

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2020 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr N. Barton
 Councillors; A. Everitt, J. Geldart, A. Goodliffe, G. Hill, D. Shopland.
 In attendance: Cllr C. Francis-Pester, T. Morgan, J. West, R. Westwood
 Ms Paula Heath Town Clerk

TH 20/1043 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Cllr H. Young (family commitment)

TH 20/1044 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

TH 20/1045 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 4th December 2019 and ratified by Council on 29th January 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

TH 20/1046 RECEIVE THE COMMITTEE BUDGETS/ACTUALS FOR 2019/2020

Members noted the budget/actual figures for 2019/2020 as circulated with the agenda.

TH 20/1047 RECEIVE DISCUSS THE PROPOSED PARKING REVIEW CONSULTATION AND
AGREE MECHANISM FOR CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL TO MAKE A FORMAL
RESPONSE.

Cllr Francis -Pester gave a brief explanation of the history of the review and consultation on the parking report to NSC Executive on the 7th January, as well as the email conversations between Town Councillors, District Councillors of Clevedon and the relevant Councillors in NSC who are leading on this issue. Following approaches by Councillors across the district, NSC are now going out for consultation but have not specified what the consultation will be on, who will be consulted, how the consultation will run and within what timescales. Members discussed the original report and subsequent contradictory emails and expressed immense concern that parking charges will be imposed on the Town without due process and to the detriment of the residents, and the economic viability of the business in the affected areas. members also noted that one of the main car parks in the Town is under private ownership and is currently free with a 3-hour limit concern was expressed as to what impact charges would have on this car park. There was no clarity from NSC whether the original timescales in the document that looked at implementing phase 1 from 1st April 2020 and on-street charges from October 2020. Members also raised concern at the lack of coordination within the transport strategy which penalised car drivers without putting, as a high priority, public and alternative transport methods to enable the priorities highlighted in the NSC Corporate Plan for the restriction of cars in the town centre to be effective.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** that Clevedon Town Council formally objects to the proposals laid out in the report to the executive on 7th January; That Cllr Francis-Pester on behalf of Clevedon Town Council drafts the letter of objection, which will be circulated and agreed prior to the Town Clerk sending the letter.

Members thanked Cllr Francis-Pester for his hard work in collating the information and responses.

Cllr C. Francis-Pester, & Cllr J. West left the meeting.

TH 20/1048 DISCUSS CYCLE PATHS AND CYCLE WAYS IN CLEVEDON AND AS CONNECTION ROUTES FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH NSC BY CLLR EVERITT & CLLR BARTON. [19/1036]

Cllr Everitt and Cllr Barton explained they had met with the officer at NSC responsible for the district cycleways. There are plans for new cycle ways with a possibility of funding, although there are no plans to create a separate cycleway from the pier to Salthouse fields. Members commented that the southern part of the town had been created with cycle paths but unfortunately these had not been maintained. Members were pleased to hear that the Clevedon to Weston cycle path had been given the required funding and it was hoped to begin within the next financial year. It had been suggested and accepted by NSC to plant trees along the route, although the experiences of Milton Keynes and Bristol were cited where there had been an increase in antisocial behaviour and crime associated with the cycle paths which had been hidden by trees and underpasses out of view. Members noted that the map created by Transition Clevedon needs to be updated and reissued. Details of a new consultation had been circulated to all T & H Committee member would be circulated to all councillors with a request to send their comments and responses to the office by 10th March for a collated response to be made by 15th March 2020.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED**, That Clevedon Town Council writes to NSC to request an upgrade and improved maintenance of the current cycle paths in Clevedon; Also to provide an up to date map of all cycle and footpaths on the lines of the one produced with transition Clevedon.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** that Clevedon Town Council through the Transport & Highways Committee respond to the consultations being run by NSC on cycling, walking and bus.

TH 20/1049 DISCUSS AND AGREE IF FURTHER INVESTIGATION OR ACTION REQUIRED IN RESPECT OF EMPLOYMENT OF 2 STREET CLEANERS. [19/1037]

Members discussed the proposal to direct employ cleaners or street orderlies. Concern was expressed that this would be a double taxation on Clevedon residents as the cleaning of road, pavements was part of the NSC waste management contract. Members are concerned about the state of the streets and the amount of litter, partly due to lack of bins since NSC removed them and partly due to the lack of service provision.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** that Clevedon Town Council would not pursue the direct employment of street cleaners.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** that investigations would be made with NSC as to the cost and ability to buy in additional services from NSC contractors for street cleaning.

TH 20/1050 RECEIVE PROVISIONAL COSTS AND THE PROPOSAL BY NSC RE HIGHDALE ROAD AND DECIDE ON ANY CONSULTATION NEEDED IN RESPECT OF RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

Members had been circulated the plans for a traffic calming scheme on Highdale Road, concern had been expressed by residents for many years. Some residents had commented that any traffic calming measure should not impinge on their access to their properties. It was agreed to arrange a site meeting of the committee and to invite all those residents affected to discuss the proposals

TH 20/1051 RECEIVE REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS RE ISSUES IN THEIR LOCALITY

All Saints Lane – request reinstate right hand turn into Old Street.

A resident had contacted the council concerning traffic in All Saints Lane, part would be resolved with the calming measures proposed for Walton Road. The second point raised was to allow a right turn from All Saints Lane into Old Street adjacent to Northern Way/Old Street & Tickenham road roundabout. Members were concerned but requested that the Highways team at NSC be contacted to discuss the viability of removing the “no right turn” sign.

Southern Way – request for yellow lines opposite Saltings Close

Members discussed the communication from the resident it was proposed the resident be requested to apply for a white line to be put across his driveway to prevent parking and to review this when the next road marking review was conducted.

TH 20/1052 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT - MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT

There were no issues to report from the monthly bus maintenance

TH 20/1053 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no Chairman’s items for information

TH 20/1054 TO DETERMINE PART I ITEMS

There were no part 1 items.

The meeting finished at 9.05pm

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