

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on
26 October 2010 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.**

Present: Cllrs. L. Gray (in the Chair)
E. Gordon J.P
P. Cottrell
A. Alsop
J. Thomas
B. Hopkinson
M. Grotzke

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Woodley.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chairman stated that Councillors must declare their interest under the Model Code of Conduct in any matter to be discussed, either at the beginning of the meeting or when it is raised during the meeting.

Cllr. Hopkinson stated that, as a member of DC West, he could make comments but not express an opinion on any planning application.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 28 September were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) It was noted that confirmation was awaited that the Community Centre would be available on Tuesday 4th or Wednesday 5th January to hold a Civic Reception to include presentation of the Alderman Scott Awards.
- b) The Committee noted with interest the report of the Severn Estuary Conference which had been attended by Cllrs. Thomas and Grotzke.

- c) Chelford Grove: It was agreed that the Council should send a letter to shopkeepers and residents calling a meeting to discuss proposed improvements to the shopping area with this committee. It was also agreed that attention should be drawn to the fact that accidents by members of the public on the private forecourts would be the responsibility of the shop keepers not of South Gloucestershire Council.

5. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) Patchway Safer & Stronger Meeting

This group had met the previous week in Stoke Lodge and a number of highway issues had been raised. Complaints had been made at the condition of many of the minor roads which were concrete construction overlaid with tarmac. Cllr. Hopkinson had agreed to find out from SGC officers when repairs were due to be carried out. Standish Avenue was reported to be in particularly poor condition. Other suggestions had been made for Chelford Grove shops including more signs, better lighting, planters and more space in the notice board for Council information.

Concern had been expressed at the speed of traffic on Stoke Lane and it was agreed to ask SGC if a 30mph flashing speed warning could be located there.

Councillors who had attended the meeting reported that opinion had been divided on whether the junction of Shellmor Avenue and the A38 should be closed to traffic from the A38. It was noted that the Town Council had obtained a quotation from W. Reed for carrying out this work in the sum of £7,407 and this information would be passed on to SGC.

b) Rodway Road

The Committee hoped that as part of upgrading Rodway Road for the construction of the children's hub and library, other improvements could be made.

The Committee noted that a quotation had also been obtained from W. Reed for the works to remove the delivery bay outside the former bakery and replace it with additional echelon parking bays for the sum of £4,720. This information would be passed on to SGC.

There was a discussion on the possibility of using the built-out pavements on the shop side of Rodway Road for the benches, noticeboards and spring animals which had been removed for the demolition of the library. Advice would be obtained from SGC.

c) Bus Shelters

The Clerk had reported to SGC faults with the real-time system and the lack of timetables in some of the bus shelters as reported by Cllr. Gordon. The Clerk

was asked to check the condition of other shelters.

The Committee noted that the damaged shelter in Stoke Lane would shortly be replaced and that the cost would be covered by the Council's insurance company except for the excess on the policy.

6. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Councillors viewed new lighting panels which had been purchased for the Roundabout to replace those which were broken and noted that the cost was £50 per panel due to stock clearance. It was agreed to order 4 more panels to be fixed to the lamp posts on the A38 by the Callicroft Road shops.

7. PLAY EQUIPMENT AT PATCHWAY COMMON

This item was raised for discussion, with the agreement of Cllr. Grotzke, because the Parks & Open Spaces Committee would not be meeting until the end of November.

A second quotation had been received, after much delay, to install the equipment donated by Burger King in the field by the Patchway Common Pavilion and the Committee noted that this covered the following items: take down bow-top fence round play area for re-use; remove existing equipment for scrap; assemble new equipment stored at allotment site; concrete in equipment; re-use old fence round new play area. The quotation was for the sum of £2,850 and it was unanimously agreed to accept this price. The contractor had stated that he would carry out the work in four weeks, weather permitting.

It was noted that the Council's groundstaff would create a boarded surround to be filled with play bark round the equipment and would protect the site with temporary barriers during construction. It was also noted that it would be necessary to purchase an additional length of bow-top fencing to complete fencing of the new play area.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee made no objection to the following planning applications:

Patchway Public Library	Variation of conditions attached
3 Dyrham Parade	Amendment to front extension to add gable end instead of hip ended roof

The Committee noted that the following applications had been granted by SGC:

10 Amberley Road	Single storey front extension and porch
10 Bevington Walk	Rear conservatory
4 Painswick Avenue	Front & rear dormers for loft conversion
53 Pretoria Road	First floor side and rear extensions
Kwik Fit, 59 Gloucester Road	Single storey side extension for MOT testing bay and reception area
10 Bourton Close	Single storey canopy in rear garden and pitched roof over existing single storey rear extension

9. OTHER MATTERS

A38 improvements

The Clerk was asked to check whether SGC had additional works outstanding to the levels of the pavements outside the shops at the bottom of Callicroft Road.

Speed limit on A38

The Clerk was asked to speak to SGC about the continued 30mph speed limit on the approach to Patchway from the Filton direction which started before the flyover.

Merlin Housing

Cllr. Grotzke reported that residents were very dissatisfied with the service on removal of rubbish offered by Merlin. He had recently asked the Town Council to remove a fireplace which had been left outside a property for two years despite many requests to Merlin to remove it. The Committee agreed that a meeting should be arranged with a Merlin officer and representatives of the Council to discuss the situation.

Waterside Drive

A letter had been received from a resident asking if parking could be controlled in Waterside Drive to give residents an opportunity to park there to walk on The Tumps. At present both sides of the road were taken up with workers from Aztec West parking throughout the working week. The Committee noted that there was a scheme for restricted parking when the bus lane was created through Waterside Drive and asked the Clerk to enquire into the progress of this scheme and to reply appropriately to the resident.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 23 November at 7.30 p.m. This would be the budget meeting.