

Safer Streets



Date	Wed 22 Oct 2025	Time	12-1
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steph Good - Neighbourhood Watch • Maria Goodwin - YMCA South Devon • Katie Chivers • Jo & Lisa 		

Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & catch up • Where should we place our focus going forward? Impact from Powered by Youth. • Funding – upcoming opportunities.
Summary

The Problem: A Disjointed Strategic Landscape

- The group identified a fragmented strategic landscape as a major barrier to effective action.
- Police Engagement:
 - The "Torbay Police and Partners Capture" meeting (Tues/Fri) is a tactical check-in, not a source of actionable youth ASB data.
 - The "Community Reference Group" provides high-level contact but is not designed for youth-led advocacy.
- Council Engagement:
 - The "Youth Participation Team" (Sarah) has a strong youth work background but a remit focused on council-led panels.
 - The "Child Friendly Policing Unit" (Rachel Manifield) is a new initiative whose scope is unknown.
 - The "Safer Communities" team (Sarah O'Meara) is the group's primary council link.
- Internal Alignment:
 - A proposal to merge the "Safer Streets" and "More Spaces to Hangout" impact groups was revisited.
 - Rationale: The issues are intertwined (safety requires safe spaces), and the broad "Safer Streets" topic is too large for a single, actionable focus.

The Solution: A New Strategic Focus

- The group agreed to pivot from broad "Safer Streets" actions to a focused, legacy-driven mission:

- Core Question: "How do we raise young people's voices within Torbay's safer communities partnerships?"
- Proposed Mechanism: "Powered by Youth" Event
 - A dedicated event, modeled on the successful August 18 "Powered by Youth" event, was proposed to bring young people's experiences directly to decision-makers.
 - Key Success Factors:
 - Trusted Relationships: Build on existing relationships between youth organizations and young people.
 - Supportive Environment: Create a warm, welcoming space (e.g., with beanbags and food) to encourage open conversation.
 - Strategic Buy-in: Secure commitment from police and council leaders to attend and listen.
 - Potential Venues: Schools offer a convenient setting but may carry power dynamics. A neutral, out-of-school venue could be more effective for capturing diverse voices (e.g., home-ed, older youth).

Side Note: Neighbourhood Watch Youth Project

- Steph introduced Simeon, the new Neighbourhood Watch youth project lead, who replaces Ashley.
- Simeon will connect with the group to advance the project, which has existing funding.
- Opportunity: The project could partner with Eat That Frog's new King's Fund team for recruitment and serve as a local legacy for the national Neighbourhood Watch project.

Actions	Owner
Email Kate Marks (Police) to request a police representative with actionable data for the impact group.	Jo
Connect Steph (Neighborhood Watch) with Sarah O'Meara to facilitate access to Safer Communities meetings.	Jo
Invite Rachel Manifold (Child Friendly Policing Unit) to a future meeting to clarify their scope and activities.	Lisa
Forward the OneSpace meeting invite to Rachel from Watersea.	Maria
Email Safer Streets group minutes incl proposed focus; request feedback	Lisa
Schedule intro mtgs w/ Simeon + King's Fund (Eat That Frog)	Lisa
Confirm w/ Mark staying post-People's Park Field strategy mtg for OneSpace	Jo