

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on
26 July 2011 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.**

Present: Cllrs. C. Mills (in the Chair)
Mrs E. Martin
D. Tiley
Ms R. Thorne
P. Cottrell

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Gordon, Scott, Walker and Grotzke.

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. Martin declared her interest in any discussion on the noise bund along the M5 as she lives in Bevington Walk.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 28 June 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Meeting with MP to discuss acoustic barrier on 15 July

It was agreed that this had been a very useful meeting, attended by Jack Lopresti MP, residents of Falcon and Bevington and several officers from the Highways Agency.

Councillors were impressed that Mr. Lopresti and his researcher were taking the matter forward and hoped that a resolution would be achieved.

- b) 75 bus route
It was noted that there may be a reprieve for evening services. There was no response to Cllr. Orpen's petition to date.
- c) Meeting with SGC officer and SITA to discuss recycling in flats on 15 July
It was reported that this had been quite a negative meeting but that the SGC officer would write a piece in Patchway People explaining the lack of progress.
- d) Induction day on housing with Merlin
The Committee noted that Merlin Housing officers visited the July Council meeting and a briefing for all Councillors would be arranged in September.
- e) St. Chad's School
In view of the response from SGC, the Town Council had not objected to the application for a temporary classroom for this school and it was noted that the application had now been granted.

5. FILTON AIRFIELD DEVELOPMENT

A paper giving the background to the announcement by BAe Systems to close the airfield in December 2012 had been circulated and it was noted that Filton Town Council was co-ordinating objections.

Councillors were concerned at the impact on high level engineering employment, which was vital for the whole area, of this proposal and highlighted the importance of part of the runway being retained for the use of helicopters for emergency services.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no new planning applications for consideration but the Committee noted that the following applications had been determined by South Gloucestershire Council:

9 Shellmor Close	Erection of detached bungalow in garden	Refused
51 Fairford Crescent	Front dormer window	Permitted
60 Eagle Drive	Rear conservatory	Permitted
16 Highnam Close	Retrospective application to convert garage to residential annexe	Permitted

174 Gloucester Road
6 Amberley Road

Division of house into two flats
Front porch

Permitted
Permitted

7. OTHER MATTERS RAISED

a) Coniston Community Centre

The Committee noted the receipt of the Completion Certificate of the extension of the community centre under Building Regulations.

b) Hempton Lane

Enquiries would be made into whether the parking dispute in Hempton Lane had been resolved by SGC.

c) Underpasses

Safety concerns were raised at the underpasses at Hempton Lane (sound of running water, bad smell and trees blocking street lights at Hempton Lane end and 2 lights out at other end) and Callicroft Road (brighter lights needed – there was a recent stabbing incident there).

d) Play Area at travellers site

A councillor had been approached for the provision of a play area at the Patchway site and it was agreed to refer this to the Traveller Support Unit of SGC.

e) Patchway Safer & Stronger Group

A report was given on this meeting held on 21 July which had been attended by several councillors. Items requested to be taken up by Patchway Town Council were:

- Bus stop on Highwood Road near the vicarage needs a layby
- Sycamore Drive – request for underpass to be closed off
- Cedar Close – request for redundant phone box to be removed
- Windermere Road is being used as a rat-run because there are no speed humps as in Rodway Road

These would be actioned by the Clerk.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 27 September at 7.30 p.m.