

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present:	Councillors	C. Mills (in the Chair))	
		M. Grotzke)	Coniston
		E. Gordon J.P)	Ward
		Mrs E. Martin)	
		J. Moore)	
		Mrs E. Orpen)	
		P. Cottrell)	Callicroft
		D. Tiley)	Ward
		S. Scott)	
		M. Greensword)	
		A. Alsop)	Stoke
		B. Hopkinson)	Lodge
		Ms S. Pomfret)	Ward

131/12. SOUTHERN BROOKS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman welcomed representatives of Southern Brooks Community Partnership to speak about their work in Patchway and introduce young people who used their services.

It was noted that Cllr. Martin and the Clerk were Trustees of this organisation.

The Chairman thanked the speakers for their interesting presentation and they then left the meeting.

132/12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mark Tutt, 34 Worthing Road, asked for more signs asking residents to clear up after their dogs. The Chairman replied that the Council was looking to work with the SGC Dog Warden to set up an awareness group for this issue.

Mr. Tutt also raised the problem of travellers' horses in the roads and grass verges and this question was answered by the Police Inspector who explained the action which the police were taking.

Mr. Tutt also raised the question of the Highwood Road closure being ignored. The Inspector said that the police had held a meeting with SGC Highways Officers and asked for clearer signs to be displayed so that they could enforce the closure.

The Chairman explained that a petition of over 4000 names had been presented to SGC opposing the closure of Highwood Road but this had been ignored.

Rebecca Strong of Stoke Lane was concerned that First Bus had withdrawn the 318 bus route to Keynsham without giving any advance notice. The Chairman said that the Council would raise this matter with SGC.

Mike Murch, 182 Charlton Mead Drive, spoke on behalf of Charlton Common residents who wish to preserve the integrity of Charlton Common. An application had been made by Redrow and Persimmon Homes to develop land for 1,100 housing units between Wyck Beck Road and Cribbs Causeway and to create an access from Charlton Road by widening the road across the common land. SGC had given permission for this development but the matter had been referred to the Planning Inspector and there will be a Public Inquiry. There is no cohesive transport plan to deal with the additional traffic. Cllr. Scott agreed that the Core Strategy is very weak on the impact of building on existing communities and roads. The Councillors agreed to work with the BS10 Group on this matter but suggested that the residents should also contact Almondsbury Parish Council as this area is within their parish.

133/12. POLICE

Inspector Bob Evely spoke to the Council about the incident at one of the shops on The Parade on Halloween when a firework had been thrown into the shop, accompanied by racist comments. He reported that three arrests had been made and the police had held a meeting at Filton Police Station attended by the victims and a number of agencies working in the area. The police investigation would be assisted by any community intelligence but were pleased to report that there had been no further incidents since that night.

It was noted that Cllr. Gordon had represented the Council at a meeting with the Police, Anti-Social Behaviour officers of SGC, SARI and other agencies to draw up an action plan to deal with this issue. Merlin Housing Society, which is the landlord, had a plan for work to be carried out by the end of March and would be consulting on this and the police planned to hold a site meeting at the end of November. Inspector Evely confirmed that the standard of the images obtained from the CCTV cameras at The Parade was not good enough and had no infra-red capability. The images could be improved by new equipment.

Inspector Evely reported on the wider policing of Patchway, stating that there were now two PCs and 4 PCSOs, shortly to be increased to 5 PCSOs. This would give the largest team in the Beat area. The police were currently running two projects in Patchway, one concentrating on garage and shed security and one on removal of graffiti. Patchway has had a 3.4% reduction in crime since last year; violent crime is down 10%. There had been a spate of distraction burglaries in recent weeks and the police were following various leads on identifying the suspect. There had been a robbery in Boots Optician at the roundabout and one man was in custody for this.

Cllr. Gordon raised the suggestion of having an alcohol-free zone in Patchway but the Inspector said this was normally only created for a small area where street drinking was a particular problem.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Evelyn for his visit and very helpful report. The Inspector agreed to arrange a quarterly visit to speak to the Council.

134/12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Walker (ill) and Thorne (working).

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 contacting the office.

135/12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman stated that any member having a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed should declare it during the meeting as specified in the Code of Conduct required by the Localism Act 2011 Section 27. 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.

