

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 8 November 2011 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway

Present: Councillors E. Gordon J.P. (in the Chair))
M. Grotzke) Coniston
C. Mills) Ward
Miss R. Thorne)
Mrs E. Martin)

M. Greensword)
P. Cottrell)
Mrs E. Orpen) Callicroft
K. Walker) Ward
S. Scott)
J. Moore)

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

122/11. PRIORITY NEIGHBOURHOOD REPORT

Peggy Ralph and Julie Close presented a report on South Gloucestershire Council's Priority Neighbourhoods and on Southern Brooks Community Partnership's work as lead organisation in Patchway. It was pointed out that in Patchway the work was badged "Patchway a Good Place to Live" and that there were a number of working groups, which Councillors were welcome to join, on the following topics: Children & Young People; Improving Health; Building Safer Communities; Improving Employment and Personal Finance; Celebrating Patchway. A presentation was shown giving statistics for Patchway on various topics.

The Chairman thanked Peggy and Julie for their presentation and they then left the meeting.

123/11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Ms R. Strong asked about the plans for the dispersal of traffic when Highwood Road was closed and complained that the U7 bus run by Wessex was frequently 10 minutes early according to the timetable.

Mr. L. Gray asked who maintained the block paving outside the shops at The Parade as it needed repair, particularly outside the chip shop.

Mr. A. Alsop asked if Coniston Community Centre was now generating funds to repay the construction costs.

The Chairman stated that the Clerk would research these questions and reply to residents in due course.

124/11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

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.

125/11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman stated that any member having a personal or prejudicial interest in a matter to be discussed should 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.

126/11. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2011, which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

127/11. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Acoustic fence along motorway bund: 99a/11
It was noted that there was nothing to report except that Cllr. Scott was hoping to attend a site visit shortly.
- b) Merlin sheltered housing in Patchway: 101/11
Cllr. Walker would be attending the Community Care & Housing Select Committee the following day when the matter would be discussed. Cllr. Pomfret stated that Councillors had been assured that sheltered housing will not be closed but that a possibility was that two bed-sits would be amalgamated to make one flat as flats were more popular. It was noted that Merlin had offered a meeting with Town Councillors on Friday 2 or 9 December and the Council agreed that 9 December at 3 p.m. would be the best date.
- c) Patchway Community Centre: 102/11
It was noted that a meeting between the Finance Committee and representatives

of the Community Centre and Day Centre for the Elderly would be held on 11 November.

d) Filton Airfield Development: 116/11

The Council noted that the agreed comments had been sent to South Glos during the consultation period. It was also noted that a consultation meeting had been held the previous week by SGC into contingency plans for developing the airfield for housing in the event that this was agreed.

It was agreed that the LEP submission asking for more action to maintain manufacturing should now be sent.

e) Parking at St. Chad's School: 115a/11

The Council noted information from the Head that the school had doubled the amount of parking spaces inside the school so that there was now sufficient for staff to park in the school grounds.

f) Hempton Lane: 117/11

The Council noted that a meeting with residents would be held at North Patchway Hall on Thursday 10 November at 7 pm.

g) Wind Turbines:

Following a discussion at the Planning & Transport Committee, it was noted that a meeting had been held to discuss the feasibility of installing wind turbines in Scott Park and on the roof of Coniston Community Centre. Quotations had been requested from a company manufacturing helix-shaped turbines which were 80% quieter than the usual design.

h) Repair of play tunnels in courtyard

The Council was pleased to note that the groundstaff had repaired the play tunnels in the pre-school area and that the leaders were very satisfied with the repairs. Councillors congratulated the staff on this work.

i) Bus stops on Gloucester Road: 117/11

A response from SGC on new positions for bus stops on the A38 was read to the Council.

j) Speakers: 118c/11

It was noted that in January the Head of Stoke Lodge Primary School would be speaking to the Council and in February there would be a talk by 1624 Youth Housing.

k) Celebrating Patchway

A report was given on the successful event at Patchway Community Centre in October when certificates were presented by Cllr. Mills to local organisations nominated as Patchway's Unsung Heroes.

- 1) Shellmor Avenue Consultation: 117/11
Various suggestions were discussed but it was agreed that the Council should make no comment until the public consultation had closed and residents views were known.

128/11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a) Planning & Transport Committee
Cllr. Mills introduced minutes of the meeting held on 25 October which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council.
Arising from these minutes and the information that Cllr. Alsop had presented a petition to South Gloucestershire Council asking for a separate parish to be formed of Stoke Lodge and Patchway Common, Cllr. Mills introduced the following resolution:
“That Patchway Town Council should conduct an official survey asking Patchway residents on the east side of the A38 if they wish to stay in Patchway or move to another parish”.
Cllr. Alsop stated that residents had requested this action and that it had been in the Conservative manifesto before the election. The legal process would now be started. The Chairman recommended that this matter should be discussed at a future meeting.
After debate on this issue, the resolution was passed unanimously with Cllrs. Thorne, Alsop and Hopkinson abstaining. The Stoke Lane Councillors then left the meeting. Cllr. Pomfret had left before the vote was taken.
- b) Parks & Open Spaces
Cllr. Orpen introduced minutes of the meeting held on 25 October which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council.
- c) Finance Committee
Cllr. Gordon introduced minutes of the meeting held on 1 November which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council. The Council agreed with the committee’s recommendation that the Alderman Scott Awards should be made at the Community College after this year.

