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## NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

**Minutes of meeting held 26 July 2023**

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

PT welcomed attendees, including new attendees Kevin, Ian and Frances, and noted apologies were received from Marilyn, Barry, Joan, Lynne, Erica, Pam Ward, and Peter and Mary Brinsley.

PT welcomed 2 National Marine Park representatives: Sam Balderson (Head Ranger) and Nick Helm (Assistant Ranger).

### **2. Minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 June were read and approved, proposed by Hilary Kolinsky and seconded by Sue Dunn.

PT advised that a letter of thanks had been sent to Sue MacDonald, via Councillor Penberthy.

A member thanked CP and PCC for cutting back the shrubs overhanging the pavements around the Register Office. Thanks also to Erica Tiller for cutting back those along the lane to the side.

### **3. National Marine Park Update (NMP)**

Nick and Sam updated the meeting on the NMP project, progress and achievements and the plans for going forward.

Please find their presentation as an attachment.

Funding for the next phase of the project will be submitted to the National Heritage Lottery Fund in September, and it is hoped a decision will have been made by end of 2023.

#### Q&As

- Will the Lido remain open for longer?  
The Lido will close as usual, but the building once renovated, will remain open.
- Are NMP considering heating the Lido?  
There is currently no plan to heat the Lido due to costs involved.

#### **4. Planning Report (MW)**

Please find the Report at the end of these Minutes.

##### 11 Holyrood Place

MW commented that the application by 11 Holyrood Place for new sash windows has been supported by the HNF. Several residents, in the past, have approached Planning for guidance on double /secondary glazing, and have been told that secondary glazing is preferred. This application may be a test case for a decision. MW mentioned the significant public guidance provided by Bath CC in 2011. Unfortunately, this is not available from PCC currently. The meeting approved supporting this application.

Councillor Penberthy voiced his neutral stance.

##### Regimental Training Wing

Fencing around the site needs renewal.

PCC Natural Infrastructure Team say that 19 trees near the fence, have been surveyed and of these, 7 need to be removed, and the quality of the trees has been down-graded. PCC regard this as of 'minimal impact'.

PT has contacted Plymouth Tree People, and some issues have been highlighted. Ie. Mature trees being felled, with no bat survey, or replacement tree plan. This doesn't conform to the JLP and no Climate Emergency form has been completed.

The site is also adjacent to a designated City Green Space.

##### Pier One /Piermasters House/Royal Corinthian

These businesses have infringed planning regulations on several occasions, and the public need to be vigilant in observing any future alterations to the premises.

#### **5. Neighbourhood Plan (NP) (HK)**

HK briefed the meeting and updated new attendees. A draft NP has been submitted to PCC and they will screen it to make sure that there are no adverse environmental issues. It is hoped that this process will be completed in September. Then it will go to Public Consultation for 6 weeks.

Volunteers will be needed for leafleting etc. HK called on members of the Sub Groups to assist by pulling together a Steering Group to get the NP over the line.

#### **6. Register Office (PT/HK)**

HK and PT hope to meet with CP to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan. The Register Office is inextricably linked with the Neighbourhood Plan. It is hoped to find a way forward. Discussion

followed on the conflict between the NP and the Joint Local Plan. Questions were raised about various ways of possibly breaking the impasse. CP explained some of the complications of the political and legal process of changing the JLP.

**Action: HK/PT to meet CP.**

### **7. Councillors' Report**

CP advised that there were issues with 2 trees outside the Citadel walls. One was dead and overhanging the road, so has been removed. The other may be saved but will need tree surgery, to remove dead wood back to a live point.

Suggestions for where/how to replace the trees to be sent to PT.

Following on from a recent litter picking event organised by NMP/PCC/Clean or Patch, volunteers have expressed an interest in continuing with this and also other minor maintenance work, eg painting railings. This will need careful consideration re risk assessment etc.

