

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on
25 July 2017 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

Present: Cllrs. E. Gordon (in the Chair)
K. Walker
R. Loveridge
E. Bathe-Taylor
E. Martin
K. Dando
P. Cottrell
Mrs P. Coleman
Mr A Watson (ReACH)
Mrs S. Kayes (ReACH)
Mr. A. Ross (ReACH)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Orpen.

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.

3. To agree the Annual Return to the Auditor of the accounts for the year ended 31.3.17.

All members of the Council had been invited to the meeting in order to agree the accounts prior to audit and to agree the Annual Return to the auditor for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The accounts and Annual Return were proposed by Cllr. Dando, seconded by Cllr. Martin and unanimously agreed by the Council.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27 June were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Martin, seconded Cllr. Dando.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Community Plan

The Committee agreed that the next meeting of the Steering Group should be held before the Council meeting on 12 September at 6.30 pm.

b) First Bus

The Committee was disappointed at the response from Mr. Barrett, General Manager of First Bus, following the meeting with him in March. It was agreed to send Mr. Barrett the minutes of the March meeting as he had not replied to all the questions raised. The Committee was particularly keen that First Bus should consider a better service to Charlton Hayes and suggested a further meeting with him.

6. SGC Consultation on Supported Bus Services

The consultation document was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that it would be helpful if Councillors could complete and return this on-line consultation as it was aimed at individual travellers.

It was agreed that the Council would respond, making the following points:

1. SGC should review the policy that there would be no bus service to Hayes Way. Members of REACH pointed out that it was a 20 minute walk from Oakleaze to the A38 and that this was unreasonable for residents needing to use the bus service into Bristol for work or for school or medical services. A number of bus services currently use Hayes Way but none of them stop. SGC had previously informed the Council that Hayes Way was too fast, had no pavements or pull-ins. In fact, there was a 40 mph limit and there was a pavement on the northern section from The Mall to Oakleaze. At present, a pavement was being constructed on the southern section from the A38 to the new Aero Museum. With the opening of the new museum, the Committee considered it was essential that a bus service served this road for ease of access for members of the public.
2. The bus service through the old residential roads of Patchway was very poor with only an hourly service by the 625. This service must be protected and should be enhanced, particularly to serve the older population.

Members of REACH expressed concern that the delay in constructing Charlton Square was affecting the opening of the Boulevard which was to be a bus-only connection from Highwood Road to the A38 by the Travelodge. Councillor Walker suggested the residents association started a petition to SGC and Bovis complaining about this delay and raising the effect on the elderly residents of Olive Tree Court who felt isolated in their sheltered accommodation due to the delay in this work. It was agreed that REACH should take up with SGC the importance of the speedy introduction of the bus service on

Charlton Boulevard which would then follow Highwood Road to The Mall. It was noted that this bus route would eventually loop into Charlton Hayes opposite Coniston Road and out again at the Standing Stone roundabout when the roads were constructed.

It was noted that buses on Highwood Road frequently exceeded the speed limit and Cllr. Bathe-Taylor who was a member of the Patchway Speedwatch, agreed to raise this as an extra road to be monitored in addition to Coniston Road.

7. Report on Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood meeting with SGC

The Deputy Chair and Clerk had attended this meeting on 21 July, which had also been attended by representatives of Filton and Almondsbury councils. The next meeting would be in October.

The Committee noted that:

- The YTL scheme had been received and was being considered by Planning. There had been some delay due to legal problems with land ownership but these should be sorted by the end of 2018
- The lead-in time for community facilities in the area which is part of Patchway is 2-3 years
- SGC are looking at the management of open spaces in the light of the bad experience in Charlton Hayes and want to include an option for the Council to take on management or hand it over to interested parties.
- YTL had said they could only afford to provide 20.6% of affordable homes due to viability
- A report on current transport packages was given and photographs circulated: **Metrobus** would connect employment hubs to residential areas and the work is nearly finished. Services will start by the end of the year. The planning application for the **Metrobus Extension** will be considered at the end of 2017 and construction will take place between 2018 and 2021. More information will be provided at the next meeting.
Henbury Rail Line will have an hourly service and new stations at Henbury, Ashley Down and Filton. Construction is due between 2018-2021. The site for the Henbury Station was still under consideration (hopefully on the old station site).
Aztec Roundabout work will be finished in the autumn to create additional capacity with pedestrian and cyclist improvements. Signals will be finished in early 2018. **A38 Corridor** work has been completed to improve capacity at Gypsy Patch Lane and Southmead Roundabout
- Almondsbury Parish Council had raised traffic problems at Severnside. There were now 12,000 people employed at Western Approaches and when the toll on the Severn Bridges were stopped, there would be even more traffic in this area. There is no bus to Hallen and a very restricted service to Easter Compton

