be difficult unless someone was willing to volunteer to organise it to assist PT as chair. GM also asked if meetings could occasionally be held on another evening and PT agreed to try and achieve this.