

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

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 27 March 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Shellmor Avenue

The Chairman reported that at the meeting of Patchway Safer & Stronger Group The SGC officer in attendance had stated that the consultation was still open and that decisions would be delayed until the committee structure at SGC was operational. For this reason, the Committee decided that it would ask the Council to reconsider its decision that no further action should be taken on this issue.

It was noted that under Standing Order 30 “a decision of the council shall not be reversed within six months save by a special resolution, the written notice whereof bears the names of at least five members of the Council.”

A special resolution was proposed by Cllr. Mills, seconded by Cllr. Scott and

unanimously agreed (all present signed their agreement) that, *due to new information becoming available, the Council should rescind its decision and agree to contact and invite affected residents to a public meeting to discuss the five options and get a majority view on the proposal to close the A38 junction of Shellmor Avenue, using an alternative vote system. The exact wording of the five options would be taken from the SGC website.*

It was noted that a resident had put in a complaint to SGC that a letter from local councillors in Stoke Lodge attacking a petition against closure had been issued on SGC headed paper.

b) Crossing points of Stoke Lane

As part of the above consideration, it was agreed it was important to discuss crossing points of Stoke Lane and the Travel Plans of the three local schools.

c) First Bus

It was noted that First Bus was not willing to consider moving any bus stops at The Mall as requested.

Cllr. Scott stated that SGC was looking at overcoming the high price charged from Patchway to The Mall due to cancellation by First Bus of the “three stop hop” special fare.

d) Highwood Road

It was noted that the petition against closure of Highwood Road now had almost 2,500 signatures with still two months to go. The Chairman reported that there was a demonstration on Saturday to be covered by the Evening Post. It was noted that the petition would come to the SGC planning committee in June or July. The Committee agreed that integration with the new community in Charlton Hayes was important to support the shops and Post Office in Rodway Road.

h) Motorway Bund

The Committee noted that Jack Lopresti MP had agreed to attend a meeting with residents, South Gloucestershire Council and the Highways Agency on Friday 25 May and it was agreed that invitations should be sent out.

i) Core Strategy

Cllr. Scott reported that he would be giving evidence to the Public Inquiry in June on Filton Airfield closure. Cllr. Tiley reported that the last meeting had been held of Filton Airfield Committee.

j) Shoppers' car park

It was noted that a letter had been sent to Barratt Homes requesting a car park for shoppers behind Kwik Fit.

- k) Parking in Rodway Road by Hub staff
A response had been received from SGC concerning street parking by staff in Rodway Road. It was suggested that the Council contacted the Hub management to discuss the situation and also wrote to the CYP department that health staff need more parking. Cllr. Martin declared her interest in this matter.

8. Planning applications

The Committee made no objection to the following applications:

1 Stroud Road	First floor rear extension
27 Pretoria Road	1 rear dormer window for loft conversion

The Committee noted that South Gloucestershire Council had agreed the following applications:

19 Maisemore Avenue	Single storey side & rear extension
145 Coniston Road	Double garage
Banana Moon Day Nursery 166a Gloucester Road	Change of use from offices to children's day nursery

The Committee noted that South Gloucestershire Council had refused the following application:

A&A Fitness Studio Smiths Complex	Display of fascia advertising signs
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9. Matters raised by Members

- a) 31 Cavendish Road
The Committee noted that a high fence had been erected round the garden of this property after the land had been cleared. It was noted that an application to build a bungalow on this site had been refused. It was agreed to refer the site to Enforcement for investigation.

b) Charlton Hayes Development

Cllr. Gordon had suggested inviting David Farley of Bovis Construction to a meeting to give an update on development plans and this was agreed. It was suggested that this should be a meeting open to all councillors but not the public.

c) Shops at Parade

The Committee was pleased to hear that a charity shop was to open on The Parade but concerned that Shiva Stores was attempting to take over another shop for storage. The Clerk would raise this matter with Merlin Housing.

10. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 22 May at 7.30pm.