

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Cllr J Geldart – Committee Chairman
 Cllrs J Cook, A Giles-Townsend, S Hale, J Norton-Sealey, G Watkins.
IN ATTENDANCE: Mr E J Sully, resident Yeolands Drive.

7.30 PM INFORMAL BUSINESS
CHANGE TO BUS SERVICE FOR CLEVEDON

Mr Sully raised concerns about the demise of the X8 bus service. This was an hourly service that included the Yeolands Drive area and provided a link to Nailsea and Backwell Station. This has been replaced by the A2 service with half the number of buses, no buses on Sunday and no evening service. There is now no regular bus service link with Backwell Station or indeed Yatton Station which only has 4 buses per day.

It was reported in the local press that Nailsea now has too many buses with complaints about buses running at night in residential areas whilst the Clevedon service has been cut, apart from the X6 direct service to Bristol. Mr Sully also highlighted the need for the re-introduction of a town service to enable the elderly and disabled in areas not served by a regular bus service to get into town, the health centre, hospital etc. He appreciated that this had failed in the past due to competition.

Members felt it was important for Clevedon to have a good bus service linked with the local train stations for those working out of Clevedon possibly on shifts. Also for visitors to the town to encourage them to travel to Clevedon by bus rather than car. The needs of elderly residents should also be considered. It was emphasised that the Town Council had not been consulted on the recent changes to the bus service.

7.45 PM FORMAL BUSINESS
TH/15/563 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs B Hatch and G Hill – out of Clevedon, D Shopland – another meeting. Mr P Yates-Round, Chairman of Gordano Greenway unable to attend due to a commitment in Glasgow.

TH/15/564 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr J Geldart declared a personal interest in items relating to St Nicholas Chantry School as she is a parent of children who attend the school.

TH/15/565 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 15th July 2015 were approved and signed.

TH/15/566 UPDATE ON CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2015/16

The information on the Committee Budget was NOTED.

With the permission of the Committee the item discussed under informal business would be considered first.

TH/15/567 CHANGE TO BUS SERVICE FOR CLEVEDON

RESOLVED: To arrange a meeting with a representative First Bus and NSC Public Transport to seek an explanation of the rationale behind the recent bus route changes and highlight the fact that there is dissatisfaction about the bus service for Clevedon.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/568 ST NICHOLAS CHANTRY SCHOOL TH/15/544

568.1 CHAPEL HILL SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL – The Committee Chairman reported that relocating the School Crossing Patrol (SCP) to Chapel Hill whilst Highdale Road was closed had encouraged more children to walk to school and the older children to walk to school on their own. Unfortunately NSC had confirmed that the SCP would revert to Highdale Road as three SCPs for the school could not be justified. Members were reminded that there had been a recent motoring accident at this junction. Previous pedestrian and vehicle assessments had been carried out by NSC 2-3 years ago and had not supported a pedestrian crossing, however the school has now increased its intake of children.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC; 1) For a re-assessment of pedestrian and vehicles movements at the junction with Highdale Avenue and Lower Linden Road; 2) For full costings for a SCP for one year to include training etc.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/569 PATH THROUGH FIR WOODS TH/15/545

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that there is a possibility of a grant from the Wessex Water Community Project budget. NSC had provided estimates of the work required to the path and had agreed to finance 25% of this work. The application had been drafted and was awaiting a supporting letter from the Head Teacher at St Nicholas Chantry Primary School. Members supported the application for a grant.

TH/15/570 ETTLINGEN WAY/NORTHERN WAY TH/15/530

570.1 PEDESTRIANS CROSSING ETTLINGEN WAY TO ACCESS ALDI – It was NOTED that there had been no reply from NSC.

RESOLVED: To ask for a Site Meeting with the NSC Highways Officer to ascertain the effect of ALDI opening on pedestrian and vehicle movements in this area.

570.2 REQUEST FROM PACT FOR A PEDESTRIAN LIGHTED CROSSING ADJACENT TO ALDI ON NORTHERN WAY – Deferred to the next meeting in view of 570.1 above.

570.3 PEDESTRIAN WARNING SIGNS FOR CROSSING POINT AT TOP OF NORTH BOUND OFF SLIP AT JUNCTION 20 M5 – A letter had been written to the Highways England Engineer who is looking into a potential scheme at this location. At present there is currently no funding to undertake the scheme.

RESOLVED: To follow this up with Highways England and highlight the need for vegetation to be cut back at the junction 20 roundabout, slip roads and Ettligen Way.

