

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Scott.
In the absence of Cllr. Scott, Cllr. Grotzke agreed to take the Chair for the meeting.

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. Hopkinson declared his interest as a member of DC West.

3. Election of Chairman

Cllr. Scott was nominated by Cllr. Tiley, seconded by Cllr. Mills.

Cllr. Grotzke was nominated by Cllr. Hopkinson but declined to stand.

On a show of hands, Cllr. Scott was elected as Chairman by 5-0.

4. Minutes

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

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Highwood Road

Cllr. Mills reported that 3,800 residents had signed the petition against the closure of Highwood Road and this would be presented to SGC tomorrow evening at Kingswood Civic Centre. A coach had been arranged for residents who wished to attend the meeting.

b) Shellmor Avenue

The Committee noted that, following the decision of the last meeting, endorsed by the Council with a unanimous vote, a public meeting had been called for 30 May and invitation letters had been sent out, giving residents the option of completing a voting slip if they were unable to attend the meeting.

A resident of Shellmor Avenue attended the meeting and the Chairman invited him to speak. The resident stated that those affected by the proposals had already been consulted by SGC and it was duplication for the Town Council to hold another consultation.

The Committee noted that a petition had been handed in at the Safer & Stronger meeting objecting to the left-hand turn ban and the Town Council had received complaints from Stoke Lane residents that they had not had an opportunity to put their views forward to SGC.

Cllr. Hopkinson challenged the use of standing orders to re-open this matter and stated that he had not had enough time to read the minutes before the Council meeting.

Cllr. Walker stated that the Town Council had the responsibility to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to put forward their views. It was agreed that only those from the consultation area would be given the opportunity to vote.

c) Motorway Bund

The Committee was reminded that Jack Lopresti MP had agreed to attend a meeting with residents, South Gloucestershire Council and the Highways Agency on Friday 25 May at Coniston Community Centre at 10.30 a.m.

Cllr. Martin declared her interest as an affected resident.

6. Planning applications

The Committee made no objection to the following applications:

129 Coniston Road

Erection of front porch

Blakeney Road Allotments
Park Leaze, Blakeney Road

Erection of portacabin for use as meeting room

A request from the Priority Neighbourhood Group had been received for pedestrian signs through Waterside Drive for Patchway Sports Centre and also vehicular signs at Patchway Roundabout for Coniston Community Centre. The Clerk was asked to take up this matter with SGC.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 26 June at 7.30pm.