

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 13 March 2012 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway

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

M. Greensword)
P. Cottrell) Callicroft
D. Tiley) Ward
J. Moore)

A. Alsop) Stoke Lodge
) Ward

27/12. 16-25 YOUTH HOUSING

The Chairman welcomed Jamie Gill, Improvement Director from 16-25 Independent People, to speak to the Council.

Jamie said he had worked in Patchway since 1994 with the housing advice project for young people which was formerly called Priority Youth Housing. During this time he had worked with Patchway Town Council and other local organisations and felt very much part of the community.

Since 2009, Priority had merged with another youth housing association and was now called 16-25 Independent People. It had an office at The Parade and had hoped to move into Coniston Community Centre but, due to delays in the build programme, had to seek office space elsewhere. 16-25 specialised in helping young people leaving care but offered advice to any young people and worked through schools and youth centres. In answer to a question, Jamie said he would arrange an event at the office at The Parade so that Councillors could meet the staff and hear more about the services offered to young people in Patchway.

The Chairman thanked Jamie for his talk and he then left the meeting.

28/12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. Varney, 38 Stroud Road

Raised the condition of the road surface in Stroud Road. The Council was able to supply information on when the most damaged areas were to be repaired.

Mr. Mulcaster, 1 Worthing Road

Concerned at more traffic using Rodway Road since the road works in Highwood. Patching was not effective and the whole road needed resurfacing. The Council would take up this matter with SGC. Attention was drawn to the petition asking that

Highwood Road should not be closed to traffic and copies were made available to members of the public.

Mr. Grinstead, 25 Stoke Lane

Objected to the SGC decision to close Shellmor Road which would cause more use of Stoke Lane and benefit only 160 houses in the Shellmor Avenue area. He requested speed restrictions on Stoke Lane (20mph) due to children from 4 schools crossing. Councillors supported the request for a lower speed limit and more crossing points and these requests would be made again to SGC for consideration.

Mr. Richardson, 8 Severn Way

Coniston Road was becoming a rat-run; more traffic was using Durban Road where there was too much parking and vehicles cannot pass easily. The Council was pressing SGC to survey the Coniston area so that through traffic could be discouraged by traffic calming and the closing of Highwood should be reconsidered.

Miss Popham, 56 Falcon Way

Concerned about increase in traffic in Coniston from Cribbs when Highwood Road is closed.

Ms Strong, 33 Stoke Lane

Road markings in Highwood at the junction with Coniston gave the wrong impression that buses would no longer be turning right into Coniston, which was not the case. The markings had been taken up with SGC for clarity.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for their contribution.

29/12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Orpen, Scott, Walker, Hopkinson and Pomfret who, as SG District Councillors, were all attending a meeting of Southern Brooks Area Forum.

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.

30/12. 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.

31/12. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 February , which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

32/12. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Four Towns Joint Forum : 18/12
A report was given on the meeting held on 17 February at which the following items had been discussed: Core Strategy, University Technical College, Highwood Road and Town Plans. The meeting had been chaired by Cllr. Mills and attended by representatives of Patchway, Bradley Stoke, Stoke Gifford and Filton councils.
- b) Report of working group on Standing Orders : 21/12
The Council noted that a preliminary meeting had been held and another was to be arranged.
- c) Chescombe Trust: 10b/12
The Council noted that a representative would be speaking at the April meeting.

33/12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a) Planning & Transport Committee
Cllr. Gordon presented the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council.
- b) Finance Committee
Cllr. Mills presented the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council.

34/12. GORSE COVERT & SCOTT PARK

The Council noted that South Gloucestershire Council had agreed that any parish or town council could be issued with a 50 year Lease for an area of open space in their parish and nil rent. Patchway Town Council had applied some years ago for a Lease for Gorse Covert and been refused by now SGC would be willing to issue a Lease.

The Council agreed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee that this opportunity should be taken up so that the Council would be able to manage the woodland and grassland for the benefit of local residents and could ensure that there was no threat of development.

The Council also agreed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Scott Park should be registered as a Queen Elizabeth II Field.

This resolution was proposed by C. Mills, seconded by M. Grotzke and unanimously agreed.

35/12. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

In his absence, Cllr. Scott had sent the following report:

- In the 2012-13 financial year, SGC would be resurfacing the carriageway of Coniston Road from Highwood Road to Hawthorn Close; replacing all the speed humps in Coniston Road which have been removed as they became faulty; resurfacing the footways at the junction of Rodway/Durban Roads to tie in with footway improvements for Patchway Children’s Hub. There are future plans to resurface Rodway and Durban Roads but not this year.
- Stroud Road maintenance: a patch will be carried out between nos. 38 and 50, which is the worst area in the road. SGC know that the whole road needs resurfacing and it has a “priority tag” so will be carried out as soon as possible.
- A helpful report had been received from SGC concerning the noise bund alongside the M5 at Falcon Close stating that the Environmental Health team are in discussions with the contractor and Highways Agency who are undertaking work on the motorway regarding noise during construction. They are negotiating to see if a temporary noise fence planned for the length of the contract can be left in-situ at the end of the work. It appears that the original height of the earth bund was never checked by Northavon District Council.
- Lighting in Station Road: this work is being carried out as part of a government funded scheme to improve cycle routes and promote sustainable travel.
- DC West Planning Committee has agreed for an ASDA store to be developed on the site of the old Woolworths store near the MOD which will provide jobs and investment in the area.
- Highwood Road: SGC officers have confirmed that they are going traffic counts on Coniston Road and that the closure of Highwood is reversible if the traffic modelling proves to be wrong.
- Hempton Lane parking scheme is going ahead.