136/12. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 October, which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record, proposed Cllr. Moore, seconded Cllr. Alsop and signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

137/12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a) Planning & Transport Committee
Cllr. Scott presented the minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on 23 October which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council.
- b) Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Cllr. Grotzke presented the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council.
- c) Finance Committee
The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November which

had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council. The Council agreed with the decision taken by the Committee on repairs to the car park in Scott Park and on support for a Green Dog Walking scheme. The Council also agreed to adopt the Policy for Financial Risk Management drawn up by the Finance Committee.

138/12. DEED OF DEDICATION

The Council agreed to sign a Deed of Dedication for Scott Park to be registered as a Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field.

139/12. RE-ADOPTION OF DECLARATION AGAINST RACISM

The Council unanimously agreed to re-adopt this Declaration, which had first been signed in 2008. All present signed the declaration which would be displayed in the Council Chamber. It was agreed to print this in Patchway People and publicise on the website and by any other means.

140/12. CHARLTON COMMON & SGC CORE STRATEGY

Having heard the representations on behalf of residents on this area in Public Question Time, the Council agreed that its comments on the Core Strategy, already agreed, would include protecting the integrity of Charlton Common.

Other comments on the Core Strategy were confirmed as:

- Opposing the closure of Filton Airfield
- If the airfield is to be closed, creating a minimum of 40 hectares of employment land safeguarded in the development
- Supporting the retention of one carriageway of Highwood Road as a two-way road for local cars and buses only
- Supporting the re-instatement of the passenger rail system on the southern edge of the airfield and the reopening of Henbury and Filton Halt stations (Henbury Loop)

These comments were proposed by Cllr. Scott, seconded by Cllr. Martin and agreed by 11-0 with 2 abstentions.

As the time was 9.30 p.m., it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to permit completion of business.

141/12. RECEPTION & PRESENTATION FOR FREEMEN OF PATCHWAY

The Chairman asked all Councillors to attend this event on the evening of Thursday 13 December.

142/12. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Scott reported that SGC had a £14m shortfall in its education budget due to a 75% reduction in the grant from central government.

Cllr. Hopkinson reported on the introduction of a New Homes Bonus. The Council was discussion how this payment should be allocated.

143/12. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Cllr. Martin reported on the successful AGM of Southern Brooks Community Partnership the previous evening in Filton Hill Primary School.

144/12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Granting Dispensations: The Council noted a letter from SGC Legal Services on this matter and asked the Clerk to see clarification
- b) Councillors were reminded of a meeting the following day with Balfour Beatty re Managed Motorways
- c) Cycle Safety Bid: the Council noted information from SGC and agreed to support this scheme but ask that cyclists should not be able to use the flyover at Gypsy Patch Lane due to safety concerns
- d) Rodway Road walkabout : Councillors were pleased to learn that Environmental Health had achieved the clearance of a burnt out shed in the back lane
- e) The Council agreed that the speaker at the December meeting would be Richard Clark to talk about his new role at Callicroft Primary School and international links between children and young people in 2013
- f) Community Engagement Team at SGC: The Council noted that the new officer for Patchway was Sarah Roberts
- g) Highwood Road matters:
- h) The agenda for Southern Brooks Area Forum on 27 November was noted. This meeting would be attended by the SG Councillors and the agenda included decisions on highways maintenance projects for the next year
- i) Blocked drain in Scott Park: As the quotation received to connect this soakaway to the storm drain in the Park was over £3,000, it was noted that the Clerk would obtain two more quotations

- j) Noticeboard at Patchway Hub: the Council noted the current unsatisfactory positioning of this noticeboard and hope that the situation could be resolved
- k) The Council noted an invitation from the CPRE to a presentation in Bath
- l) The Council was pleased to note letters of thanks for grants from Victim Support, South Glos CAB, Patchway Senior Citizens Club and North Bristol Advice Centre
- m) It was noted that due to the bank holiday at the beginning of January, the date of the January meeting would be one week later than normal on Tuesday 15 January.