- Options are being considered for the A4018 corridor (Cribbs Causeway), particularly the Crow Lane roundabout and Lysander Road junction. Bristol is leading this study
- M5 junctions 16 & 17 pinch-points have been tackled with more lanes on A38 and use of the motorway hard-shoulder, but these junctions are still very busy
- Cycle Trunk Route: a link from CPNN to Emersons Green via the Ring Road. A new cantilever bridge will be added by spring 2018. Also work on walking/cycling routes off-site. We will be consulted about this in the spring
- Patchway Station needs better infrastructure. The Patchway representatives pointed out that a bus service and better car park would improve use of the station. There was a problem of how disabled passengers could cross the line to the opposite platform
- Section 106 funding for travel planning for all residential developments was being discussed and we would be asked for our input by the end of the year

8. Planning Applications

The Committee made no objection to the following planning applications:

26 Callicroft Road	Widening of access and hard-standing
87 Coniston Road	Single storey rear extension (Larger Home Extension)
47 Callicroft Road	1 rear dormer window (Certificate of Lawfulness)
Norman Scott Park	Construction of hardcourt pitch with floodlighting columns and perimeter fence. Twin lane cricket practice area with perimeter fence. Removal of existing hardcourt pitch to form grass pitch area. (Resubmission)

The Committee noted the following applications approved by SGC:

Charlton Hayes parcels H11,12,13	130 dwellings and infrastructure (Reserved Matters)
75 Bradley Road	Single storey front, side & rear Extensions
Plot MU6, Charlton Boulevard	McCarthy & Stone development of 60 extra care apartments

The Committee noted that the Amberly House, Hempton Lane application would be considered by the SGC Planning Committee on 27 July following the site visit

9. Feedback on Community Engagement Forum held on 21 June

It was noted that the Clerk had reported to the last Council meeting on this meeting but that the minutes were now available. There was a discussion on the various items covered by this meeting. It was noted that the next meeting would be in Filton on 20 September.

10. Other matters raised by Councillors & Clerk

a) Parking at The Parade

Cllr. Dando said that he was taking his political representative to The Parade car park to see if he could get a change of policy to reduce the amount of time cars could park here as this car park was currently being used by all-day parking to the detriment of users of the shops and surgery.

b) Railings in Coniston Road at The Parade

It was noted that SGC had put the painting of the roadside railings on the task register for the next financial year. It was agreed that the poor maintenance of these railings had a detrimental effect on this area.

c) Road surface of central section of Coniston Road

The Clerk was asked to ascertain when this area would be resurfaced.

d) Dog bin at Swallow Drive

The Clerk was asked to check the condition of the dog bin in Coniston Road at this site. It was reported that the front was loose and the lock broken.

e) No dog fouling signs

Cllr. Martin reported that the signs sprayed on the paths were getting faint and needed repainting.

f) Keep Clear signs

Cllr. Loveridge reported that these signs in Gloucester Road outside the bungalows needed repainting.

g) Underpass of A38 by Hempton Lane

Cllr. Bathe-Taylor reported that the shrubs on the approach to the subway from

Atwell Close needed cutting back.

h) Repair of A38 slip road

Councillors noted that there would be diversions in operation during this work.
(It was later ascertained that the area to be repaired was from the railway bridge to the A38 on the Patchway side)

i) No parking signs for Atwell Close

The Clerk reported on an exchange of emails concerning the removal of the signs by Merlin when it was discovered that this area was part of the highway.

11. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 26 September at 7.30 p.m.