

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2013

PRESENT: Cllr N Pennycott – Committee Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs A Cotton, A Giles-Townsend, B. Hatch, P McNeill,
 Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs C Bussey, G Hill.

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

Mr Shaun Craigie and Mr Gary Williams from a new small local bus operator, Bristol Greyhound, addressed the meeting. The company has purchased three second hand low floor 39 seater buses with a view to starting a direct hourly service (along the route of the 361) between Clevedon and Bristol terminating at Bristol Temple Meads Station. The last bus from Bristol at 5.00 pm. This service would start on 25 March 2013.

Mr Craigie was aware that the local 800 Clevedon Town bus service had been withdrawn by NSC last April and hoped to incorporate some of the 800 route, mainly the estates in the south of the town, into the new route around Clevedon. The local supermarkets are in favour of the return of this community service. The company is aware that there will be an extra mileage and costs for this addition to the service and are therefore approaching the local authorities to request initial funding towards this part of the service - £8,000. He believed the Town Council had earmarked £4,000 towards a replacement 800 service in the past.

Members asked questions concerning;

- The name of the company, there being another Greyhound bus company in operation – *Bristol Greyhound is a registered limited company.*
- The financing of the company – *information required in writing.*
- The maintenance of the vehicles – *inspected to MOT standard every 28 days audited by a maintenance provider with an MOT once a year.*
- Charges within Clevedon - *£1.50, £2.00 return; return tickets to Bristol available at all times of the day to attract commuter use; senior citizen free bus passes accepted; reductions to children; also weekly season tickets to be available.*
- Suggestion that the new service could be used by schoolchildren getting to and from Clevedon School as per the 800 service.

Mr David Redgewell from the South West Transport Networks user group spoke in support of this new bus service. He had spoken to the NSC Public Transport Department who had confirmed this service would not be in conflict with their plans for the route which could form part of the rapid transport link.

7.55 pm FORMAL BUSINESS

TH/13/250 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs C Hall, J Middleton, D Shopland and G Watkins.

TH/13/251 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

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TH/13/252 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 12th December 2012 were approved and signed.

TH/13/253 CHAPEL HILL – POSSIBILITY OF ROUNDABOUT TH/12/219.5

NSC had confirmed the slow signs and dotted road markings would be completed soon together with the re-painting of the junction markings. With regard to the no left turn from Lower Linden Road, the Highways Engineer felt the volume of traffic making this turn would probably not justify the cost involved. It would require illumination.

Cllr Giles-Townsend reported that NSC had investigated the suggestion of a four junction give way. Other Councils had found this system to be unsuccessful and were removing these restrictions.

The information was noted.

TH/13/254 PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS TH/12/237

NSC had responded to the comments made at the last meeting of the Committee;

254.1 PARK ROAD

Following the Site Meeting NSC will remove Park Road from the list of proposed traffic regulation orders and will not extend the on street parking outside 7 Park Road as this would affect visibility to the left for vehicles exiting from No 7.

254.2 CHERRY AVENUE

NSC will remove this from the list as the Town Council does not consider this to be a priority.

RESOLVED: To agree that Park Road and Cherry Avenue are removed from the list of proposed traffic regulation orders.

254.3 OLD CHURCH ROAD

NSC has had complaints from 209 Old Church Road that vehicles park over the driveway. The lining could be reduced to identify the access to 209 only or removed completely.

RESOLVED: The lining to be limited to the access to 209 Old Church Road only.

254.4 HOLLY LANE

NSC could remove the small sections of parking identified on the map considered at the last meeting.

RESOLVED: To agree double yellow lines on both sides of Holly Lane and to remove the small sections of parking previously shown on the map.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/13/255 PARK ROAD – Further Items Raised at Site Meeting

The NSC Street Scene Manager had visited the site and confirmed ‘that due to the higher number of roads considered in greater need of repair Park Road is unlikely to receive treatment in the next financial year’.

- RESOLVED:**
1. To highlight again to NSC the need for repairs to the kerbs, footway together with the re-surfacing of the highway and in particular the drainage problem on the highway.
 2. Request that when the re-surfacing work on Park Road is undertaken NSC investigate a build out of the footway at the bottom of Park Road

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adjacent to the kitchen shop to protect pedestrians from vehicles, particularly lorries, cutting the corner and driving over the kerb which has become worn down.

3. **Not to** investigate the 20 mph speed limit of pinch point form of traffic calming.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/13/256 FOSSEWAY – REQUEST FOR SPEED BUMPS

A resident had contacted NSC requesting speed bumps outside St John's Primary School in view of speeding vehicles at this location. The school had not approached NSC about this matter and there have been no recorded injury accidents in this area in the last 10 years. The views of the Town Council are sought and if Members are in support then the Town Council would be asked to contribute financially towards a future scheme. It was noted that a few years ago the Town Council paid for the narrowing of the road outside the School and Members felt this system worked well.

RESOLVED: Not to support the request for speed bumps.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/13/257 POOR ROAD SURFACES/POTHoles IN CLEVEDON –TH/12/242

The NSC Street Scene Manager had replied about poor road surfaces reported at the last meeting as follows;

Hillside Road – Added to list for patching, anticipate this will be completed early in the new financial year.

Queens Road – Not included in any programmes of work for next year. Surface is showing signs of distress but it is in a safe condition.

Hallswell Road – This has been prioritised but unfortunately due to the higher number of roads that are considered in greater need it is unlikely to receive treatment in the next financial year.

