

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on
27 September 2011 at Coniston Community Centre, The Parade, Patchway**

Present: Cllrs. C. Mills (in the Chair)
M. Grotzke
D. Tiley
K. Walker
S. Scott

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Gordon and Martin.

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. Walker declared his interest as an employee of First Bus.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26 July 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Acoustic barrier along M5

The Clerk read correspondence received by Cllr. Gordon from Jack Lopresti MP. It was agreed that this should be circulated to all Councillors with their papers for the next Council meeting for consideration.

Cllr. Scott reported that the Highways Agency had made an agreement with residents to leave the construction barriers in position after the work to widen the motorway had been carried out but that they had not committed to any permanent work due to financial restraints.

Councillors agreed that the seminar before the meeting by the Environmental Law Foundation had been useful in that the Foundation was able to offer advice to

individuals wishing to participate in the planning system. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Stuart Lee and the residents group in Falcon Close suggesting that they contact the ELF for advice on achieving a positive outcome to the present nuisance from noise and pollution from the motorway.

b) 75 bus route

Cllr. Scott reported that Cllr. Orpen was still awaiting a response to her petition and would raise the matter again when a response was received. It was agreed that the Town Council should write again to First Bus drawing attention to the newly opened Post Office and Patchway Hub building and ask for reconsideration of use of Rodway Road by the 75 bus route. It was also agreed to add the "Patchway Flyer" to the next agenda for consideration of funding in the next financial year.

c) Filton Airfield

It was reported that the public meeting the previous week had been well-attended with massive opposition to the planned closure of the airfield.

A strategy meeting would now be held to draw the campaign together.

SGC had announced that public consultations would be held at various locations.

In Patchway, the exhibition would be on Tuesday 11 October at the Patchway Hub from 3-7.30 pm.

d) Matters raised with SGC from last meeting

The Clerk reported on responses to a number of issues raised: parking in the Old Gloucester Road; wind turbine for Scott Park; damage to pavements in Larch Way by heavy vehicle parking; mosaic and interpretation boards outside library; new lights in Stroud Road; bus layby in Highwood Road; rat running in Windermere road; closure of underpass in Sycamore Drive

It was agreed to request another meeting with South Gloucestershire Council to progress the matter of improvements to Rodway Road in the vicinity of the Hub building. It was also agreed that a renewed request for repairs to the surface of Stroud Road should be made to Street Care.

5. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Information had been received from the National Association of Local Councils on the national celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee on Monday 4 June 2012.

It was agreed to recommend to the Council that

- Patchway should participate in the lighting of Beacons to celebrate the Jubilee. It was noted that Patchway had a Beacon Brazier on The Tumps which was last lit for the Millennium.

- Consideration should be given to purchasing a Jubilee Mug for each child in a Reception Class in each Patchway school at a cost of £1.95 per mug. It was considered that it would be too expensive to purchase a mug for each primary child.

It was noted that Patchway Community Association had approached the Clerk with plans to hold a celebratory event for the Jubilee and the Committee favoured a Street Party in Rodway Road, which would support the Community Centre and British Legion rather than an event in Scott Park which could detract from Patchway Festival which would be held only one month later. The Clerk had requested a written request but this had not been received to date.

6. CELEBRATING PATCHWAY'S COMMUNITY EVENT

The Committee noted the request from Southern Brooks Community Partnership that the Town Council should consider its participation in this event to be held at Patchway Community Centre on Wednesday 26 October from 1-4 p.m.

Ideas suggested were a display of photographs, attendance of representatives of groups which the Council had helped, request for schools to submit poems about Patchway; presentation of certificates to *Patchway's Unsung Heroes* by the Mayor.

It was suggested that other Committees should also make suggestions.

Councillors were reminded that nominations for *Patchway's Unsung Heroes* could be made on forms in the Council offices before 14 October in the following categories: Individual over 18, Young person under 18, Group, Project, and Councillors were asked to make nominations to volunteers active in the community.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr. Scott declared his interest as a member of SGC's Development Control West Committee.

The Committee made no objection to the following planning applications submitted:

L3 Communications
Hempton Court, Aztec West

Compound for air conditioning condensers

84 Bradley Road

2 storey side and single storey front & rear
Extensions and double garage (amendment with
reduction in size of extn. & garage)

SIG Trading Ltd
13 Concorde Road

6 additional car parking spaces

HSS Hire Services
Park Avenue, Aztec West

4 non-illuminated fascia signs

4 Brighton Road

Two storey side extension

Great Western Air
Ambulance, Filton Airfield

Temporary portacabin as office for up to
3 years

St. Chads CofE Primary School
Cranham Drive

Waiting shelter by school entrance

The Committee asked for information on the purpose of the shelter and whether there were any comments by residents before agreeing to make no objection. The Clerk subsequently found that the shelter was for parents waiting to collect their children and that there were no objections from residents.

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

84 Bradley Road

2 storey side & single storey front & rear
Extensions and double garage

Hayes Way

New vehicular access for
Royal Mail Sorting Office

8. OTHER MATTERS RAISED

Highwood Road

The Committee noted that SGC was consulting the public on the traffic orders necessary to create a bus lane on one carriageway and close the other in Highwood Road.

Catbrain Lane

Cllr. Orpen had notified the Committee of a planning application to be determined by SGC for housing at Catbrain Lane but it was noted that this site was not within the Patchway Town Council boundary.

Public Art in Patchway Hub

The Clerk reported that she had been asked to join the interviewing panel to appoint an artist for a public art scheme in the new Hub building.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 22 November at 7.30 p.m. This would be the budget meeting.