

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 November 2015 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.**

Present: Councillors Mrs E. Orpen (in the Chair) )  
K. Dando )  
P. Cottrell )  
M. Greensword ) Callicroft  
Ms R. Messenger ) Ward  
R. Loveridge )  
Mrs P. Coleman )  
  
E. Gordon )  
Mrs E. Martin ) Coniston  
J. Butler ) Ward  
E. Bathe-Taylor )  
Mrs M. Bathe-Taylor )

**122/15. POLICE INSPECTOR**

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Clive Summerill of Avon & Somerset Police to the meeting to give a police update.

The Inspector reported that a recent major reorganisation of policing had led to the loss of many posts. This was due to the Comprehensive Savings Review which had achieved a 25% saving for the government. He was now the Inspector and Head of Neighbourhood Management for the whole of South Glos. A new IT system had initially caused difficulties, but was now settling down. The team for Patchway was still Sergeant Steve Ives, PC Wayne Hicks as Beat Manager and 4 PCSOs but these officers were also part of the Response Team as well as being Beat Officers, so they had more responsibilities than previously. Avon & Somerset Police had just been through a review of its operation model and had been judged “very good”.

The Inspector then reported on crime statistics:

- Crime in Patchway was up 4.4% but this compared with South Glos. where it was up 8.9%.
- Shop-lifting was down 33%
- Dwelling Burglaries were up 13%: there had been 2 this month, part of a series in Filton & Patchway which were being investigated
- Racial incidents were up 62% (from 8 to 13)
- Violence against the person was up 100%
- Domestic violence and sexual violence was up 12%

It was noted that the police aim now was to measure trust and confidence and increase reporting, so this would account for the increase in reports of domestic violence, racial incidents and violence against the person

Councillors asked about the conviction rates for these crimes. The Inspector responded that convictions overall were 35.9%: 4.38% for dwelling burglary, 55% for fraud, 70.5% for shop lifting, 53% for race/hate crime.

A question was asked about the value of CCTV. The Inspector said that 86% of criminals would be put off by a burglar alarm but the most important advice was to ensure doors and windows were securely locked. Marking property was useful in case it was recovered later. He drew attention to the Immobilise website to record property. The police do talk to retailers about action they can take and constantly appeal to the public to pass on information.

There was a question on the effect on crime of street lights being turned off after midnight. The Inspector stated that there could be some detrimental effect but mainly it affected the confidence of residents.

The Chairman thanked the Inspector for attending the meeting and invited him to come again to brief the Councillors.

Following the departure of the Inspector, Councillors expressed concern that the crime figures were up as were delays in response time and queried whether there was any action the Council could take to help the situation. It was suggested that this matter should be raised again at the next Council meeting.

#### **123/15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr. G. Varney, 38 Stroud Road

Mr. Varney attended to update the Council on the progress of Patchway Speedwatch. Volunteers had been obtained through advertising in Patchway People and were trained by the Speedwatch Co-ordinator. The scheme had now started and members had been out four times. This was having the effect of getting cars to slow down. 16 people had been recorded as driving over 37mph so far and this information was passed to the police for further action.

The Council was very pleased to receive this report and thanked Mr. Varney for his initiative in setting up the Speedwatch Group in Patchway.

#### **124/15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. Orpen thanked Councillors for their messages and best wishes sent during her recent illness.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C. Mills (unwell), D. Tiley (unwell) and Grotzke (unwell).

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.

#### **125/15. 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 and should leave the room while the matter was discussed.

#### **126/15. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 September 2015, which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr. Dando and seconded by Cllr. Cottrell.

