

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2011

PRESENT: Cllr T Morgan – Committee Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs J Geldart, P McNeill, J Middleton, N Pennycott, D Shopland,
 A Withers, Mrs I Johnson - Deputy Town Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs C Blades, G Hill,
 Mr E Holdsworth Transition Clevedon Transport Group Informal
 business

7.30 PM INFORMAL BUSINESS - USE OF THE SPINE PATHS IN CLEVEDON

Mr Eric Holdsworth addressed the meeting. He reminded Members of the aims of Transition Clevedon – to build a confident, thriving and self reliant economy to meet the challenges of climate change and the end of cheap oil. The Transport Group propose to publicise and increase use, by both pedestrians and cyclists, of the spine paths mainly in the residential areas of lower Clevedon. These paths are wide (9 feet, 2.77m) tarmacked and well lit. The minimum width requirement for multi use paths is 2.5m.

The benefits of more people using the paths would be to reduce the amount of traffic on roads and reduce CO2 and other pollutants and make the footpaths appear safer. For school children the paths provide a safer route to schools with the added benefits to health and fitness.

Mr Holdsworth provided a map showing the spine paths. He hoped to produce a map to publicise the paths. The Group had also photographed all the paths shown on the map and had made suggestions to improve signage and the provision of dropped kerbs. This information had been provided to NSC Sustainable Transport and School Transport Officers who are putting the project forward for consideration for funding in next year's Local Transport Plan. Maximum cost £15,000. Mr Holdsworth asked for Clevedon Town Council to support this proposal by writing to Councillor Ap Rees, Executive Member for Strategic Planning, Highways, Economic Development and Housing.

Members raised the following queries to which Mr Holdsworth responded (in italics);

- Vulnerability of people using paths that are bordered with high fences and not open in particular the Kennaway Path. *Most are well lit and the more people who make use of these paths the safer they will become.*
- Safety of dual use paths. *There is a need to educate users. In Europe multi use paths are well used despite being narrower.*
- Possible use of the footpath around the ring road. *All paths should be promoted people will use the paths appropriate to them.*
- Previous anti-social behaviour particularly in underpasses. *Need to deal with the behaviour rather than close underpasses.*
- Concern that there would be many bids for funding under the Local Transport Plan Mr Holdsworth was asked what would be his priorities for this scheme. *Signage and a simple map.*

7.30 PM FORMAL BUSINESS

TH/11/108 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

TH/11/109 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Withers declared a personal interest in Station Road Bollard Min TH/11/119.1 as he is a member of Clevedon Pride.

Cllr D Shopland declared a personal interest in Teignmouth Road – Pedestrian Improvements min TH11/114.6.2 as he resides in Teignmouth Road.

TH/11/110 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting held on 21 September 2011 were approved and signed.

TH/11/111 UPDATE ON ACTIONS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**111.1 MISUSE OF FOOTPATHS TH/11/94.2 & INFORMAL BUSINESS**

Mr Jason Cox, NSC Manager of Strawberry Hill Woods had confirmed that the gate is now with the NSC Contractor and will be fitted very soon. NOTED.

PART 2

TH/11/112 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE**USE OF SPINE PATHS IN CLEVEDON**

A Member queried whether the paths could be marked to divide pedestrians and cyclists. It was felt this would be too costly at present. It was envisaged the signage would indicate dual use of the paths. Concern was also expressed about the dual use of the seafront promenade.

It was agreed the promotion of the spine paths should be supported. However the repair/replacement of existing signs should be funded from NSC maintenance budgets. The possibility of separate funds for disabled access in respect of the dropped kerbs could perhaps be investigated by NSC for the future.

RESOLVED: To write a letter of support for this project to NSC in particular the additional signage and promotion of the spine paths in lower Clevedon.

TH/11/113 INFORMATION AND UPDATE ON COMMITTEE BUDGET 2011/12

Members noted the financial papers, which had been circulated with the agenda.

TH/11/114 COMMITTEE BUDGET 2012/13**114.1.1 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT REQUEST FOR £10,500**

It was noted NDCT provide four door to door shopping runs in Clevedon each week, many individual Dial A Ride journeys plus a varied programme of trips and outings.

RESOLVED: To allocate £8,000 to NDCT for 2012/13 (the same as 2011/12).

114.2 BUS SHELTER CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

RESOLVED: To allocate £4,000 (a reduction of £1,000 from 2011/12)

114.3 BUS SHELTER REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: To allocate £4,000 the cost of one bus shelter. It would be possible to via this sum to other urgent items of expenditure if it is not required for a bus shelter in 2012/13.

114.4 CLEVEDON SUPPORTED BUS SERVICES TH/11/94.1

NSC had no clear idea of what if any cuts would be made to supported bus services. Results of the public consultation survey were also still awaited. It was generally felt the Town Council could not wholly fund one of the supported bus services.

