

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on
23 July 2013 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

Present: Cllr. S. Scott (in the Chair)
K. Walker
B. Hopkinson
Ms S. Pomfret

1. Presentation by The Wave

The Chairman welcomed two representatives of The Wave Bristol to present their Preliminary Concept Plan for the development of a surfing lake and outdoor recreation area on land between Over Lane and Easter Compton.

The proposal is to access the site only from the Easter Compton site with no access (except emergency access) from Over Lane. Access will be through the track to Washingpool Farm and part of the farm shop's car park will be used with electric bus connections from there to the site. The lake would be 300m x 100m and a wave machine would move up and down the lake creating waves up to 1.6m high at the ends but less at the sides for a shallow, learning area. This system has been successfully developed in Spain.

The lake would be surrounded by open land and community space and gardens. There would be a reception and club house with café and education room for school visits. A walk with interpretation boards would be laid out round the lake and through a woodland and garden area. There would be a picnic/play area and a site for camping.

There was a discussion on highway issues and the fact that Bristol Zoo was also developing a new area nearby with additional traffic using Junction 17 of the M5. It was noted that the surfing lake would have a maximum capacity of 80 people and that use would be pre-booked and staggered throughout the day to prevent overcrowding of the facility or roads. The company planned to make a planning application by the end of September and to start building in early 2014 with view to opening in the summer of 2015 when there would be a Global Wave Conference in the UK.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for their interesting presentation and they then left the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mills, Moore, Grotzke and Gordon.

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.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 June were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Patchway Community Plan

It was noted that Dick Whittington had been invited to the meeting of the committee in September.

b) Patchway Strategic Sports Vision

It was noted that Rob Stirzaker, the sports development officer who supported the Patchway Community Sports Association, would be attending the September meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee to which all Councillors would be invited.

c) Doctors for Charlton Hayes

Cllr. Pomfret reported that this matter had been discussed at the recent meeting of the Public Health Committee and she would obtain a report on the situation.

d) Cribbs Patchway

The Committee noted that the Council had agreed that a workshop should be held in the autumn on community infrastructure for the Cribbs Patchway new neighbourhood to which SG officers should be invited.

6. Planning applications

There were no planning applications for consideration.

The Committee noted the following application agreed by SGC:

36 Shellmor Avenue	1 detached dwelling
NVIDIA, Aztec West	Illuminated fascia signs
157 Gloucester Road	Single storey rear extension
40 Standish Avenue	Two storey side & single storey rear Extension
300 Park Avenue, Aztec West	Change of use from office to health care facility
7 Stoke Lane	Increase height of roof space

7. Rodway Road Consultation

The Committee was interested to hear that over 150 people, including pupils and parents from Callicroft School, had given their opinions during the consultation on Rodway Road improvements held in the British Legion car park on 4 July. The architects projected designs were shown to the committee and it was noted that, in addition to the £50,000 from the New Homes Bonus, the Patchway Town Centre Group was applying for a similar grant from the Sustainable Transport Fund.

It was suggested that there could be additional funding from SGC for shopping centres and the Clerk would make enquiries about this.

8. Other planning & transport matters

a) Highwood Road experimental closure

Prior to the meeting of the PTSE Committee on 4 September 2013, the Council had been asked for any further comments. The Committee noted that the officers' report to the Committee would include three options: to re-open the road; to confirm closure or to reconsider the situation in 5 years. The Committee agreed to respond that its preferred option would be for one carriageway to be reopened for cars only with a maximum speed of 20 mph but that if the Committee was minded to confirm closure or reconsider the situation in 5 years, the Town Council would press for the work to create the linear park on the Charlton Hayes side carriageway to start as soon as possible so that the planned connection between the two communities could become a reality.

- b) Additional crossing point of Cribbs Causeway
It was agreed to support residents of the new houses built on the runway side of Cribbs Causeway who were requesting a pedestrian crossing near the entrance to Clifton Rugby Club.

- c) Patchway Station Car Park
As no information had been forthcoming from Stoke Gifford Parish Council on the plans to extend the station car park, it was agreed to write to SGC on this matter as lack of parking spaces was creating dangerous parking on Station Road, which was too narrow for parking.

- d) Amberley Road junction with Stoke Lane
The Committee noted that Amberley Road was shortly to be resurfaced and agreed to contact Jon Lewis in Highways to remind him of the site visit to this junction when he had agreed that Amberley Road was too wide and that the kerbs should be built out to provide a safer crossing point for pedestrians.

9. Date of next meeting

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