

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: S. Scott (in the Chair)
E. Gordon JP
D. Tiley
K. Walker
Mrs E. Martin
M. Grotzke
A. Alsop
B. Hopkinson

1. Committee Chairman

The Committee noted that Cllr. Mills had stepped down as Chairman of this Committee. Cllr. Scott was proposed by Cllr. Grotzke and seconded by Cllr. Martin. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Scott was elected unanimously by the Committee. He then took the Chair.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mills.

3. 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.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 24 January 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Shellmor Avenue

An email from the officer dealing with this scheme had been received confirming that the funds allocated only covered investigatory works for the junction with Stoke Lane. Cllr. Scott informed the meeting that there would be an opportunity for SG Councillors to vote at the next Area Forum on 13 March on additional funds for the junction improvement works and the Clerk was asked to inform the residents who wrote to the Council that they could attend the Area Forum meeting if they wished. The Committee agreed that it was essential that the junction works were carried out before the closure at the A38 end of the road was carried out.

b) Airfield

The Committee noted that the march against closure of the airfield was attended by over 200 people.

c) Highwood Road

It was noted that there was a meeting for SG Councillors on 7 March with officers and members were asked to refer any questions to them before the meeting.

d) Wind Turbines

It was agreed to keep this matter under review. It was pointed out that the government levy had not yet been cut so it would be preferable to find out more information before this happened. The Clerk would check out funding avenues and report to the next meeting.

e) Patchway Community Centre

It was noted that the Finance Committee would be meeting with the Centre's committee on 21 March.

f) 75 bus

It was agreed to point out to First Bus that the 75 bus stop at The Mall was not near the stop for the buses which served Asda so it was not a practical option to suggest that shoppers from Patchway could change buses to access Asda.

The Committee re-iterated the decision taken at the Council meeting to ask SGC if the frequency of the Wessex 625 bus could be increased.

5. Government Consultation on the next Rail Franchise for the Great Western rail network

The Committee noted the proposals of the West of England Joint Transport Executive Committee to improve public transport in our area and in particular that there should be more stopping trains at Patchway and that Henbury Station should be re-opened. The Committee proposed that joint tickets for bus and train should be available to link up different forms of public transport through connected services and tickets. An example would be that it would be a great incentive to the increased use of Patchway Station if a bus stopped outside the station.

6. Planning applications

The Committee made no objection to the following applications:

Charlton Hayes	25 dwellings with associated works (approval of reserved matters)
90 Gloucester Road	Police Station & Custody/Investigation Centre

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

127 Gloucester Road	Single storey rear extension
HSS Hire Services Aztec West	7 fascia signs (part approval)
14 Shellmor Avenue	Rear conservatory
A&A Fitness Patchway Roundabout	Change of use to fitness studio
8 Manor Grove	Front & rear dormer windows
Hanham Motor Co.	Hot food takeaway permanent structure

7. Matters raised by Members

a) Bus Shelters

Cllr. Gordon asked that the Council's bus shelters should be cleaned. The Clerk would arrange for this to be done.

b) Stoke Lane

The Committee supported a suggestion that SGC should be asked to re-examine the crossing points in Stoke Lane: additional crossing points at Painswick/Bourton and Dyrham Parade junctions would slow down the traffic and improve pedestrian safety; the zebra crossing by the Amberley Road junction could be safer if moved to the other side of the junction where visibility would be improved for traffic approaching from the A38. It was noted that "Improved traffic management in Stoke Lane" was already on the SGC Task Register.

c) Weed killing in Stoke Lodge

Cllr. Alsop asked if weed killing in the gutters in Stoke Lodge could be carried out as this had not been carried out for twelve months. The Clerk would refer this request to SGC.

d) Car park for A38 shops

It was noted that the land in Charlton Hayes which could be used as a shoppers' car park for the shops at the junction with Callicroft Road had now been purchased by Barretts. Cllr. Hopkinson agreed to draft a letter which could be sent by the Town Council asking if the company would agree to dedicate a small area of land for this purpose.

e) Motorway Bund

Cllr. Scott was continuing to press SGC for information on the height of the bund which should have been constructed to 15 ft. in the light of its failure to protect residents from noise. It was agreed that it would be helpful to hold another meeting with the Highways Agency, Jack Lopresti, SGC and the residents to discuss retention and improvement of the temporary barriers to be erected by the HA during motorway works. It was pointed out that the Patchway Greenway, a well-used footpath, ran along the top of the bund. The Clerk was asked to copy Mr. Slade's letter, giving the history of construction of the bund, to Mr. Lopresti to read before the meeting and to ask Guinness Housing for a costing for the section of acoustic fence they erected when the new houses were built at Parkleaze. Cllr. Martin declared an interest in this topic as a resident of Bevington Walk.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 27 March at 7.30pm.