#### **127/15. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a) Fly-tipping: 113a/15

The Council was pleased to note that the rubbish outside the garages to the rear of Hazeldene Road had finally been cleared by the landowner.

b) Report on meeting with Merlin Housing Society: 113d/15

A report on this meeting on 29 November was noted. 10 Councillors had attended to meet Paul Coates, Director of Housing and Communities. Mr. Coates had only been with Merlin for 6 months so it was agreed that a list of items previously raised with Merlin and not resolved would be sent for him to investigate. No response had been received to date. Mr. Coates had presented a PowerPoint presentation but this dealt with the whole area covered by the Housing Society and Councillors requested a presentation which referred specifically to Patchway. Mr. Coates explained the effect of the government's welfare reform programme on Housing Societies: Merlin expected its income to be reduced by £16m over four years and also expected the Universal Credit introduction next year to increase rent arrears as benefits would be paid directly to the tenant rather than the rent portion of the benefit to be paid to the landlord. It was pointed out by Councillors that cuts in services would create more dissatisfaction with Merlin in Patchway.

c) Councillors Training: 114c/15

The Council noted that a training course had been arranged on Tuesday 19 January at 7 p.m. by Avon Local Councils Association on Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and other issues. The Parks Committee scheduled for this evening would be moved to the following week.

## **128/15. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

### a) Parks & Open Spaces Committee

Cllr. Cottrell presented the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council.

### b) Planning & Transport Committee

Cllr. Gordon presented the minutes of the meeting held on 27 October which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council. It was noted that SGC were taking enforcement action on a property in Falcon Drive.

### c) Finance Committee

Cllr. Gordon presented the minutes of the meetings held on 3 November which had been circulated and which were endorsed by the Council with the exception of item 4a. There was a discussion on the need for a bus shelter in Highwood Road at the junction with Durban Road. Although the Finance Committee had recommended a cheaper and smaller shelter in view of the Metrobus development which would include a new shelter at this stop in 2017, the SG Councillors considered that this development might not be completed and recommended that the Town Council erect the shelter as previously proposed by the Planning Committee.

This was proposed by Cllr. Dando, seconded by Cllr. Gordon and unanimously agreed.

## **129/15. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Dando reported that SGC may sell Kingswood Civic Centre and relocate all functions to Badminton Road in Yate. He also reported that there was a huge reduction in funds available for road repairs.

## **130/15. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

### Sirona Care & Health

Cllr. Martin reported on her attendance at the AGM of Sirona, which is a community interest company set up to provide health and social care services for various groups in the community in Bath & NE Somerset and South Gloucestershire. In South Glos., Sirona is providing Active Ageing Services for 80-84 years and GP referrals for 85+. The service is based at Patchway Clinic in Thirlmere Road.

### Charlton Hayes Steering Group

The Clerk reported on a recent meeting of this Group. Discussions were still ongoing about the location of GPs on the development. There had been an update on the primary school which would be a two-form entry with 420 places, opening in either 2018 or 2019. A request had been made to SGC that the temporary green at Ringsfield Lane should remain accessible to the community for as long as possible. It was hoped that planting on the green spine would commence in autumn 2016. Cameras had been

installed to stop private cars driving in the bus lane of Highwood Road. The airfield site had been sold again there may be changes in the detailed plans.

**131/15.        CORRESPONDENCE**

- a)     The Council noted an invitation to the CPRE AGM on 17 November
- b)     The Council noted an invitation to the S. Glos Deaf Association AGM on 15 December
- c)     All Councillors were invited to attend a presentation on the Cribbs Patchway Metrobus Extension on Monday 23 November from 3.30-7 pm at Little Stoke Park, Community Hall.
- d)     It was noted that the work to install speed tables in Coniston Road had been postponed until New Year (starting on 4 January).
- e)     SGC was carrying out the Annual Survey of rough sleepers in South Gloucestershire on the night of 18 November and Councillors were asked to inform the Clerk if they had any information.
- f)     The Council noted an invitation to take part in the public consultation on the WofE Joint Transport Study and Joint Spatial Plan. Comments were required by 29 January and the matter was referred to the Planning & Transport Committee.
- g)     Councillors were reminded that the second half of the Equalities Training would be held before the next Council meeting .
- h)     Councillors were reminded of Patchway Remembrance Parade on Sunday next. Those wishing to march should meet outside Coniston Community Centre at 10.10 am to set off at 10.30 am for Scott Park.
- i)     The Council noted information on HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in South Gloucestershire. There would be a church service in Thornbury followed by refreshments and any residents aged 90+ would be invited. Councillors were asked to inform the Clerk if they knew of any residents aged 90 years or over. This event would be publicised in Patchway People. It was noted that attendance was by invitation only.
- j)     A letter of thanks for the grant to Creation Twirlers was noted.

