

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 December 2010 at Callicroft House,
Rodway Road, Patchway**

Present: Councillors E. Gordon J.P (in the Chair))
M. Grotzke)
J. Thomas) Coniston
L. Gray) Ward
Mrs E. Martin)

P. Cottrell)
Mrs E. Orpen) Callicroft
K. Dando) Ward
Mrs L. Hodder)

B. Hopkinson)
Ms S. Pomfret) Stoke Lodge Ward
A. Alsop)

279/10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

280/10. PRIORITY NEIGHBOURHOODS

The Chairman introduced Robert Walsh, Head of Safer & Stronger Communities at South Gloucestershire Council. Copies of Mr. Walsh's report had already been circulated to all Members.

Mr. Walsh explained the work which SGC had been carrying out since 2006 on mapping the areas where there was most work to do; these were known as Priority Neighbourhoods. There are six of these areas, each one being completely different, and Patchway is one. The criteria for Patchway being categorised as a Priority Area is the low score for Education, skills and training, Income deprivation affecting older people and Higher levels of crime.

SGC wish to work with the local community to address these issues and build on the excellent work carried out in Patchway through Planning for Real. The proposal is that Southern Brooks Community Partnership should be the lead organisation in a group of local agencies including the Town Council, Police, Fire & Rescue, Health Service and SG Council, to work together to address the particular issues in Patchway.

Mr. Walsh answered questions from Councillors on the work and asked for the Council's support. The Council agreed unanimously that the group should be established with SBCP as the lead organisation.

Cllrs. Dando, Martin and the Clerk declared their personal interest as Trustees of Southern Brooks Community Partnership.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Walsh for his attendance and presentation and he then left the meeting.

281/10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Woodley (family illness), Cllr. Richardson (working), Cllr. Mrs Dando (illness).

It was noted that under Standing Orders, Councillors must state a reason for their absence from Council meetings and that this must be recorded as well as the names of any Councillors not sending apologies. It was also noted that under Standing Orders Councillors must make their own apologies by telephoning the office.

282/10. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chairman asked any member having a personal or prejudicial interest in a matter to be discussed to declare it during the meeting as specified in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 no. 1159. He stated that a Declaration of Interest should also be made by the Clerk if she had an interest in any organisation being discussed by the Council.

283/10. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November, which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

284/10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Post Office: 124/09

Cllr. Gray reported that he had spoken to the Area Manager Post Office Counters who had reported that a Licence had been issued to Spar in Rodway Road and it was likely that the Post Office would open in March.

b) Play Policy: 248/10

The Council agreed to arrange for Michael Follett to lead a workshop on Monday

24 January at 3.30 p.m. to help the Council draw up a Play Policy.

- c) Cycle Path: 255/10
Councillors were pleased to note that safety improvements had been agreed by SGC to the cycle path from Coniston to Britannia Roads following a site visit on 18 November.

285/10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Planning & Transport Committee
Cllr Gray reported on the meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held on 23 November, the minutes of which had been circulated, and which were endorsed by the Council. Cllr. Orpen commented on the notes of a meeting with the Planning Officer concerning Bovis' request to amend the conditions of the planning permission for Charlton Hayes. It was explained that the viability of the site was endangered by the economic situation if these amendments were not agreed by SGC. It was noted that Cllr. Thomas had represented the Council at the opening of Hayes Way.
- b) Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Cllr. Grotzke reported on a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on 25 November, the minutes of which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council. This meeting had included a meeting with representatives of the two allotment associations.
- c) Finance Committee
Cllr. Gordon reported on the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 7 December, the minutes of which had been circulated, and which were endorsed by the Council.
Cllr. Dando asked the Council to look again at his proposal that a pavement sweeper should be purchased by SGC for the Council. After discussion, it was agreed to investigate the cost of different models and of the cost of maintenance and to discuss the matter again in February. Cllr. Dando would check the time frame with SGC, bearing in mind that there was currently no space to store such a machine, although it was hoped that funding would be agreed for the building of a larger storage area in Scott Park in the next financial year.

286/10. CONISTON COMMUNITY CENTRE BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

A report on the current situation of the building project was circulated and noted. It was suggested that a tour of the community centre should be arranged for all Councillors so they could see the progress of the building.

287/10. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD LOAN APPLICATION

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Council agreed unanimously to take out the agreed loan of £200,000 over a period of 11 years rather than 25 years. This would save a considerable amount of interest as the rate reduced from 4.64% to 3.34%, although the payments would start at £24,710 per annum as opposed to £17,187 per annum.

288/10. EMERGENCY GRANT APPLICATION FROM PATCHWAY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

The Council considered an application for a grant of £1,500 for running costs from the RBL Club, which had been referred from the Finance Committee. Cllrs. Grotzke, Cottrell, Gordon and Orpen declared their personal interests as Members of the RBL.

The Council noted information obtained from the National Association of Local Councils and, after discussion agreed that, although the Council would like to help the RBL, it was not possible to assist in this instance as access to the facilities in the Club were restricted to members and were not for the direct benefit of residents of Patchway.

As the time was 9.30 p.m., the Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to complete business.

289/10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Hempton Lane: The Council noted the proposed changes to waiting restrictions. It was agreed to support the revised scheme, appreciating the time spent by officers on meeting with residents and the College.
- b) Hayes Way: The Council supported the proposed waiting restrictions.
- c) The Council was pleased that it had been invited to the opening of Hayes Way.
- d) The Council noted the advertising of a TRO for the stopping up of the highway at the junction of Cranbourne/Durban Road to create a car park for the new SGC building.
- e) The Council was very sorry to hear the report of a racist incident on Gloucester Road and agreed to ask the police whether publicity posters could be issued to

request information from the public.