145/12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council made no objection to the following planning applications:

Bradley Stoke PH Brook Way	Front lobby, exterior beer garden, play area
Brook Way Activity Centre Brook Way	Radio Transmission Aerial
109 Gloucester Road	Certificate of Lawfulness for installation of side dormer for loft conversion
Charlton Hayes	Construction of internal roads (reserved matters)

The Council objected to the following application on the grounds of over-development through the proposed detached gym/store. Cllr. Orpen agreed to call this application in for a site visit:

47 Callicroft Road	Single storey side & rear extension and outbuilding for gym/store
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146/12. FINANCE

The Council noted the following income:

Big Lottery Fund	Skate park grant	10,000.00
Patchway Cricket Club	Hire of cricket pitch 2012	700.00
Patchway Players	Photocopying	11.49
Wheatpatch Club	Avenue rent (Jun–Aug 2012)	1,260.00
Patchway, Filton & The Stokes Volunteer Centre	Copier paper recharge	5.42
Various	Photocopying	5.68

HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	9,573.67
Southern Brooks Community Partnership	Lighting tokens	12.00
Patchway Sports and Social Club	Ground rent	2,959.13
Four Towns & Vale Link	Gas recharge (Apr–Oct 2012)	482.26
Community Transport		
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	Total	£25,177.06

The Council noted the following direct debits:

Allstar Business Solutions Ltd	Diesel for van (FP03 ULF)	80.01
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British Gas (Commercial) Services Ltd	Boiler maintenance contract payment	116.00
Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment (half year)	26,986.91
	Total	£27,278.72

The Council approved the following expenditure:

1	Bath and North East Somerset Council	Pension contributions (Oct)	3,097.39
2	Brandon Hire Ltd	Allotment toilet hire (Oct)	138.00
3	Bristol Drains Ltd	Clearance of drain in Scott Park	156.00
4	British Gas	Electricity at Patchway Common	272.40
5		Gas at Scott Park	135.63
6		Gas at Callicroft House	146.91
7		Gas at Casson Centre	38.06
8	BT Payment Services Ltd	Payphone at Patchway Common	138.72
9	Building Supplies (Patchway) Ltd	Cement and aggregate	35.58
10	Canon UK Ltd	Photocopier maintenance contract	94.30
11	The Consortium	Stationery	163.27
12		Cleaning materials	100.23
13	CPRE	Subscription	29.00
14	Dominic Taylor Architecture and Design Ltd	Community Centre scheme design	12,084.00
15	FRS Countrywear Ltd	Uniform for groundstaff	45.92
16	HiQ Tyreservices	Repair of mower puncture	49.14
17		Repair of tractor puncture	49.14
18	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE (October)	4,145.87
19	JB Glazing	Repair of Casson Centre window	324.00
20	Lansdowne Surveys Ltd	Survey of Patchway Community	1,872.00

	Centre	
21	Murray Hire Centres Ltd	Safety boots 39.00
22	Orange	Mobile phones (October) 20.99
23		Mobile phones (November) 22.46
24	Patchway Autoparts	Spark plug 2.98
25	South Gloucestershire Council	Repair of path lighting 87.05
26	TH White Ltd	Repair of flail attachment 253.92
27		Repair of leaf sweeper 553.61
28	Uphill & Son Ltd	Repair of tractor 527.88
29	Virgin Media Payments Ltd	Broadband at Callicroft House (November) 36.00
30	Patchway Pretoria Allotment Society	Roof repair 334.08
31	Mr C Milton	Repair of noticeboards 644.50
32		Repair of Rodway Rd noticeboard 357.50
33		Varnish office shutter 61.00
34		Repair garage door in Scott Park 37.50
35	Bristol BMX Club	Grant 500.00
36	Bristol Playbus Project	Grant 500.00
37	Old Patchway Pensioners (Friday) Club	Grant 500.00
38	Stoke Lodge Neighbourhood Watch	Grant 250.00
39	Patchway and The Stokes Volunteer Bureau	Grant 1,000.00
40	Mrs L Hamid	Clerk's expenses:
41		Printer and toner cartridges 170.15
42		Removable bollards 352.80
43		Key cutting 13.50
44		Sugar 1.15
45		Milk 0.85
46		Toilet seat 7.99
47		Light bulbs 4.00
48		Postage 77.39
49	Staff	Salaries 13,508.17
	Total	£42,980.03

147/12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 11 December at 7.30 p.m. The speaker would be Richard Clark, Head of Stoke Lodge School and Executive Head of Callicroft Primary School.