

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs. C. Mills (in the Chair)
D. Tiley
K. Walker
S. Scott
Mrs E. Martin
B. Hopkinson
A. Alsop

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

No apologies for absence were received.

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.

Cllr. Scott declared his interest as a member of DC West.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 October 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Bus Routes in Patchway

No members of the Committee were able to attend a meeting with Four Towns & Vale Link Community Transport held on 17 November. Cllr. Scott reported that SGC would be surveying bus routes, but only after Highwood Road is closed which would provide no comparative data. The Planning, Transportation and Strategic Environment (PTSE) Select Committee would be looking in to this.

The Committee discussed the decision by First Bus to cease use of the northbound bus stop at Callicroft Road. Cllr. Hopkinson informed the Committee of the three options examined at the Southern Brooks Area Forum:

- i. Widening the lane and parking area by reducing the width of the pavement.
- ii. Remove one parking space and re-mark the remaining spaces at an increased angle.
- iii. Move the bus stop to outside Kwik Fit (this was preferred).

It was noted that in addition to the access difficulties experienced by the buses, there was also a danger to drivers from passing buses whilst loading and unloading vehicles.

It was felt that lighting in the nearby underpass should be monitored, especially if the bus stop was moved: failing lights might dissuade use of the underpass, causing pedestrians to cross the dual carriageway itself.

b) Queen's Diamond Jubilee Mugs

The Committee were presented with a sample of a ceramic and bone china mug. It was agreed unanimously to select the ceramic as opposed to bone china, for both cost and durability.

c) Hempton Lane

Cllr. Scott reported that at a meeting with residents of Hempton Lane, the 25 residents present unanimously approved a variation of scheme 3. These variations included double yellow lines on the northern side of the lane, except outside the school; limited waiting on the southern side; limited waiting on the northern side outside the school with the shortest possible period of waiting. Rob Wiltsher, Senior Technical Officer at SGC, had said that further consultation would be needed for these and the agreement of all residents.

It was noted that one resident wanted on-street protected parking, and that it was unlikely that SGC would introduce a speed limit.

The Committee were concerned by the infrequency of visits by parking attendants.

d) Confirmation of meeting on improvement to Rodway Road

The Chair and district councillors noted the date of the upcoming meeting.

e) Update on public art project at The Hub

The Committee were read an update from Milly Frances, the commissioned artist.

f) SGC Task Register for Patchway

This item was referred to the next meeting.

4. Hinkley Point C Connection Project Update

The Committee noted that the project does not currently affect Patchway, and that there will be further consultation in the future. However, the Committee were grateful to National Grid for providing the information received to date.

5. Discussion of Street Furniture budget for 2012–13

After discussion, the following budget was agreed:

Transport and Street Furniture

	B/fd 2010–11	Budgeted 2011–12	Spent to Date	Carry Forward	Budget 2012–13
Litter Bins	650	1,000	0	900	0
Bus Shelters	2,500	0	0		0
Repair of Shelters	1,000	0	754	246	754
Road Signs & Repairs	0	1,000	1,000		500
Notice Board Purchase & Repairs	0	2,000	1,500	500	0
Public Seat Purchase & Repairs	500	750	200	1,000	0
Community Transport (4T/VL CT)	0	8,000	0		10,000
Patchway Station	800	0	0	800	0
Chelford Grove	2,000	3,000	0	5,000	2,000
Provision for Parking Schemes	0	0	0		5,000
Supplies for Street Cleaning	0	250	80		250
Total Budget Transport & Street Furniture		£23,450			£26,950

6. Planning applications

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

Banana Moon Day Nursery Ltd Change of use from offices (class B1(a)) to
166a Gloucester Road Children’s Day Nursery (class D1)

The Committee noted that the following applications had been granted:

120 Durban Road Erection of rear conservatory

Great Western Air Ambulance Stationing of portacabin as office for up to 3
Filton Airfield years

L3 Communications Erection of compound to house external air
Hempton Court, 910 Park conditioning condensers
Avenue, Aztec West

4 Brighton Road Erection of two storey side extension to provide
additional living accommodation

The Committee noted that the following applications had been refused:

HSS Hire Services Display of 4 non-illuminated fascia signs
1550 Park Avenue, Aztec West

7. Matters raised by Members

a) Cycle Sculpture on A38

Councillors noted that the sculpture for the cycle scheme on the A38 was not in place and requested that this was chased up.

b) Chelford Grove

It was noted that Streetcare would review Chelford Grove at Southern Brooks Area Forum. Cllr. Alsop would report back on this at the next Council meeting.

c) Loading Bay on Rodway Road

The Committee discussed the loading bay on Rodway Road. A meeting regarding this and other issues is scheduled for December.

d) Lorries on Coniston Road

It was noted that lorries had been observed on Coniston Road, and it was understood that a weight restriction was in force from Patchway Roundabout. It was agreed that this situation should be monitored.

e) Closure of Durban Road

Cllr. Mills informed the Committee that the section of Durban Road adjacent to Highwood Road had been closed and would remain so for the duration of works. The road will reopen in March 2012.

f) Crossings on Coniston Road

The Committee noted an e-mail from Christopher Harris, Transportation Services, at SGC. It described the widening of the existing shared cycle path through Gorse Covert and the planned introduction of two new zebra crossings on Coniston Road. These crossings would be sited on the existing raised table near Waterside Drive, and the existing crossing near Martin Close. Consultation on this matter will begin in December.

g) Rails over Subway at The Parade

An e-mail from Gary Meddick, Street Scene Area Manager at SGC, informing the Council that structural repair work to the rails over the subway has been brought forward to the 2013/14 financial year.

h) Letter regarding Review of Stoke Lodge

Cllrs. Hopkinson and Alsop presented the Committee with a letter signed by themselves and Cllr. Pomfret, and left the meeting. Cllr. Mills read the aforementioned letter to the Committee.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 24 January at 7.30pm.