- f) It was agreed to support a campaign by Bradley Stoke Town Council for a better broadband service in the area.
- g) The Council noted the disturbance to residents of The Common by the use of the tennis courts in Brook Way by a youth club. This matter was being dealt with by Bradley Stoke Town Council.
- h) The Council noted a letter from Cllr. Richardson concerning the workings of the SGC Councillors' Remuneration Board. Cllr. Richardson had spent some time in the office checking through the files and had satisfied himself that the request to the Council for information was in order.
- i) Cllr. Orpen gave a report on the emergency AGM held by ALCA.
- j) The Council was pleased to receive letters of thanks for grants from Patchway Minibus Committee, the Day Centre for the Elderly and the OAP Club at North Patchway Hall.

290/10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council made no objection to the following planning application:

18 Bevington Close Single storey rear extension.

291/10. FINANCE

The Council noted the following income received:

Bristol Underwater Photography Group	Hire of Casson Centre (Jun-Sep)	76.00
Patchway Garden Society	Casson Centre hire	45.00
Blooming Buds Mother and Toddler Group	Avenue rent (w/c 15 & 22 Nov)	90.00
Big Lottery Fund	Grant payment for Coniston Phase 2	61,821.00
Wheatpatch Club	Avenue rent (Oct 2010)	399.00
Miscellaneous public	Photocopying	5.80
Blooming Buds Mother and Toddler Group	Avenue rent (w/c 29 Nov)	36.00

Blooming Buds Mother and Toddler Group	Avenue rent (w/c 6 Dec)	45.00
Blakeney Road Allotments	Rent (2010–11)	485.00
Pretoria Road Allotments	Rent (2010–11)	1,193.33
	Total	£64,201.13

The Council noted the following direct debits:

Paid to whom	Particulars of payment	Amount
Arval UK Ltd	Diesel for van (X935 CAE)	49.00
Arval UK Ltd	Diesel for van (WR55 LGU)	53.95
Arval UK Ltd	Van diesel (X935 CAE)	56.00
	Total	£158.95

The Council approved the following cheques agreed at other meetings:

Paid to whom	Particulars of payment	Amount
Melhuish & Saunders	Coniston Community Centre building works	£76,439.17
Bath and Northeast Somerset Council	Pension contributions (Nov)	£2,667.46
The Helping Hand Company Ltd	Overhead hoist for Scott Park garage conversion to disabled WC	£3,285.30
	Total	£82,391.93

The Council approved the following payments:

Paid to whom	Particulars of payment	Amount
Astor Bannerman	Scott Park garage conversion changing table supply and installation	4,166.57
The Consortium	Latex gloves	14.68
Countrywide Mobility Services Ltd	Scott Park garage conversion paper dispenser and bin	254.31
Fleet (Line Markers) Ltd	Line marking paint	782.55
Glasdon UK Ltd	Dog waste bin and mounting equipment	272.03
	Extended mounting post	65.00
Hi-Q Tyre Services	Tractor tyre repair	65.74
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE (Nov)	4,269.23
Iron Acton Forge	Supply and installation of window grills for Scott Park garage conversion	600.00
Mr M Dark	Window cleaning at Callicroft House	56.00
	...at Patchway Common Pavilion	35.00
	...at the Casson Centre	14.00

Mogford Prescott Ltd	Pretoria Allotment hut services works	8,500.00
Orange	Mobile phone bill (Nov)	76.83
PRO Structures Ltd	Civil and structural engineering services	187.50
Sol Media	Website redevelopment (final payment)	185.00
TH White	Mower deck hinge bolt	5.07
Virgin Media Payments Ltd	Broadband Internet at Callicroft House (Dec-Jan)	35.25
Mrs K Tyson	Replacement of damaged clothing	70.00
Patchway Royal British Legion	Donation for Poppy Appeal	100.00
Brandon Hire Plc.	Allotment toilet hire (Nov)	129.25
	Credit: Pretoria hire refund	-11.75
The Consortium	Hand towels	22.90
	Coloured paper	47.22
Open Spaces Society	Subscription renewal	40.00
Patchway Autoparts	Ice scraper and WD40	12.57
	Fuses	2.54
Whitehall Printing Ltd	Town Council News, December	295.00
Four Towns & Vale Link Community Transport	Grant: Vehicle replacement	8,000.00
Patchway Community Association	Grant: Maintenance	3,000.00
Patchway Youth Centre	Grant: Additional youth worker	2,100.00
Southern Brooks Community Partnership	Grant: International Women's Day	500.00
Southern Brooks Community Partnership	Grant: Early part-payment of 2011-12 funding	2,600.00
Mr M Winter	Expenses	
	First class stamps	74.00
	Christmas meal deposit	20.00
Mrs L Hamid	Clerk's expenses:	
	Painting supplies for Park	43.90
	Milk for meetings	0.86
	Bolts	17.80
	Calendars	2.50
	Sugar	0.98
	Stationary	2.98
	Christmas trees for Callicroft House	14.96
	Batteries for clocks	1.00
	Milk	0.86
	Postage	62.30
	Total	£36,734.63

292/10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council noted that the date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 11 January.
The Chairman wished all Members a Happy Christmas and New Year and invited them to join him for seasonal refreshments.