**132/15.        PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Cllrs. Dando and Orpen stated that, due to their membership of the SG Development Control Committee, they would make no comment on any application.



The Council agreed the following expenditure:

Voucher	To Whom Paid	Description	Sub Total	Cheque Amount
248	Urban Recreation	Repairs to Cable Ride & Teen Shelter	£1,644.00	
		Mesh Panels for Teen Shelter	£570.00	<b>£2,214.00</b>
249	Ross Office Supplies	White Paper		<b>£30.00</b>
250	C&R Fencing	Barrier Repairs Scott Park		<b>£471.60</b>
251	Canon	Photocopier		<b>£86.26</b>
252	NEC	Projector Repair		<b>£241.13</b>
253	HMRC	PAYE September		<b>£4,505.71</b>
254	Advanced Plumbing & Heating	Water Heater Scott Park		<b>£267.60</b>
255	TH White	Winter Service Ride on Mower	£2,153.43	
		Battery Replacement Mower	£216.73	<b>£2,370.16</b>
256	Viridor Waste Management	3 x Exchanges Scott Park		<b>£742.90</b>
257	Carr Power Products	Cable/Blades for Tools		<b>£145.28</b>
258	The Consortium	Stationary Office Supplies/Ink		<b>£117.42</b>
259	BANES	October Pension		<b>£3,197.93</b>
260	PHS	Dust Mat CCC (from Grant)		<b>£341.51</b>
261	South Gloucestershire Council	Election Costs May 2015		<b>£6,808.91</b>
262	South Gloucestershire Council	Planning Fee for Allotments Portacabin		<b>£40.00</b>
263	Virgin Media	Broadband		<b>£39.60</b>
264	Bristol BMX Club	Grant		<b>£3,000.00</b>

265	Coniston Toddler Group	Grant		<b>£350.00</b>
266	Patchway Friendship & Exercise Club	Grant		<b>£400.00</b>
267	Patchway Watercolourists	Grant		<b>£500.00</b>
268	Patchway Conservation Group	Grant		<b>£1,000.00</b>
269	Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal Donation		<b>£200.00</b>
270	J.E Thomas	Domain Renewal (PCA Grant)		<b>£13.19</b>
271	APS	Remedial Electrical Work (PCA Grant)		<b>£1,851.00</b>
272	Patchway Community Association	Catering Equipment (PCA Grant)	£10.79	
		Cistermiser IRC2 Infrared Valve (PCA Grant)	£388.80	
		Rat Treatment (PCA Grant)	£200.00	<b>£599.59</b>
273	Patchway Auto Parts	Power Steering Fluid	£7.55	
		Disposable Paint Brush	£1.37	
		Washers, Bolts, Self-Tap Screws	£51.95	<b>£60.87</b>
274	L Hamid	Clerks Expenses:		
		2 x Bin for Changing Rooms	£13.98	
		Padlock for Blakeney Rd Play Area	£2.00	
		Postage	£31.04	<b>£47.02</b>
275	Orange	Mobile Phones		<b>£25.27</b>
276	CPRE	Campaign to Protect Rural England Membership Renewal		<b>£36.00</b>
	Salaries Total	September Salaries		<b>£15,893.46</b>
		<b>Total expenditure:</b>		<b>£45,596.41</b>

**134/15.      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Town Council would be held on Tuesday, 8 December at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors were reminded that the evening would commence at 6 p.m. with a training session on Equalities, which was compulsory for all Members. Refreshments would be served before the Council meeting commenced.