

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE**  
**COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**PRESENT:** Cllr G. Watkins – Committee Chairman  
 Cllrs N. Barton, J. Geldart, S. Hale, C. Starr.  
**In Attendance** Ms Paula Heath Town Clerk  
 4 Members of the Public

**Public Session**

4 members of the Clevedon Environment Forum spoke on the proposed enhancement and extension of the Strawberry Line from Yatton Station to Clevedon. They spoke on the health and recreation benefits, the effect on the transport system between Clevedon & Yatton and the positive outcomes for the economics of Clevedon. Members questioned the representatives. In response the Members were informed that the Forum would be formal entity with a structure, minutes and constitution realising the need in order to access funding for outside bodies. The Forum was in discussions with Sustrans and North Somerset Council as well as the Parish and Town Councils along the route.

**TH 18/882 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs A. Giles-Townsend, G. Hill, J. Norton-Sealey.

*With the committee's agreement the chairman moved agenda item 9 – The Strawberry Line to be discussed next.*

**FGP 18/883 RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE STRAWBERRY LINE AND FUTURE EXPANSIONS FOLLOWING THE MEETING ON JUNE 4TH.**

Members noted the comments made in the public session. The Chairman explained that he and Cllr West had attended the public meeting and he had followed up with conversations with NSC. There had been negativity expressed to the scheme by some of the landowners effected by the enhancement. NSC had explained that the next stage was to have a full survey of the area and proposed routes but NSC had stated that they have no budget available to undertake this important work. It was explained that the Highways Agency would be asked to investigate a tunnel under the M5 as opposed to a bridge. A councillor stated that there was a footpath under the M5 but it was not large enough for a bike. Members hoped that the English Coastal Path would complement the Strawberry Line when they joined in Clevedon.

Proposed, Seconded and **AGREED** that Clevedon Town Council Transport & Highways Committee supported the work to enhance and extend the Strawberry line to Clevedon.

*The Members of the public left and the meeting returned to the original agenda order.*

**FGP 18/884 ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2018/2019**

Cllr A. Giles Townsend nominated by Cllr Watkins, seconded by Cllr Geldart  
 Cllr N. Barton nominated by Cllr Hale, seconded by Cllr Starr  
 Following a vote Cllr Barton was elected as Vice Chairman on a vote of 3 to 2

**TH 18/885 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda other than Cllr Geldart who declare a personal interest in agenda item 11 as a user of the school crossing patrol.

**TH 18/886 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and ratified by Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**TH 18/887 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and ratified by Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**TH 18/888 RECEIVE THE COMMITTEE BUDGETS/ACTUALS FOR 2018/2019**

Members received and noted the budget spreadsheet that had been circulated with the agenda.

**FGP 18/889 RECEIVE REQUEST FROM PACT FOR CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL TO FACILITATE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF 21 BENCHES AT BUS STOPS.**

Members noted the request from PACT which was an extension of the scheme to install a bench at Cambridge Road. Following a discussion Members **AGREED** the facilitation of the purchase provided that it did not have a major impact on the office work load.

**FGP 18/890 DISCUSS REQUESTING TIME RESTRICTIONS ON CLEVEDON SEAFRONT, THE BEACH; AND TO DISCUSS THE PLACING OF SIZE LIMITATION ON THOSE PARKING BAYS.**

Members discussed at length whether it would be beneficial to place parking restrictions along 'the Beach' seafront and what type of restrictions could be imposed. It was noted that the restrictions being enforced in the Hill Road area was having a knock-on effect of driving long term parking into the surrounding roads; any restrictions on the Beach Road would have similar effects. Although members appreciated the frustration some visitors express at not being able to find a parking slot it was not felt that introducing restrictions would elevate this. Another concern raised was in respect of commercial vehicles using the parking area many of which are longer than the average family car causing a physical and visual obstruction. Apart from placing a weight or length restriction which would be difficult to enforce there was little the Council could do to solve this issue. It was noted that much of the evidence was anecdotal, members discussed undertaking a survey to establish if it was a real or perceived problem; it was agreed that neither the office nor the Councillors had the time to undertake this work. Members noted that this was an exceptional summer in regard to the weather which had increased visitor numbers.

Members **AGREED** to monitor the situation and if any Councillor wished to undertake the survey of the number and length of stay of the vehicles on Beach Road they could contact the Chairman or the Office.

**FGP 18/891 DISCUSS THE ENGLISH COASTAL PATH TIMETABLE AND PLANS FOR CLEVEDON TO PORTISHEAD & CLEVEDON TO WESTON.**

Members were informed that English Heritage were holding a meeting at Castlewood on the following day; the Chairman and Town Clerk had been invited to attend.

**FGP 18/892 RECEIVE UPDATE ON SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OLD STREET – CLLR WATKINS**

Members noted that the current funding ends March 2019 and that further funding would have to be found to continue this important service beyond that date.

**FGP 18/893 RECEIVE AND NOTE/AGREE ACTION CORRESPONDENCE FROM RESIDENTS IN RESPECT OF CLEVEDON HIGHWAYS**

Following on from the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May letters had been sent Unfortunately no responses had been received from the Police and First Bus; the Town Clerk would chase. It was **AGREED** that resident's letters would in future be passed to the Ward Councillors for action.

**FGP 18/894 RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS LETTER RE LONG AVENUE ANTI YELLOW LINE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE**

Members noted the formal complaint to the Information Commissioner; the Council are awaiting the appointment of a case officer; future action on this would be reported to the Council.

**FGP 18895/ RECEIVE, IF ANY, UPDATE ON ADOPTED SECTION OF OLD PARK ROAD**

Members were informed that the potholes in the adopted section had been filled. It was **AGREED** to monitor the timetable for the resurfacing of the road.

**FGP 18/896 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT - MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT.**

Junes report had not yet been received but there had been no issues report verbally

**FGP 18/897 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.**

There were no Chairman's items for information

**FGP 18/898 DETERMINE PART I ITEMS**

There were no Part 1 items

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm

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