

St David's Neighbourhood Partnership AGM

17 Jan 2013

**Present: 37 members of local community and local councillors
(names as per signing in sheet)**

Chair: Kelvin Lacy

1. Chair's Report

Kelvin Lacy reported on activities of the past year, the opening of the Community Centre, a major priority over a number of years, issues re anti-social behavior and police priorities to combat this and particularly drug dealing in the area. KL thanked the committee for all their hard work in the past year.

Finance report received. Grants received from councillors local budgets to cover newsletter production, volunteer expenses and stationery.

Members subs £60 during the year.

Nominations for committee for 2013/14 received and voted in en bloc.

2. Speed Limits St David's Hill

Concerns had been raised by local residents about traffic speeding on St David's Hill despite 20 mph advisory speed limit. DCC had put forward 3 options for traffic calming, which had been publicized through newsletter and on noticeboards in the Neighbourhood. Voting for preferred option favoured scheme outside Community Centre with no priority signage.

Comments were also noted that suggested that different coloured/textured tarmac at the top of the Hill by New North Road would deter people from speeding at the top of the Hill, too.

3. Planning Application Exeter College Sports Hall

Exeter College Principal and Estates Manager attended to answer queries about the College's planning application. Concerns had been raised in the community about: access from Queen St, building mass; lighting; noise from plant on roof, tree loss. These concerns were raised again at the meeting and noted by EC.

4. Planning Application Hotel on Queen St

Concerns were raised about this application for a budget hotel. Concerns were: height and mass of building, safety of pedestrians, parking, impact on local businesses in Queen St, Queen's Terrace, Richmond Road and Bystock

5. St Bartholomew's Cemetery enhancement

A survey will be circulated to local residents near the park to determine current use of the park and the enhancements that local people would prefer. Exeter City Council, which manages the park, is interested in local people's views before formulating their enhancement/maintenance plan.

6. Bury Meadow Park Gates

The gates on the Park were no longer fit for purpose and are to be replaced when funds permit. Noted and welcomed.

7. Community Priorities for 2013

The meeting split into small groups to discuss priorities for action in the Neighbourhood in 2013. The following emerged as Priorities.

- a) **Combat Anti-social behavior** – particularly late night noise, graffiti, drugs, litter
- b) **Safety on the Roads** – particularly traffic calming on the Hill and ensuring that speed limits are observed by drivers
- c) **Environmental Enhancement/Heritage and Conservation of the Built and Natural Environment of the Neighbourhood.** Particularly ensuring that local people's views are taken into consideration re planning applications and that local people are consulted re planned 'enhancements' in the area by local authorities. The SDNP Vision Statement should be sent to the Planning Dept with request that planning applications should also be considered against the community's Vision Statement.
- d) **Community Facilities and Services** – particularly encouraging community use of Community Centre, bringing a doctor's surgery to the area; supporting the expansion of St David's Primary School

Meeting Closed at 9pm.