36/12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Youth & Sure Start work: The Council noted information from Southern Brooks Community Partnership, stating that SBCP were pleased to be invited to speak at the April Finance Committee on their response to the SGC Children’s Service Review. All Councillors had been invited to a lunch on 20 April at Coniston Community Centre where further information would be given. SBCP were also inviting Councillors to an open meeting to discuss integrated services for young people on Tuesday 1 May from 6-8 pm at Coniston CC.
- b) The Council noted that all Councillors were invited to a meeting with Merlin Housing Society on Sheltered Accommodation on Tuesday 27 March at 4.30 pm.

- c) Review of services at Patchway Clinic: It was noted that an open day would be held on 3 April from 2-7 p.m. and that a presentation would be made at the April Council meeting.
- d) It was noted that the AGM of South Gloucestershire CPRE would be held on 17 March at Poole Court, Yate and all Councillors were invited to attend.
- e) The Council was pleased to receive a letter of thanks from Pretoria Road Allotments for the Council's support of the development project. Photographs of the new raised beds for disabled gardeners and water butts for plot holders' use were circulated.
- f) Alderman Scott presentation to Michael Alsop: As Michael is unable to attend the April meeting with Becky, it was agreed that a date for him to call at the office to receive his book token from the Mayor should be arranged.

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

37/12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council made no objection to the following planning applications:

4 Amberley Road	Single storey side extension to provide living accommodation
Charlton Hayes Plot E9 on Hayes Way	Ford Motor Dealership
Charlton Hayes Plot E9 on Hayes Way	Advertising signs

38/12. FINANCE

The Council noted the following income received:

Almondsbury Youth FC	Hire of football pitches (Sep-Dec 2011)	1,120.00
Patchway Youth FC	Hire of football pitches (Sep-Dec 2011)	192.00
Wheatpatch Club	Patchway Common Pavilion rent	753.23
South Gloucestershire Council	Hire of Casson Centre	60.00
Southern Brooks Community Partnership	Lighting tokens	12.00
16-25 Independent People	Hire of conference room	303.00
Aviva Insurance Ltd	Insurance claim for garage break-in	359.60
Stoke Lodge	Photocopying	68.00

Neighbourhood Watch

Bailey Sports FC	Hire of football pitches	567.00
		Total £3,434.83

To note the following direct debits:

All-star Business Solutions Ltd	Diesel for van (WR55 LGU)	56.48
British Gas (Commercial) Services Ltd	Boiler maintenance contract payment	116.00
		Total £ 172.48

To approve the following expenditure:

Bath and Northeast Somerset Council	Pension contributions (Feb)	2,820.80
Bevan's Bray Walker Ltd	Deed of Variation registration fee for Coniston Community Centre	50.00
Bradley Stoke Town Council	Manual handling course	135.00
Brandon Hire Ltd	Allotment toilet hire	126.00
Bristol Wessex Billing Services Ltd	Water at Patchway Common Pavilion	130.98
Building Supplies (Patchway) Ltd	Post fix concrete	20.78
The Consortium	Notebooks, Blue Tack, polish and air freshener	49.04
	Rubbish bags	43.08
	Cleaning materials and stationery	81.15
	Cleaning materials, sterile wipes and rubber bands	60.37
FRS Countrywear Ltd	Power tool gloves	44.18
George Carr and Sons Ltd	Protective equipment for chainsaw usage	52.54
HiQ Tyre services	Inner tube replacement (Q348 REU)	113.04
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE (Feb)	4,729.82
Landcare Nursery Ltd	Hedging for Tumps	60.90
Orange	Mobile phone bill (Mar)	22.83
Patchway Autoparts	Double-sided tape	2.96
	Double-sided foam tape	3.83
Post Office Ltd	Road tax (WR55 LGU)	210.00
Soccertackle Ltd	Goal Net Hooks	20.49
South Gloucestershire Council	Council Tax Attachment of Earnings Order	149.52
	Mower parts	31.38
	Repair of Scott Park skate park flood light	97.20
	Car park surface repair and marking at Scott Park and Patchway Common	696.89

	Erection and removal of Christmas lights	3,073.51
Uphill & Son Ltd	Repair of tractor PTO drive	190.80
Virgin Media Payments Ltd	Broadband at Callicroft House	36.00
Whitehall Printing Co (Avon) Ltd	Town Council News (March)	314.00
Mr C Milton	Completion of garage construction in Scott Park	3,867.00
	Repair of drains in Scott Park	6,467.00
Ms R Thorne	Travel expenses	7.07
Mr M Winter	Travel to training courses	62.00
Mrs L Hamid	Clerk's expenses:	
	Sugar for meetings	1.15
	Coffee and tea for meetings	9.28
	Milk for meetings	0.96
	Milk for meetings	0.79
	Light bulbs	153.22
	Postage	64.86
Staff salaries	February	13,291.55
	Total	£37,291.97

39/12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council noted that the next meeting would be on Tuesday 10 April, with speakers from Chescombe Trust and Patchway Clinic Consultation.