**Action: CP to consider**

### **8. AOB**

- MW thanked PCC for speedy responses to 2 recent issues that he had entered on the PCC website: a Parking sign replaced and an inspection requested and repairs completed within 2 weeks.
- Members advised that they have earlier documentation for a hotrocks proposal for the Lido. This to be forwarded to PT.
- PT advised that she sits on the Plymouth Waterfront Partnership Board. They are asking for feedback on whether it would be worth asking if the 25 bus can be extended to go to the Royal William Yard/City Centre. There was not much appetite for this at the meeting. The bus is currently well used by members, who like the relatively short circuit.
- El Galleon is expected to be moored at Sutton Harbour in August. Tickets are selling fast.
- 2 cruise ships are also expected in August.
- Thanks to the HNF Gardening Group for helping with planting some exhibits for Britain in Bloom. Judging has taken place and results expected in October.
- The Pirate Festival in May 2024 will have sea shanty events.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 August at 7pm.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 – HNF/HCARA PLANNING UPDATE**

**For links to PCC web sites regarding Planning and Licensing please see the addendum at the end of this report.**

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### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS (NEW)**

**23/00832/LBC - 65 Citadel Road (Grade 2 Listed)**

Replace existing asbestos corrugated roof panels with slate roof on rear tenement

Applicant states:

The rear roof of the back tenement has deteriorated quite badly, which causes rain water leaking into the property next door. I propose to replace the existing asbestos corrugated roof panels. The new roof will use the existing roof structure. The roof space will be insulated. The roof will be felt battened and covered with roof slate matching the main roof. Given its location and height, it will make no visual impact at ground level.

**Comments by 18<sup>th</sup> July**

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**23/00926/FUL & 23/00927/LBC - 28 Athenaeum Street (Grade 2 Listed)**

Proposal to construct a double garage over part of the existing tarmacked parking area to provide a secure locked area for motor vehicles, bicycles and general outdoor equipment. A side pedestrian access is also proposed which will be set in a continuation of the new front wall. A 7kW electric car charging point will be installed within the garage.

It should be noted that the proposed garage will be over one metre higher than the existing 'neighbours' stone garden walls at the highest point, although this is mitigated by both neighbours currently using these areas as their own tarmacked parking areas and not garden areas.

The applicant states:

"The garage will be constructed of blockwork to provide both secure and solid construction with brickwork used to the front elevation. The main roof will be of flat roof design and finished with an EPDM covering hidden from the access lane by a (*slate*) pitched monopitch roof canopy. It is proposed to finish the rear courtyard elevation with timber boarding set around the uPVC windows and (*garden*) access door."

It should be noted that the drawings show that the garage wall 'jutting above the existing garden walls' is marked as being rendered blockwork. It is also notable that no materials for the garage or street access doors have been included, but it is to be expected that Planning Officers will set the usual conditions on any approval on the basis of further detail of materials being used are to be submitted before construction commences.

**Comments by 25<sup>th</sup> July**

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**23/00479/LBC - 11 Holyrood Place (Grade 2 Listed)**

Refurbishment and double glazing of original sash windows to 1st floor and ground floor windows on front elevation.

The existing wooden sash windows will be refurbished with replacement double glazed (14mm 4-6-4) glass panes within the existing wood frames.

It should be noted that on my inspection, I believe that the existing windows are not original and appear to be Victorian replacements. The owner has also been informed that the existing glass panes appear to be modern laminated glass, probably fitted to reduce external noise in the recent past.

The applicant states that they believe this application adheres to the government national objectives, to preserve listed buildings but also preserve them for the future, to reduce greenhouse gasses and conserve energy.

**Comments by 15<sup>th</sup> Aug**

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## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS (MISC)**

### **23/01033/CDMLB - 1 Windsor Villas, Lockyer Street**

Application to discharge conditions 4, 5 and 6 of the approved listed building consent 23/00280/LBC:

The applicant has submitted:

- That they intend to replace the slate roof is to be in its entirety with new natural slates.
- Supplied details of the Sash window refurbishment including fitting 12mm heritage slimline double-glazed panes.
- Repairs to railings
- A Landscaping Plan for the rear parking area.

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### **23/00856/TCO - 7 Alfred Street**

Silver Birch (T1) - Fell to ground level due to limbs dying off throughout the entire canopy.

It should be noted that the owners have been fighting a losing battle to save this much-loved tree for several years, but it is now beyond saving.

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### **23/01028/EXUS - 13 Windsor Place**

Establish existing use of property as a dwelling house (Class C3)

At some time in the past, 13 Windsor Place was not registered as a single dwelling, but it has been used as such, before and since, the current owner purchased the house in 2010.

The owner is now looking to amend this anomaly by registering it as a single dwelling as part of his sale of the property.

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