

# Minutes of the Seaside Neighbourhood Panel

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**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010  
**Chair:** Jane Dubery (JD)  
**Location:** St. Agnes Hall, Whitley Road  
**Time:** 7.00 p.m.  
**Minutes taken by:** Bill Whaley (BW)

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## Members present:

### Police

PC Lisa Cousins (LC)

### Councillors

Steve Wallis (SW)  
Margaret Bannister (MB)  
Neil Stanley (NS)

### Others

Emma Jordan (EJ)  
(Community Enforcement  
Officer, EBC)

In addition there were approximately 25 members of the public.

## Apologies:

Sgt Gareth Evans, PCSO Steve Parsons. PCSO Kathryn Harlow  
Beryl Healy – County Councillor  
Jan Newens – Neighbourhood Watch  
Sue Criddle, Claire Banks - EBC Enforcement

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## Updates on Priorities from previous meeting 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 :

### **Priority 1 – Drug dealing in the Redoubt Road/Latimer Road area :**

LC reported that a search warrant issued under the Misuse of Drugs Act had been executed on a property in Redoubt Road on 10<sup>th</sup> August leading to the arrest of two men and one woman on suspicion of drugs supply offences. Officers seized a total of 100 small wraps of what is believed to be cocaine. A further search warrant was executed at a property in Latimer Road the following day and two people were arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis.

### **Priority 2 - Antisocial behaviour in Regency Park/Princes Park:**

PCSOs increased patrols and engaged with local youths. Residents reported that although it had been reasonably quiet during the school holidays there were continuing instances of teenagers power-balling against walls and fences. There has also been instances of criminal damage with planters being pulled off walls and a washing line (whirligig type) being damaged. As Regency Park is a relatively new area residents proposed that this be nipped in the bud to save further escalation. LC reported that the damaged fence between the estate and the Community Centre would be repaired.

### **Priority 3 - Inappropriate drinking in Seaside Recreational Ground:**

LC reported that the police had received only two calls during this period. Two students were asked to move on, which they did. The police were not aware of further problems. Residents stated that problems regarding drinking had resumed on and around the new bench seats fitted in Seaside Recreation Ground, LC asked for any incidents to be reported as they were spotted.

### Other actions/Priority Discussion issues:

- 1. Regency Park Community Centre.** It was reported that this was now open and available for bookings. A representative from Eastbourne Homes stated that they had been in touch regarding an event at the end of October and the Community Centre were very happy to oblige. BW stated that besides the Nursery other organisations using the Centre were “Slimming World (Mondays at 7.30 p.m.), Karate Kids (Monday at 5.30 p.m. plus Wednesday at 5.00 p.m.) and Guiding Lite (Thursday at 7.30 p.m.). JD noted that the Neighbourhood Panel would try to have one meeting per year at the Community Centre probably in the Summer period. The booking number for this facility is 01323 415465.
- 2. Grot Spots.** There were problems with various alleyways in the area in particular regard to dog fouling, overgrowing weeds and flooding. EJ stated that the Enforcement Office cannot spend time watching the alleyways for potential dog fouling but can patrol and hope to catch offenders in the act. SW interceded stating that there were some 27 miles of alleyways throughout Eastbourne and EBC were not responsible for them but can get them cleared. He undertook to find out who did own the alleyways. He also undertook to investigate the cost and possibility of temporary CCTV cameras being installed at problem areas. EJ explained that the Community Enforcement Officers deal with community crime in various areas. This includes dog fouling, fly tipping, fly posting, littering, cycling on the promenade and dogs on the beach etc. The team needs input on problem areas, Claire Banks (who EJ was standing in for at this meeting) wants to get involved with the public. Anyone wishing to contact Claire can do so at [communityenforcement@eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:communityenforcement@eastbourne.gov.uk) or on 07951 100255 (Mob) or 01323 415934 (Office).
- 3. Spy Glass Inn.** SW reported that the application for an alcohol licence for the restaurant within the Treasure Island complex had been refused. The owners were possibly going to appeal.
- 4. Seafront Distance Markers.** SW reported that ten new markers were being installed between Holywell and the Water Works near Sovereign Harbour. These would be full of useful information including location, distance to points of interest, toilets, BBQ areas etc.
- 5. Beach Volleyball.** Councillors reported that negotiations were in place with a company in Brighton (who already have such a facility) to see if a similar facility can be initiated in Eastbourne.
- 6. The Redoubt.** Councillors reported that the numbers attending the Redoubt had increased threefold this year. This was all down to the efforts and dedication of the Curator (Jonathan Seaman). The Redoubt is a Scheduled Ancient Monument so English Heritage has to be consulted on any changes. A replacement for the tank is being considered and likely to lead to a small canon from inside being used. There is also the possibility of a Victorian Christmas Market being held this year.
- 7. Regency Park Children’s Play Area.** SW undertook to clarify who is responsible for the area and also for the installation of “No Ball Games” signs.

8. **Street Lights.** Public concern that any street lights being replaced are being re-sited from the side of the road to the side of the property wall/house. This has resulted in some light issues and councillors were requested to ask why this change was taking place.
9. **Car Crimes.** LC reported that there had been a series of car crimes recently in the Royal Parade, Seaside, Bexhill Road and Seaford Road areas. Residents were asked to report if they had seen anything.
10. **Traffic Problems.** There were problems with speeding traffic in Latimer Road and also in Lottbridge Drove early a.m. Attendees were reminded that anti-social driving can be reported at [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org)
11. **Seaside Recreation Ground Children's Play Area.** Local residents asked what was happening in regard to play equipment that had been removed. MB stated that the Council were investigating the replacement by suitable equipment subject to funding being available. It was noted that although cheap equipment might be available elsewhere the equipment provided by the Council had to withstand rigorous safety checks before being obtained and installed.
12. **Students.** Expected back in Eastbourne 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

#### **Street Meetings and the work of the Neighbourhood PCSO's:**

PCSO's Harlow and Parsons plus PC Cousins held a very successful street surgery at Strollers in Princes Park on 8<sup>th</sup> August which was attended by many local residents with lots of different concerns. In particular stone throwing, graffiti and anti-social driving of a moped. The owner of the moped has been spoken to and the local youths have been engaged.

#### **District Panel:**

There was nothing to report as the next meeting was due on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

#### **Priorities:**

It was agreed that the priorities for this period would be :-

1. Antisocial behaviour and criminal damage in Regency Park.
2. Drug Dealing in the Burfield Road area.
3. Inappropriate drinking in Seaside Recreation Ground

#### **Date of Next Meeting:**

10<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at St Agnes Hall, Whitley Road