Old Church Road, Princes Road and Edgehill Road are included in the proposed Local Transport Plan maintenance programme 2013/14 awaiting approval by Cllr Ap Rees.

The NSC Area Officer has added the following roads to the pothole hotfill register for repair; *Seavale Road; Alexandra Road; Hill Moor; Yeo Moor; Cherry Avenue; Teignmouth Road; Castle View Road; The Avenue; Edward Road West; Old Park Road; Esmond Grove; Tickenham Road; Kingston Avenue; Clover Close; Beaconsfield Road; Copse Road; Chard Road; Brookfield Walk; Davis Lane; Kenn Road; Beach Avenue; Knowles Road; Highdale Avenue; Old Church Road; Somerton Road; Old Street; Moor Lane; Lower Queens Road; Queens Road; Herbert Road; Sunnyside Road; Hillside Road; Argyle Road; Gardens Road; Albert Road; Coleridge Road; Fosseway; Coleridge Vale Road North.*

RESOLVED: 1.To report the road surface on *Elton Road* between Six Ways and The Beach; *Woodland Road; Sunnyside Crescent, Robin Lane; Castlewood Close.* 2. Freedom of Information request for the number of claims made by motorists for damage to vehicles caused by potholes.

COUNCILLORS ASK TO REPORT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE ROADS IN THEIR WARDS WITH POTHOLES NOT HIGHLIGHTED ABOVE.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/13/258 OLD STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SAFETY

A resident had reported vehicles not stopping at the pedestrian crossing between the old Headstrong Hairdressers and the Village Hall. 80% of the vehicles not stopping are travelling out of town; with the remaining 20% travelling towards the town centre. The problem of cars parked on double yellow lines obscuring drivers' visibility of people waiting to cross had been highlighted.

The Committee Chairman had contacted NSC Highways Safety Team who intended to visit the site and provide a report of their findings.

Action: Committee Chairman

TH/13/259 VARIOUS HIGHWAY CONCERNS RAISED BY RESIDENT

Members considered that most of the items raised were currently being discussed by the Town Council. Members felt the reply by the Town Clerk was comprehensive. NOTED.

TH/13/260 REPORTED INJURY ACCIDENT FIGURES FOR CENTRAL CLEVEDON FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS

Members were disappointed that this information could not be provided for all of Clevedon in the form of a map as it had previously.

RESOLVED: To ask whether it is possible to receive information in map format, enquiries to be made via PACT and the Police Corporate Information Department. If this is not possible to request injury accident figures for the junction of Strode Road and Southern Way.

Action: Cllr McNeill; Deputy Town Clerk

TH/13/261 GRIT BINS

261.1 HIGHDALE ROAD RE-POSITIONING OF GRIT BIN TH/12/241

RESOLVED: Following the Site Meeting to suggest that NSC move the bin to a position outside 31 Highdale Road.

261.2 POSSIBILITY OF GRIT BIN CHANNEL ROAD

RESOLVED: To investigate with NSC a possible siting for a bin on Channel Road for consideration at the next meeting.

261.3 ADDITIONAL GRIT BIN AT JUNCTION OF THACKERAY ROAD/PARK ROAD

RESOLVED: To investigate with NSC a possible siting for a bin on Thackeray Road for consideration at the next meeting.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/13/262 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE PROPOSED BUS SERVICE

Some concern that the residents using the 800 service may have found other methods of transport but if the service is good passengers will follow. Also concerns that the timetable may need to be adjusted around the other bus services available to maximise passenger numbers

RESOLVED: The Committee is generally disposed to the proposed new commercial bus service subject to a satisfactory full business plan with budget and cash flow forecast. Cllrs Hill and Giles-Townsend to discuss the business plan with Bristol Greyhound prior to consideration by a special meeting of the Transport & Highways Committee and ratification at full Council.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

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TH/13/263 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT MAINTENANCE REPORTS

No concerns raised by the Contractor.

TH/13/264 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Cllr Hill reported on a recent Management Committee meeting. NDCT still working hard. 3,500 Clevedon people used the service last year. Some concern about the low passenger numbers using services previously subsidised by NSC. Cllr Hill had requested a cash flow for 2014. NOTED.

TH/13/265 ADDITION OF NEW FOOTPATH TO DEFINITIVE MAP FOOTPATH LA 22/66 COPSE ROAD TO THE BEACH TH/12/247.1

The period of public consultation ends on 6 March 2013. NOTED.

TH/13/266 FOR INFORMATION – Available at the meeting;

- 266.1 NSC FLOODING AND DRAINAGE UPDATE DECEMBER 2012
- 266.2 LOCAL ACCESS FORUM ANNUAL REPORT AND TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL BUDDY LIST. Note: No buddy assigned to Clevedon Town Council.

TH/13/267 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 267.1 LINKING CLEVEDON WITH RAPID TRANSPORT LINK/FUTURE PORTISHEAD RAIL LINK
- 267.2 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT - REVIEW

TH/13/268 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- 268.1 BUS SHELTER OLD CHURCH ROAD – Installed the previous day.
- 268.2 STATION ROAD BOLLARD – PCSOs have asked traders in Station Road to ensure bollard is raised after deliveries. Councillors also asked to raise the barrier if it is down.

TH/12/269 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

There were no part 1 items.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

The meeting finished at 9.30 pm

CHAIRMAN:..... DATE:.....

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