

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs. C. Mills (in the Chair)
M. Grotzke
D. Tiley
K. Walker
S. Scott
P. Cottrell
M. Greensword
Mrs E. Martin
Mrs E. Orpen

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Gordon 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. Walker declared his interest as an employee of First Bus.

Cllrs Scott & Orpen declared their interest as members of DC West.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27 September 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Acoustic barrier along M5

Cllr. Scott reported that he had raised the lack of action on this matter at the South Gloucestershire Council PTSE Committee and was awaiting a response from Cllr. Brian Allison.

Jack Lopresti's office had informed the Council that they were seeking a

site visit with a representative of the Highways Agency. Cllr. Scott would like to attend this meeting.

b) 75 bus route

Cllr. Scott reported that he had obtained agreement from SGC that users of the Patchway Hub should be asked if they would use an increased bus route to this site. It was suggested that there should be a sheet in the Library, One Stop Shop and Hub asking users “would you like to use the bus to travel here?” 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 noted that Patchway Town Council had put in a letter of opposition to the closure of airfield. The consultation period had now closed.

d) Queen’s Diamond Jubilee

The Committee noted that there were 207 children in the Reception Classes of the various primary schools in Patchway and the Committee agreed unanimously to order 300 crested mugs from Norfolk China Ltd. at a cost of £2 each. The Committee was pleased to hear that the 2nd Patchway Scouts would like to work with the Council in organising a procession and lighting of the Beacon on The Tumps on Monday 4 June 2012.

5. SHELLMOR AVENUE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES

It was noted that SGC were carrying out a consultation with residents on their views of closing Shellmor Avenue at its junction with the A38, totally or partially. The consultation “to address residents’ concerns over the volume of traffic using Shellmor Avenue” would close on 13 November. It was agreed that Patchway Town Council should not take a position until they had heard the view of the residents as opinion in Stoke Lodge was divided.

The Committee suggested that the matter should be discussed at the next Council meeting.

6. CLOSURE OF BUS STOP ON A38 AT CALLICROFT ROAD JUNCTION

Councillors were concerned to learn that the bus stop at this location had been closed because First Bus considered it too dangerous to use. Cllr. Walker explained that the problem was the size of vehicles using the echelon parking outside Flingers caused an over-hang which buses had hit on a number of occasions. The width of the carriageway was also restricted by the central island dividing the slip road from the A38.

Two residents had contacted the Council to express their concern that passengers now had to alight at the Catholic Church and walk back. This was a particular inconvenience to residents of Ravenscourt and Redfield Road who had to use the underpass to cross the A38.

After a discussion on various possibilities, the Committee agreed to propose to SGC that the bus stop should be relocated outside Kwik Fit, just by the underpass.

7. HEMPTON LANE REVIEW OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS

The Committee discussed the three options offered by South Gloucestershire Council for a solution to the parking problems in Hempton Lane and agreed that a meeting of residents should be arranged at North Patchway Hall on 9 November at 7 p.m. This date was subsequently changed to Thursday 10 November to suit other bookings at the hall.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications to be considered but the Committee noted a Street Trading application for a Continental Market at The Mall for a month before Christmas and made no objection.

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

51 Fairford Crescent	Extension to existing front dormer
9 Manor Grove	Additional front dormer

The Committee noted that the following application had been refused by SGC:

13 Concorde Road	6 additional parking bays
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8. OTHER MATTERS RAISED

a) Larch Way

The Committee noted that SGC was in contact with the land owner to get repairs to broken paving stones repaired.

b) Petition for Stoke Lodge & Patchway Common to break away from Patchway
The Committee noted that Cllr. Alsop had presented this petition to Full Council at SGC. Information from SGC was noted that there had been 580 signatures, some of which had been discounted as they were not on the electoral register. The Committee noted that there were approximately 1600 electors in Stoke Lodge. It was agreed that it would be useful to debate this matter at Council.

c) 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. This consultation had been misunderstood and a number of residents had contacted the Council thinking they could object to the closure of the road. One resident had started a petition which was being signed in shops against the closure of Highwood Road and other planning matters. Cllr. Thorne had sent a suggestion that the closed carriageway could be used as additional parking.
The Committee noted that signs had appeared that day in Sycamore Drive stating that the junction with Highwood Road would close on 7 November.

d) Cycle Path Sculpture
The Committee noted that this sculpture, costing £700, had now been manufactured and would shortly be erected by SGC at the new picnic area in Gorse Covert field.

e) Grit Bins
The Committee was pleased to note that Merlin had agreed to provide grit bins for Charlton Court and Langdale Court.

f) Neighbourhood Plans
Cllr. Orpen reported that, under the Localism Bill, there would be a change to the Section 106 Agreements for planning consents and local councils would be asked to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed to await the passing of this new legislation and adoption of the Core Strategy before taking any action.
It was noted that councillors had been invited to a workshop on the Localism Bill on 21 November at 2 p.m. at Kingswood Civic Centre.

g) Public Art in Patchway Hub
It was noted that the Artists Brief for the Patchway Hub building had been received for information.

h) Sheltered Housing
Cllr. Orpen updated the Committee on the residents' petition she was circulating. Cllr. Walker would be presenting this petition on 9 November at the Select Committee. Councillors were pleased to have a response from Merlin for a meeting and asked the Clerk to arrange a suitable date.

i) Wind Turbines

A small committee of Cllrs. Mills, Scott and Martin was set up to look into this matter and report back.

j) Alderman Scott Awards

It was agreed to propose to Council that this year's ceremony should be held at Coniston Community Centre after Christmas but that from next year the ceremony should be held at the Community College to coincide with the Leavers Ceremony in May.

k) Stroud Road

The Committee noted a response dated 9.9.11. from SGC Street Care : "Stroud Road is unlikely to receive Micro Asphalt next year as it is just off the bottom of next year's programme. We will however carry out a safety inspection and repair defects as necessary." In view of the terrible condition of the surface of this road, Cllr. Scott agreed to take up this matter at PTSE.

l) Sycamore Drive

Cllr. Mills reported that there was no tarmac footway in Sycamore on both sides of the junction with Cedar Close. Pedestrians had to walk on the grass at this point and it was agreed to ask SGC to consider extending the footway.

m) Stoke Lane zebra crossing

Cllr. Thorne had asked the Committee to support her request that more warning signs should be erected for this crossing and that the road markings should be repainted. It was agreed to pass this request to SGC.

n) Chelford Grove

The Committee noted that a letter had been sent to all residents and businesses in Chelford Grove giving responses from SGC to the requests made at a meeting held at the Baptist Church earlier in the year.

o) Hinkley Point C Connection Project Update

In view of the lateness of the hour it was agreed to consider this matter at the next meeting.

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.