

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on  
24 January 2012 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

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

**1. Apologies**

No apologies for absence were received.

**2. Declarations 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.

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

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 22 November 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

a) Rodway Road meeting

The Committee noted a written report of the meeting held on 15 December, which was circulated and is attached to these minutes. It was noted that the SG officers present had recommended a meeting with the Major Sites Team in view of the adoption of the revised Core Strategy which included building on the runway. This would hugely impact on any plans for upgrading the shopping area at Rodway Road. Abdul Choudhury (SGC Economic Development Officer) and Julie Close (Southern Brooks Community Partnership) had offered to work with the Town

Council in setting up a meeting with businesses in Rodway Road and it was agreed to take up this offer. Cllrs Mills and Scott offered to join a group to make plans.

b) Patchway Community Centre

Nancy Brenchley (Major Sites Team) would be asked to keep the Council updated on progress of planning matters effecting Patchway Town Centre and the contribution for community facilities to be made by Bovis. The Chairman reminded members that this item was being dealt with by the Finance Committee who were planning a further meeting with the committee of Patchway Community Centre.

c) Shellmor Avenue

Although SGC had agreed to go ahead with traffic restrictions at the entrance to Shellmor Avenue from the A38 it was noted that at the recent Safer & Stronger Group, some residents were objecting. It was noted that the Town Council had asked for work to improve the junction with Stoke Lane to be included in the scheme.

d) SGC Task Register

It was noted that the following 5 items were on the Task Register for Patchway:

- Shellmor Avenue: prohibition of motor vehicles at the junction with the A38
- Cavendish/Durban Road (east) and Worthing Road (east) extension to existing 20 mph
- Stoke Lane: improved traffic management
- Eagle Drive: introduce shared path to existing footway
- Area-wide review of Waiting Restriction – Traffic Management Review

The Committee was very pleased to receive this information and asked the Clerk to ascertain where in Eagle Drive the shared path was to be created.

## 5. Consultation on Core Strategy revision

It was agreed by 5-0 with 1 abstention to send the following comments from the Town Council on the revised Core Strategy:

- Oppose the decision to build so many houses on the airfield.
- Oppose the decision to build on the Green Belt land at Cribbs Causeway which will set a precedent for all of South Gloucestershire.
- The decision that “*About 50 Hectares* of employment land on the airfield should be protected” should be changed to “*A minimum of 50 Hectares...*”.
- Rodway Road should be declared as a Town Centre within the Strategy.

- The closure of Highwood Road should be looked at again in the light of development of the airfield and large increase of housing. The Council would like to see consideration of the bus lane being opened to cars with a speed limit of 20mph.

## 6. Planning applications

The Committee noted that no Planning Applications had been submitted.

The Committee noted that the following applications had been approved by South Gloucestershire Council:

Charlton Hayes	Erection of 53 dwellings by Bovis Homes
13 Concorde Road	6 parking bays and 2 disabled bays (resubmission)
7 Falcon Close	Single storey front extension
Rolls Royce PLC	Extension and 2 extraction units and flue
37 Bevington Close	Rear conservatory

The Committee noted that an appeal had been lodged against the refusal of an application to build a detached bungalow in the garden of 9 Shellmor Close.

## 7. Matters raised by Members

### a) New Boxing Club

The Committee was pleased that Cllr. Gordon had attended the opening of this new club at Patchway Community College and that the training facility was proving very popular with local young people.

### b) Bus Services

It was agreed to ask SGC if the frequency of the Wessex bus following the old route of the 75 through Patchway could be increased to half hourly. It was also agreed to write again to First Bus about the withdrawal of the 75 service to Asda.

### c) Railway Depot

It was noted that a planning application had been made for a depot to maintain trains in the Stoke Gifford triangle.

d) Highwood Road changes

In view of public confusion about the traffic changes for Highwood and adjoining Roads and bus services, it was agreed to use the front page of the Town Council Newsletter in March to clear up the queries, using information from SGC officers.

e) Pedestrian crossings in Coniston Road

The Committee was pleased to see the plans for raised pedestrian crossings through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund at two locations in Coniston Road: the junction with Waterside Drive and south of the junction with Martin Close. The works would include zebra crossing markings, dropped kerbs, lighting improvements, warning signs and new raised tables to slow vehicle speeds.

f) Review of parking standards

SGC was carrying out a consultation and it was suggested that all councillors should complete the questionnaire. The Committee pointed out that the new Patchway One Stop Shop was not listed among the venues where this document could be consulted by the public.

g) Recycling Banks at Asda car park

It was decided to make no comment on the decision of SGC to cease cleaning the area round the recycling banks now that these were no longer provided by the Council.

**8. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 28 February at 7.30pm.