

**Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**of the**  
**Seaside Neighbourhood Panel**

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**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
**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:**

<b><u>Police</u></b>	<b><u>Councillors</u></b>	<b><u>Others</u></b>
PCSO Kathryn Harlow (KH)	Nil	Nil

In addition there were approximately 20 members of the public.

**Apologies:**

Beryl Healy (BH) – County Council  
Margaret Bannister (MB) – Local Council  
Steve Wallis (SW) - Local Council  
Neil Stanley (NS) – Local Council  
Claire Banks (CB) – Community Enforcement

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**Updates on Priorities from 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011:**

**Priority 1 – Drug dealing in Marine and Burfield Road:**

KH reported that this problem seems to have been dealt with so there is no further action required at the moment.

**Priority 2 – Anti-social behaviour in Regency Park, particularly Batemans House and Penshurst House:**

KH supported by a resident of Batemans House reported that a car accident had taken place outside Penshurst House due to “boy racer” anti-social behaviour within the estate. The emergency entrance to the estate (off Lottbridge Drove) could not be used owing to the fact that the keys to the barrier lock had not been lodged with the emergency services. Neither Wimpey nor the estate management company knew where these keys were. This lack of access for emergencies is being looked into and will be rectified in the near future. Regency Park is still a regularly patrolled area.

**Priority 3 – Anti-Social behaviour in the Vine Square area:**

KH reported that there had been no further reports of ASB in this area so there is no further action required at the moment. It was, however, reported that a “fail to stop” vehicle incident had been reported recently.

**Other actions/Priority Discussion issues:**

**1. Dispersal Orders.**

KH reported that 150 dispersal orders had been issued over the last 3 months with 3 arrests. Dispersal orders, it was explained, were more stringent than a Section 27 order.

## **2. Street Meetings.**

KH reported that the next street meetings were planned as follows with various agencies being involved:

21<sup>st</sup> October 2011 – Abbots Close

28<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – at 6. p.m. This was expected to be a door knocking session in an area to be determined (bids were requested from residents).

## **3. Fire in Marine Road.**

No update was forthcoming in regard to this fire.

## **4. Walking Bus – St. Andrews School.**

This idea could not be implemented without informing parents so the idea had been put to them through the school newsletter. Hopefully this scheme would be implemented in the near future.

## **5. Assault – Sea Beach Lane.**

An assault in this area had been reported to the police. Information forthcoming had included facts that 3 men were seen during the day with a brown/white Staffordshire dog. Police were seeking further information.

## **6. Noise Complaints.**

A lengthy discussion took place regarding noise complaints over a 6 week period from residents in Marine Road aimed at Flats at 75 Seaside. This complaint had been taken on by the Environmental Health Department (Nicola Fenner) and some residents felt that there had been a lack of communication between them and the Department/Police. It was pointed out that the correct action by residents was to forward completed noise reports to the Environment Health Department and not the police.

## **7. Cycle Checks.**

A joint operation by the police and council enforcement was due to take place shortly in regard to cycling offences along the sea-front Promenade and Pavements. It was pointed out that the council enforcement team were responsible for offences on the Promenade and the police responsible for offences on the pavements. A new cycle track was being installed between Meads and the Wish Tower/Lifeboat Station and the above teams were becoming more pro-active in the hope that offences would be cut down.

## **8. Cannabis Plants.**

A recent raid on a house in Bexhill Road had resulted in the confiscation of a number of cannabis plants.

## **9. District Panel Meeting.**

JD reported that at the last district panel meeting it was reported that car parking problems outside schools was common ground to all area panels.

## **10. Closure of OASIS.**

JD reported that OASIS, a local charity, would be closing in the near future. A recent report in the Eastbourne Gazette (5<sup>th</sup> October 2011) states that the work of OASIS will continue in the form of a new charity with new trustees. It will be based in the Brodie Hall of Christ Church and is called The Matthew 25 Mission. The opening hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Matthew 25 will provide hot meals to those in need, give advice and guidance on many areas including housing, rehabilitation, family support and health problems.

## **11. Wartling Road Community Centre – Art Project Unveiled.**

A new artwork by Sussex sculptor Will Nash is to be unveiled by the Deputy Mayor Mike Thompson on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

## **12. Building on corner of Seaside and St. James Road.**

Reports had been forthcoming in regard to this building (possibility of Liquorbox taking over the corner shop as they had been granted a licence, Mecca becoming a nightclub). Further to this report it has now been established that although Liquorbox did gain a licence they will not be moving in as "Iron Maidens" had signed a lease for this shop prior to the granting of the licence and have already moved in. The surrounding area is being redeveloped and it is envisaged that a multinational food store (not Tesco) will be part of these plans. Nothing had so far been seen in regard to the Mecca becoming a nightclub – nothing in the planning pipeline.

## **13. Vernon House Hotel – Noise Issues.**

These noise issues were ongoing and being dealt with by Environmental Health.

## **14. Sgt Gareth Evans.**

KH reported that Sgt Gareth Evans was being promoted at the end of September and would be moving to a new position in Battle. We wish him all the very best in the future and thank him for all he has done for this Neighbourhood Panel.

## **15. Batemans House – Sleeper.**

A resident reported that a man had been seen sleeping under the stairs in Batemans House on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011. It was felt that these were probably not the only days he had been sleeping there and entry may have been gained through a new metal door that does not lock properly. The building was not felt to be secure. KH stated that the police would follow this up.

## **16. Warrior Square – Private Car Park.**

A resident reported that she was a little concerned regarding regular meetings taking place in the above car park (end of St. James Road). These meetings were taking regularly in the late mornings and appeared to be speaking a foreign language, possibly Eastern European. KH took note and stated that the police would investigate.

## **17. Potholes and Planning of Road Repairs.**

The pothole problem was reported by a resident and concerned the area where Carlton Road joins Latimer, three potholes were there originally. Two have been repaired and one quite deep pothole remains. The other problem was raised by another resident who felt that the planning of road repairs was not well organised. Advice was given to contact the Highways Department at County Council.

## **18. Noise Problems in Leslie Street.**

Three new attendees at this meeting reported excessive noise problems in the Leslie Road area. Advised to contact Environmental Health.

### **Priorities:**

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

1. Lottbridge Road – Cars speeding at night after 10 p.m. between Sovereign Centre and Tesco roundabouts.
2. Car Park St James Road/Gwent Court. Investigate possible criminal intent.
3. Anti-social behaviour by youths in the Abbotts Close area (junction of Whitley Road and Stansted Road).

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

NOTE: Due to a clash with Council Cabinet Meetings the next meeting has been brought forward one week and will take place at St. Agnes Hall, Whitley Road at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011.