

**Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**of the**  
**Seaside Neighbourhood Panel**

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**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
**Chair:** Jane Dubery (JD)  
**Location:** St. Agnes Hall, Whitley Road  
**Time:** 7.00 p.m.  
**Minutes taken by:** Jean Whaley (JW)

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**Members present:**

**Police**

Sgt Gareth Evans (GE)  
PCSO Steve Parsons (SP)

**Councillors**

Margaret Bannister (MB)

**Others**

Bill Whaley

In addition there were approximately 17 members of the public.

**Apologies:**

PCSO Kathryn Harlow (KH)  
PC Lisa Cousins (LC)  
Councillor Steve Wallis (SW)  
Councillor Neil Stanley (NS)  
Councillor (County) Beryl Healy (BH)  
Peter Parsons  
2 public members

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**Updates on Priorities from 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011:**

**Priority 1 – Anti-social behaviour in Regency Park, Princes Park and Myrtle Road areas:**

GE reported that PC Virginia Jupp and Clare Russell (Home Group) were working together to identify offenders. They had pinned down relevant addresses and were planning appropriate actions. Security was being strengthened in the Batemans flats and this included the introduction of CCTV. The issues at Batemans House had been added to the Operation Blitz priorities.

**Priority 2 – Dog fouling around Redoubt and along Promenade:**

GE reported that Lisa Cousins and Sue Criddle had increased joint patrols of this area but had not found much of a problem. A campaign in local pubs was planned for March.

### **Priority 3 – Street drinking in Burfield Road, Marine Road and St Aubyns Road:**

SP reported that the area was being patrolled regularly on a daily basis. A couple of people had been stopped but no major problems had been found. This was an ongoing issue.

### **Other actions/Priority Discussion issues:**

- 1. Princes Park Gates.** The gates between Princes Park and the football ground were being closed without notice before matches and at other times. There had been notices to advise on opening and closing times but these have now gone. SW will be asked to follow this up.
- 2. Cycling Signs.** There is inconsistency in some of the signage for cyclists which were causing confusion. People were asked to look out for them and report back any inconsistencies found.
- 3. Eastbourne Half Marathon.** Concern was expressed at the poor parking facilities for the Eastbourne Half Marathon. MB said she would look at the problem.

### **Councillor Briefings:**

#### **Neil Stanley (NS), Borough Councillor, reported the following:**

JD reported that NS had nothing to report.

#### **Beryl Healy (BH), County Councillor, reported the following:**

JD reported that BH had nothing to report.

#### **Steve Wallis (SW), Borough Councillor, reported the following:**

JD gave this report in SW's absence.

- 1. The alleyway clean up programme** was continuing. Work had been carried out in the Bexhill/Latimer Road area and the Penhale/Desmond Road area was next on the list. Please let SW know if there are any other suggestions for this work.
- 2. Dog fouling.** Further signage is being put up and plain clothes surveillance is taking place.
- 3. Treasure Island.** The existing lease was set out in 2001 and was not tight enough. Any new lease will be laid down differently. The Council is

currently sorting out who owns what at the location. There was no date for the licensing hearing as yet.

**Margaret Bannister (MB), Borough Councillor, reported the following:**

MB had nothing to report.

**Street Meetings and the work of the Neighbourhood PCSOs:**

**School Seatbelt Campaign.** This is a campaign to encourage children and parents to ensure the use of seatbelts for the whole family at all times. The campaign was being carried out by PCSOs outside of schools and the idea was to educate rather than enforce.

**Quality Streets**

The town's next Quality Streets event will be held at the Wartling Road/Regency Park Community Centre between 4 and 8 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011.

The Blitz Van is still running on a Friday and Saturday night from 6.00 p.m. until midnight tackling anti-social youth behaviour and under age drinking. Information pack and more details available from your local officers.

**District Panel:**

JD reported that at a recent meeting of the Chairs of the Neighbourhood Panels, it had been noted that there was some inconsistency in how the panels were run. This prompted a question to the meeting as to whether participants were happy with the arrangements or wished changes to be made. No one objected to the present arrangements and it was agreed to carry on as before.

**Priorities:**

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

1. Street drinking/drugs/driving problems in Burfield Road, Marine Road, St. Aubyns Road leading to aggressive behaviour.
2. Drinking and fighting in the Myrtle Road area after 10 pm and at weekends.
3. Anti-Social behaviour in Batemans House, Regency Park.

**Date of Next Meetings:**

11<sup>th</sup> May 2011, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011 (all at St Agnes Hall, Whitley Road).