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

129/11. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Orpen reported on residents’ issues dealt with and training attended.
Cllr. Scott reported that he had asked for a review of School Travel Plans after a year.
Cllr. Walker reported on the Review of Quality of Care being carried out by SGC.

130/11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Proposed redevelopment of garage site in Longney Place
- b) Community Sports Awards
- c) Consultation on new police station
- d) Playdays Pre-school
- e) Southern Brooks Community Partnership use of Patchway Common pavilion for Step-Up Project individual and group work
- f) Welfare, Debt & Benefits Advice
- g) Localism in South Gloucestershire
- h) SGC Budget Consultation
- i) Fly Tipping
- j) Blocked drains in Scott Park : additional cost could be £5,000. Will report to Parks Committee
- k) Consultation on changes in social care
- l) Letters of thanks

131/11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council made no objection to the following planning applications:

SIG Trading Ltd 13 Concorde Road	Creation or 7 parking bays and 2 disabled spaces (Resubmission)
Jones Lang LaSalle 1200 Aztec West	2 condenser units

132/11. FINANCE

The Council noted the following income received:

Various	Council group photograph	45.00
	Total	£ 45.00

The Council noted the following direct debits:

Arval UK Ltd	Diesel for vans and petrol for hand tools	149.17
Arval UK Ltd	Annual contract fee	19.20
Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayments	£27,730.91
	Total	£27,899.28

The Council approved the following expenditure:

Advanced Security Systems Ltd	Alarm maintenance and monitoring	476.40
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Bath and Northeast Somerset Council	Pension contributions (Oct)	2,643.95
Brandon Hire Plc.	Allotment toilet hire (Oct)	138.00
British Gas Trading Ltd	Gas at Casson Centre	66.88
BT Payment Services Ltd	Patchway Common payphone	137.52
Building Supplies (Patchway) Ltd	Cement and gravel for Patchway Common play area	44.46
Canon UK Ltd	Photocopier maintenance	141.44
The Consortium	Cleaning materials	190.11
	Latex gloves	11.98
	Office chair	179.99
	Stationery	152.44
CPRE	Subscription	29.00
Craig West Turf Ltd	Turf and artificial grass for courtyard	467.10
D W Tomlin	Tyres for leaf sweeper	58.56
Easy Internet Solutions Ltd	Renewal of patchway-town.co.uk domain	12.59
Ecosolve Ltd	Line marking paint	429.60
HiQ Tyreservices	Tractor tyre repair (WX03 KMU)	73.14
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE (Oct)	4,434.18
Mogford Prescott Ltd	Installation of utility meters at Patchway Sports & Social Club	1,518.00
	Service boiler at Callicroft House and jet courtyard drains	102.00
		562.54
	Service boiler at Casson Centre	102.00
Pete Moorhouse	Cycle path sculpture at Gorse Covert	700.00
Virgin Media Payments Ltd	Broadband at Callicroft House (Nov–Dec)	36.00
Weston Electrical Services Ltd	Change final light at Patchway Common	199.55
Whitehall Printing Co (Avon) Ltd	Printing of Patchway Guide (first batch)	373.00
Coniston Community Association	Grant: Electricity during construction	5,000.00
Patchway Community Sports Association	Grant: Champions' Evening	150.00
Patchway Senior Citizens' Club	Grant: Social and Leisure activities	500.00
South Gloucestershire Citizens' Advice Bureau	Grant: Provision of advice to Patchway residents	375.00
Mr M Dark	Window cleaning at Callicroft House	56.00
	...at Patchway Common Pavilion	17.50
	...at Casson Centre	14.00
Mr C Milton	Installation of bench	164.50
	Construction of garage in Scott Park (stage payment)	2,500.00
Mrs L Hamid	Clerk's expenses	
	Turf for courtyard	23.40

	Bolts for goal posts	27.60
	Direction signs for Scout Hut and Pretoria Allotments	225.37
	Photograph development	4.25
	Postage	57.45
Staff	Salaries	12,992.07
	Total	£35,387.57

133/11. STANDING ORDERS

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Hopkinson had repeatedly contravened Standing Order 27a in his behaviour earlier in the meeting and that this should be reported to the Standards Committee.

It was noted that the Standing Order, “Disorderly Conduct” stated that “No member shall misconduct himself at a meeting by persistently disregarding the ruling of the Chairman, by wilfully obstructing business or by behaving irregularly, offensively, improperly or in such a manner as to scandalise the Council or bring it into contempt or ridicule”

134/11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council noted that the next meeting would be on Tuesday 13 December.