

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on 27 September 2016 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway

Present: Cllrs. S. Scott (in the Chair)
Mrs E. Orpen
E. Bathe-Taylor
R. Loveridge
P. Cottrell
M. Greensword
Mrs E. Martin
Mrs P. Coleman
Mr. J. Butler (for item 1)

1. Community Plan for Patchway

The Chairman introduced Julie Close, Director of Southern Brooks Community Partnerships and thanked her to agreeing to speak to the Committee about community plans.

Mrs Close stated that there were two types of plan introduced by the government, a Neighbourhood Plan, which was a statutory planning document which needed to be adopted in a local election. The second type was a Community Plan which was more informal but would influence decision making and increase the likelihood of grants to the area. . A Community Plan has recently been drawn up in Southmead and this has brought funding to the area, drawn together many local organisations and is owned by the community.

In Southmead, the first action was to set up a steering group of 20 residents. Events were held to publicise the project and questionnaires were delivered to all households, 600 of which were completed. The questionnaire was based on one used in Lawrence Weston, edited to suit Southmead. The involvement of residents was very important and got people talking together. The group obtained a grant to analyse the results of the questionnaire and this identified 9 themes. Each of these themes has a working group which reports to the steering group. £1m has already been raised for Southmead as a result of the Plan.

Mrs Close was happy to work with the Council to carry out a similar exercise for Patchway, including Charlton Hayes. She had met with Quartet and they would be willing to pay £6,000 for consultancy. She also informed the Committee that an Economic Plan for Patchway has been funded which could work alongside a Community Plan.

It was proposed by Cllr. Martin, seconded by Cllr. Greensword and agreed by the Committee to recommend to Council that a Community Plan should be carried out for Patchway.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mills 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.

Cllr. Loveridge stated that he had resigned from all positions with Patchway Community Association and so no longer had an interest in the organisation. It was noted that this information should be passed to SGC.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26 July were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Martin seconded Cllr. Bathe-Taylor.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Patchway Town Centre Vision update

The Clerk reported that SGC Property Services Department had indicated that the Council will shortly be hearing from SGC concerning their interest in working with the Town Council on developing the Town Centre Vision, which included the possibility of using part of the Hub building as a community centre and Town Council office. It was noted that there was still no definite news on whether the Fire Station would be vacating its present site.

Cllr. Loveridge stated that John Thomas was talking to Bristol University concerning architectural students drawing up a new scheme for the current site at no charge. It was noted that the Council had already paid for drawings which had been used to secure agreement from Bovis and SGC for the s.106 money. Cllr. Cottrell suggested that the university students be asked to look at Yate shopping centre as a model for Patchway town centre.

The Chairman stated that it was important that the Town Council should keep all options open on the site for the new community centre. The Committee noted that SGC had confirmed that we have until 2023 to spend the Bovis money, which has been allocated under a s.106 agreement to increase the capacity of the present community centre by 50%.

It was proposed by Cllr. Scott, seconded by Cllr. Martin and unanimously agreed

49 Cavendish Road	Subdivision of dwelling to form new attached dwelling <i>Overdevelopment of land and lack of parking</i>
Land south of Merlin Road	Ice rink, ski venue, skydiving venue, Retail store, hotel, restaurant and car showroom (Outline) <i>Excessive pressure on roads which are already overloaded. This objection has already been made. Needs a survey during the approach to Christmas. Access road adjacent to Vue Cinema needs to be widened.</i>
Hayes Way	Extra-care apartments and retirement apartments (MU5 & MU6) <i>Access for MU6 (extra-care) should be from Charlton Boulevard as for MU5 rather than from Sparrowbill Way. Suggest that bus gate is moved north to enable this to happen</i>

The Committee noted the following applications which had been agreed by SGC:

Royal British Legion Rodway Road	Variation to refuse/recycling storage facilities
49 Cavendish Road	2 storey and single storey side extension
73 Hawthorn Close	Erection of porch and gates at rear of property
18 Redfield Road	Single storey front & side extension

7. Other matters raised by Councillors or Clerk

- a) Cllr. Bathe-Taylor reported on the planning seminar which he had attended the previous day. He had given the outline of the course to the Clerk to circulate to other members of the Committee.
- b) Cllr. Loveridge asked, on behalf of Cllr. Butler, whether planning permission for the MUGA in Scott Park had been applied for. It was noted that no action would be taken to implement the proposal of the Parks Committee until it had been endorsed by the Council.
- c) Cllr. Gordon had asked for the topic "Tow-Away Scheme for Patchway" to be raised at this meeting but in view of his absence, this was carried forward to the next meeting.

- d) Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood
The Clerk reported information from SGC that the Framework Agreement for the site was expected to be signed by all developers on 7 October, following which a meeting for Patchway, Filton and Almondsbury local councils will be arranged.
- e) Bin it for Good
Keep Britain Tidy had sent information on charity litter bins to raise money for good causes. It was agreed to place this item on the next agenda.
- f) Severn Estuary Strategy
It was noted that consultation on this strategy was being held from 22 September to 3 November. It was agreed to circulate the information so that Councillors could raise any matters of concern at the next meeting.
- g) Dangerous Parking in Falcon Drive
A letter from a resident of Falcon Close was noted and supported by Cllr. Bathe-Taylor, who also lived in this road. It was agreed to forward this information to SGC for action.
- h) Traffic lights at A38/Hayes Way and cyclists using flyover at Gipsy Patch Lane
A response was noted which stated that SGC would look into the concerns and report back on action agreed. It was agreed to put the officer in touch with Paul Martin, who cycled regularly in this area.
- i) Housing & Planning Act 2016: Neighbourhood Planning
The Clerk was asked to circulate this information from ALCA on how local councils would be affected by these technical changes.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 25 October at 7.30 p.m.