

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: S. Scott (in the Chair)
C. Mills
D. Tiley
K. Walker
B. Hopkinson

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Grotzke, Martin and Alsop.

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 28 February 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Improvements to Rodway Road

A report on the meeting held with the Economic Development Officer from SGC was noted. It had been agreed to hold a meeting with shopkeepers on 25 April and councillors had agreed to call at the shops to encourage attendance. A leaflet and a survey of residents on their use of the shops was being prepared.

b) Wind Turbines

It was noted that information on grants to public bodies had been requested and when received, the matter would be considered again.

c) Patchway Community Centre

A report was given of a very good meeting with representatives of the Community Association. It had been agreed to set up a steering group of representatives of the Community Association and Town Council to progress the project.

d) Shellmor Avenue

The Chairman reported that the Southern Brooks Area Forum on 13 March had agreed to allocate additional funds for the junction improvement works so that this work would be carried out before the closure at the A38 end of the road was carried out. There was a suggestion that the Council should ask SGC to arrange an information evening for local residents but the Committee agreed that as the actions of SGC met the requirements of PTC that no further action should be taken. It was noted that the scheme would now be advertised by local signage so that all residents would have an opportunity to comment. Cllr. Hopkinson pointed out that there would be a meeting of Stoke Lodge Neighbourhood Watch on 19 April at which the topic would be discussed.

e) Crossing points of Stoke Lane

It was noted that no response had yet been received to the Clerk's request to SGC to consider crossing points as part of the traffic management review of Stoke Lane which was already on the SGC Task Register.

f) First Bus

A letter was read to the Committee stating that it was not possible to move the 75 bus stop at the bus station to make it easier for passengers to change to the 40 bus to access Asda. It was agreed to request that consideration should be given to moving the 40 bus stop near to the 75 stop. The Clerk was asked to make a new request to SGC to increase the frequency of the 625 Wessex Bus through Patchway.

g) Highwood Road

It was agreed to write to SGC expressing concern at the following issues:

- The Committee was very concerned that overnight work on the bus lane would necessitate night closure of the road from 16-19 April and that only some residents had been informed. The Clerk had asked the contractors for details and would circulate these to Councillors. (Subsequently the contractor delivered letters to more residents in the area).
- The results of the consultation on Highwood Road had not been released although the consultation closed over a month ago. (This information was released at the beginning of April).
- Local residents were worried that congestion in Coniston Road and the possible creation of traffic calming measures, when Highwood Road was closed, would

cause First Bus to change the route of the 75 bus from Coniston to the new bus lane in Highwood, thus disadvantaging many residents living in the Coniston area.

- Request for new signage at the Mall sending traffic to Hayes Way and not through Coniston Road. Appropriate signage would also be needed at Patchway Roundabout directing traffic away from Coniston Road.

h) Motorway Bund

The Chairman reported on good progress with SGC and that fencing contractors to erect an acoustic fence along the bund were shortly to be appointed. The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that a public meeting should be organised to update residents. Jack Lopresti MP should be invited as well as the Highways Agency and SGC and asked to suggest dates.

i) Localism and Neighbourhood Planning

A report by the Clerk on a training session attended was noted by the Committee and it was agreed to await developments on these changes.

5. Core Strategy

The Committee noted the information from SG on the Examination in Public to be held by the Inspector on the Core Strategy. There would be a pre-hearing meeting on 17 April and the hearing would commence on 19 June and was expected to last for six weeks. The hearing would be held at Kingswood Civic Centre.

6. Lighting in Station Road

The Committee was very pleased to note that SGC had included street lighting in the section of Station Road from the station to Clay Lane in their programme to improve cycling facilities in this area.

7. BMX Track

The Committee noted a press report that the BMX Club was keen to install lighting and agreed to discuss this with the Club, bearing in mind the concerns of neighbouring residents.

8. Planning applications

The Committee made no objection to the following applications:

It was also noted that waiting restrictions including bus stop markings would be created on Gloucester Road in the 2012-13 Capital Works Programme in connection with developments at 166 and 168.

9. Matters raised by Members

a) 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. Scott 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.

b) Car boot sales at Little Stoke Park

Councillors were concerned at a planning application for car boot sales for 12 weeks during the summer as the Trench Lane site was closing. It was pointed out that this would greatly increase the traffic and parking in Stoke Lane and surrounding residential streets and it was agreed to make an objection on these grounds.

c) Filton Roundabout

It was noted that Filton Town Council had been asked by SGC to give up part of Elm Park near the roundabout for road widening but believed there was sufficient width of pavement where the footbridge was formerly sited for this loss of open land to be necessary. It was agreed to support Filton TC in this matter.

d) Parking by staff at Patchway Children's Hub

It was agreed to object to the lack of parking provision which was causing loss of parking to local residents. It was understood that travel plans had been submitted before the building opened but it was queried whether these were being followed.

10. Cheques to be signed before the end of the financial year

Councillors agreed to sign the following cheques:

Merlin Housing Society	Final rent of 2 garages to end of March	£32.12
Easy Internet Solutions Ltd	Renewal of domain name (patchwaytowncouncil.gov.uk)	£72.00

The Consortium	Cleaning materials (£40.85)		
	Copier paper (£32.15)	£73.00	
	Working gloves	£12.17	
	Stationery (£35.26)		
	Cleaning materials (£33.87)	£69.13	£154.30
HMRC	PAYE & Tax March		£933.06
British Gas	Avenue sports pavilion (gas)		£659.10
	Avenue sports pavilion (electricity)	£327.98	
	Callicroft House (electricity)	£303.32	
	Casson Centre (electricity)	£306.30	
	Scott Park pavilion (elect)	£459.87	£1397.47
Up and Over Doors	Security locks for garage		£162.00
Nationwide Car Search	Nissan truck		£5,010.00
Viridor Waste Management	Waste collection, Avenue pavilion		£202.18
Classic Landscapes Ltd	Chipping after hedging works		£2,160.00
Virgin Media	Broadband March		£36.00
Network Rail	Rent for land at Tumps		£161.95
South Gloucestershire Council	Ground rent, Coniston CC		£250.00
	Centrex telephone bill		£197.96
Lucy Hamid	Travel expenses April 11-March 12		£307.36
WPS Insurance Brokers	Renewal of combined insurance policy (cheque dated 1.4.12.)		£9,811.45

			£21,510.95

11. Date of next meeting

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