RESOLVED: To allocate £4,000 to support the town bus service if required but only on terms acceptable to Clevedon Town Council.

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114.5 GRIT BINS

RESOLVED: To allocate £450 (the cost of three grit bins @ £150 each)

114.6 **CONTINGENCY SUM TO SUPPORT HIGHWAY WORK PROJECTS**

114.6.1 STRODE ROAD SAFER CROSSING TO MARY ELTON SCHOOL TH/11/07

It was noted that this area does not meet the requirements to provide a School Crossing Patrol. Members felt they could not justify the expenditure of a significant part of £20,000 towards this project. VOTE:6 AGAINST 2 FOR

RESOLVED: Not to support this project in the financial year 2012/13.

114.6.2 HOLLY LANE PROPOSAL FOR A CLEARWAY OR OFF STREET PARKING TH/11/95

RESOLVED: Not to progress a car park off Holly Lane however to discuss alternative traffic restrictions at the next meeting of the Committee.

114.6.3 TEIGNMOUTH ROAD – PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS TH/11/100

RESOLVED: To reiterate the previous resolution of the Committee ‘not to support this proposal for Teignmouth Road’ as Members do not feel this scheme is a high priority.

114.6.4 CLEVEDON TOWN CENTRE PROPOSAL FOR 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT TH/11/97

The reply from NSC indicated that there had been only one personal injury accident recorded in the central area of the town in the last three years with six personal injury accidents over the last 5 years, five of which involved a pedestrian. NSC would support the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in the town centre provided it is funded by the Town Council. A ballpark figure from the Highways Officer for this work is £25,000.

RESOLVED: Not to progress a 20 mph speed limit for Clevedon town centre as it would be difficult to enforce without traffic calming measures.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND to the Finance & General Policy Committee the following Budget for the Transport & Highways Committee for 2012/2013;

	£
Nailsea & District Community Transport	8,000
Bus Shelter Clean & Maintenance Contract	4,000
Bus Shelter Replacement Programme	4,000
Contingency sum for the in town bus service	4,000
Grit Bins	450
Contingency sum to support possible highways works projects	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL	£ <u>25,450</u>

TH/11/115 GRIT BINS

Requests for Grit bins in the following roads;

115.1 JUNCTION OF WALTON ROAD/CONYGAR CLOSE

A grit bin had been removed by NSC from this junction as Walton Road B3124 is on the salting route. The Committee had previously not agreed to a request for a grit bin in this location however many residents from the road had contacted the office requesting a grit bin.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC to reconsider their decision to remove the grit bin at this junction. The grit bin to be funded from the Transport & Highways Committee for 2011/12. Cost £150.

TH/11/115 GRIT BINS continued...**115.2 KINGS ROAD**

This road from the junction with Robin Lane to Dial Hill Road is not salted and has an incline which is difficult in bad weather.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC to agree a location for a grit bin in this area. The grit bin to be funded from the Transport & Highways Committee for 2011/12. Cost £150.

TH/11/116 KENN ROAD BUS STOP OUTSIDE CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Following the relocation of the bus stop on Kenn Road outside the Conservative Club there has been a request for a litter bin outside Paceprint as this area has to be cleared of litter daily by Paceprint employees NSC is investigating siting a litter bin at this location.

TH/11/117 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT REPORTS SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2011

The reports were received. No concerns raised by the Contractor.

TH/11/118 REPLACEMENT BUS SHELTER IN HOLLY LANE TH/11/71

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that installation of the shelter is scheduled for mid December 2011. NOTED.

TH/11/119 FOR INFORMATION

To receive and note the following items available at the meeting;

119.1 STATION ROAD BOLLARD TH/11/70 The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the type of bollard previously quoted for is no longer manufactured. NSC is trying to obtain details of another similar bollard.

RESOLVED: The NSC Councillor for Central Ward would follow this item up with NSC as the project was not progressing as quickly as had been anticipated.

119.2 COMMUNITY PAYBACK PROJECTS TH/11/84 – Deputy Town Clerk reported that three dates had been arranged for the clearance work at the Town Council land off Highdale Avenue but for various reasons no work had commenced on site. NOTED.

119.3 FORMAL NOTICES RE ROAD CLOSURES AND TEMPORARY SPEED LIMITS IN THE AREA received from NSC.

119.4 NORTH SOMERSET LOCAL ACCESS FORUM – Agenda for last meeting held in October and minutes of meeting held on 19 July 2011. Attention was drawn to discussions on the Clevedon to Yatton link.

TH/11/120 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman items for information only.

TH/11/121 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

There were no part 1 items.

The meeting finished at 9.05 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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

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