

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE COMMITTEE
ZOOM MEETING DUE TO COVID-19, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2020 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr N. Barton
 Councillors; A. Everitt, A. Goodliffe, G. Hill, K. O'Brien, D. Shopland, H. Young
 In attendance: Cllr T. Morgan, J. West,
 Ms Paula Heath Town Clerk

TH 20/1055 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Cllr R. Westwood (illness)

TH 20/1056 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

TH 20/1057 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 12th February, that will be ratified at the next Council meeting on the 8th July 2020, were approved and agreed that they will be signed by the Chairman as a true record, when Covid-19 regulations allow.

TH 20/1058 RECEIVE THE COMMITTEE BUDGETS/ACTUALS FOR 2020/2021

Members noted the budget/actual figures for 2020/2021 as circulated with the agenda.

TH 20/1059 RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON THE PARKING REVIEW FOLLOWING THE LETTER OF OBJECTION SENT BY CLLR FRANCIS-PESTER

20/1059.1 Parking Review

The Town Clerk reported that there had been no acknowledgement or response from Cllr Canniford. It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk would write to Cllr Canniford and request a response and update.

20/1059.2 Social distancing measures

With the agreement of the Committee the email from NSC in respect of social distance management which had been circulated to all members on the 9th June was discussed.

Triangle – the Town Clerk shared her screen which showed the proposal. To block access, apart from deliveries and cyclist, to the section of Old Church Road one-way system between Queen Road/Lower Queen Road and junction with Station Road/Marson Road. There is a mention on the scheme for a gate at Queens Road end, concern was expressed as to the management of the gate considering the problems experienced by the Bollard in Station Road. Members **AGREED** to support, by 5 votes to 1, the proposals by NSC to enable social distancing in the Old Church Road/triangle area.

Hill Road – members discussed at length the proposals which would see the removal of a large percentage of the parking on the north east side of Hill Road. Concern was expressed over the need for parking against the need for space on the footpaths. The proposals had been agreed by Clevedon BID. Members appreciated that NSC would keep this under review but having heard comments from Councillors who frequent Hill Road it was felt that the current arrangements were working without the need for additional footpaths. The Town Clerk explained under a duty of care NSC could not encourage a system that brought vehicles and pedestrians into direct conflict by the reliance on people walking in the road to keep the 2-meter distance.

Proposed, seconded, and **AGREED** to reject by 5 votes to 1, the proposals by NSC and asked that this be kept under review.

TH 20/1060 DISCUSS CYCLE PATHS AND CYCLE WAYS IN CLEVEDON AND AS CONNECTION ROUTES FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH NSC; TO DISCUSS THE CYCLE FORUM; ALSO CONSIDER PROPOSALS TO NSC FOR INCREASING CYCLE AND FOOTPATHS IN CLEVEDON.

Members noted the work and additional funding being supplied to NSC to improve the cycling and walking around the district. Concern was expressed that many of the footpaths, due to neglect and failure to clear adjacent weeds and brambles, had become narrow preventing the required 2-meter distance to be kept. Also, many were unlit and had sharp blind corners. It had been noted that more people had started cycling during the current situation which should be encourage and creating suitable cycle paths should remain a high priority. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would send members the links to the NSC Cycle map and the Cycling and Walking map produced in conjunction with Transition Clevedon.

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Members felt that the Climate Change Working Groups should look at cycling in Clevedon and the improvement of cycle ways. It was also noted that many of the cyclist were unaware of the highway code, and that possible some form of signage or education would be appropriate. Members were informed that there used to be a by-law preventing cycling on the seafront. It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk write to NSC to support upgrades to the cycle paths and to reiterate the Council's earlier request for the footpaths to be cleared and maintained.

TH 20/1061 DISCUSS ANY REQUESTS FROM COUNCILLORS FOR REPAIRS /AMENDMENTS OR NEW ROUTES IN THEIR WARDS IN RESPONSE TO NSC RIGHTS OF WAY REVIEW.

The email from NSC was circulated to all members on 18th May 2020. Only one ward details have been received. It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk reissue the details to all Councillors with details of the definitive map held by NSC with a request to respond by 30th June 2020 so that the list can be agreed by Council on 8th July 2020.

Councillors requested that the underpasses be cleared and maintained on a quarterly basis.

TH 20/1062 DISCUSS PROPOSALS RAISED IN CENTRAL CLEVEDON MEETING HELD ON 27TH MAY IN REFERENCE TO GT WESTERN ROAD.

Members had noted the comments made by Wessex Investment at the special planning meeting held on 28th May 2020 to undertake work on the entrance/exit to the development and the proposal to reduce the width of Gt Western Road. There was some concern expressed as this is a major route from the motorway to the seafront via the town centre. The down grading of the road and reduced width could force more people to go via the internal bypass and thereby avoiding the town centre which would be contrary to the wishes of Clevedon Bid and the Town Council to revitalise the Town Centre. It was felt that a holistic plan for the traffic flow and traffic management of the town should be created. It was proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to arrange a zoom meeting with relevant officers from NSC, to discuss the proposition of the creation of a master plan for traffic flow and traffic management, before opening it up for wider consultation; All town councillors be invited to attend.

Cllr J. West left the meeting at 8.40pm

TH 20/1063 RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR BARTON ON WEC TRANSPORT PLANS.
(NOTE NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL IS NOT PART OF WECA)

Cllr Barton spoke on the plans for WECA in respect of transport in the area. WECA will have the regional budget covering buses, roads, and rail. North Somerset Council is not a member of WECA although the leader does attend and speak where proposals relate to facilities adjacent to North Somerset. The Chairman agreed to circulate the minutes of the meetings for members information

TH 20/1064 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT - MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT

There were no issues to report from the monthly bus maintenance. The Town Clerk reported that the contract was continuing during lockdown.

TH 20/1065 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Several Councillors asked for items to be raised under chairman's items.

20/1065.1 Linden Road

Cllr Francis Pester brought to the Committees attention the state of Linden Road, which has pothole and subsidence that is causing the crown of the road to rise to the possible danger to low chassis vehicles. It was **AGREED** to ask Councillors to submit a report on the state of the roads in their wards, with photographs if possible, for the next meeting and to be forwarded to NSC.

20/1065.2 Southern Way

Cllr Westwood asked that the Committee investigate the restricting of southern way to 30mph. Members explained that the current speed limit of 30pmh was not enforced and there is no regular reminder signposts for drivers although the presence of street lights as defined under Road Traffic Act 1984 section 81.1 means that it is unlawful for a person to drive a motor vehicle on a restricted road at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour.

20/1065.3 Green Matting on Sea Front

Cllr Morgan brought to members attention to a report on Social Media that a gentleman had fallen on the new matting put down by NSC to enable people to walk on the grassed area without damaging the grass and the underlying surface. It was understood that it had been raining at the time the gentleman had slipped. There was concern that the matting was a trip hazard. The matting had been laid under emergency measures and the Town Council informed 2 days before the work commenced, to create a wider area for people to pass on the promenade abiding by the 2-meter rule. Proposed, seconded, and **AGREED** by 4 votes to 0 to contact NSC and ask them to remove the matting

TH 20/1066 TO DETERMINE PART I ITEMS

There were no part 1 items.

The meeting finished at 8.58pm

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