570.4 CLEVEDON TOWN SIGN – It was noted that NSC had agreed to the Town Council's suggested re-location site - Moor Lane roundabout.

RESOLVED: To enquire when this work is scheduled to be carried out.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/571 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM MARY ELTON SCHOOL FOR A CROSSING ON STRODE ROAD

Members noted the report of Site Meeting. NSC had indicated that the traffic and pedestrian survey would be carried out at the end of September.

TH/15/572 CLEVEDON CAR PARKS TH/15/550

Cllr Ap Rees had replied that NSC had no plans to dispose of car parks in Clevedon. He did indicate however that Civil Parking Enforcement is likely to be introduced within the next 18 months. NOTED.

TH/15/573 CHARGING STRUCTURE SEAFRONT CAR PARKS TH/15/527

NSC had replied confirming that the signage on the pay meters at the seafront car parks now included 'no other hours can be purchased' to reinforce the fact that only 1 hour and 4 hourly charges apply. NOTED.

TH/15/574 BUS SHELTER ADVERTISING ON TOWN COUNCIL BUS SHELTERS

The report of the meeting with NSC Officers and the NSC report outlining the proposal to offer commercial advertising at the 20 bus shelters owned by the Town Council had been circulated to all Town Councillors. The proposal is as follows;

- CTC to receive £100 per bus stop per advertising period (normally 1 year)
- CTC to be consulted regarding any prospective businesses that wish to purchase advertising space.
- CTC given first refusal for the advertising of any local events/attractions.
- Vandalism and replacement of advertisements to be covered by NSC.
- CTC to continue the maintenance and cleaning of shelters.

It was noted that most of the 20 bus shelters owned by CTC were in prominent sites of interest to advertisers. Concerns raised by Members included; whether advertising may attract more graffiti and vandalism as the shelters are currently in good condition; whether it would be possible to negotiate a better rate as £100 for 1 year of advertising seemed low; queries as to how bus service users may react to shelter windows covered in advertising. It was appreciated that the revenue from advertising could offset some of the maintenance costs.

RESOLVED: Prior to making a recommendation to full Council to ask NSC to negotiate increased advertising charges on these prominent Clevedon sites.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/575 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT - MONTHLY REPORTS

There were no concerns raised by the Contractor. NOTED.

TH/15/576 WHITE LINING IN THE TOWN

The list of lines requiring attention had been forwarded to NSC and some lining work had been carried out.

RESOLVED: Committee Chairman to visit the sites listed and check what work was complete and report back.

ACTION: Cllr J Geldart

TH/15/577 TRAFFIC PROBLEMS – THE LEYS

A resident from The Leys had written to the NSC Councillor for Yeo Ward copy to the Town Council highlighting an ever increasing amount of traffic using The Leys to access Yeolands Drive from Southern Way, via Ashley Road, often at speed. There had been no comments from the Councillor. The letter asked that CTC recommend NSC investigate traffic volumes and speeds on this narrow residential road. The possibility of build outs or reinstated bollards adjacent to Lavington Close were put forward. The Committee Chairman had visited The Leys and spoken to the resident however the temporary traffic lights on Southern Way created some

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additional traffic at present. Members generally felt that it took longer to go around Ashley Road and The Leys to Yeolands Drive than direct from Southern Way.

RESOLVED: To defer consideration until the work to renew the gas mains in this area is complete and a more realistic assessment of traffic movements can be made. The Committee Chairman to contact the resident. **ACTION: Cllr J Geldart**

TH/15/578 COASTAL FOOTPATH – CLEVEDON – WESTON SUPER MARE

No Councillors present had any information on progress with this footpath.

TH/15/579 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT Cllr Hill had provided a copy of the financial statements up to 31 March 2015, available at the meeting.

RESOLVED: To invite representatives from NDCT to the next meeting of the Committee prior to consideration of any grant application for 2016/2017.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/580 GORDANO GREENWAY PROJECT STEERING GROUP

RESOLVED: To invite Mr P Yates-Round to the next meeting of the Committee as he had been unable to attend.

TH/15/581 ORDER FOR STOPPING UP HIGHWAY OFF STRODE ROAD AT BYWAYS CARAVAN PARK

The information was noted.

TH/15/582 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

582.1 MICRO ASPHALT SURFACING WORKS 2015 – Works to the following roads to be carried out in October: Madeira Road; West Croft; Pyne Point.

582.2 RESURFACING WORKS 2015 – Elton Road from Sixways roundabout to junction with The Beach.

TH/15/583 TO DETERMINE PART I ITEMS

There were no Part I items.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD *The meeting finished at 8.50 pm*

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