



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2012 AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs Caroline Parker (Chairman), Margaret Cotgrove, Syrie Cox, Geoff Crawford, Jerry Holden and John Wren.

In Attendance: Cllrs Donald Fraser, Paul Lawrence, Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk) and Susan Marx (Office Administrator).

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

9. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and new member of staff Susan Marx.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Carole Mulroney, Cliff Passmore, Alex Coulson

11. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

12. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 20TH JUNE 2012

The minutes of 20th June 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

13. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) **Leigh Hall Road – Speed prevention**

A complaint from one resident had been received in respect of speeding vehicles in Leigh Hall Road. It was **RESOLVED** that this issue would be forwarded to SBC for their consideration with the suggestion of a speed checker device installed to monitor vehicles.

b) **Bollards in Fernleigh Drive** – Outside Leigh Town Council boundary – The Chairman had made representations to SBC who had taken action.

c) **Improved Lighting in certain areas around Leigh**

Numerous roads in Leigh have poorly lit streets and it was suggested that additional street lamps could be installed. It was **RESOLVED** to contact SBC for their response. In particular Church Hill is very poorly lit.

It was suggested that decorative lighting such as pea lights in trees could be considered as part of the programme of works in 2013/14.

d) **Cycle Racks in Town**

It was suggested cycle racks be introduced in Leigh to encourage more cyclists and alleviate traffic issues in the centre of Leigh, especially at weekends. It was **RESOLVED** to contact SBC for costs of racks and to speak to staff who worked with Sustrans for their assistance in providing cycle tracks in Leigh. It was suggested that contact be made with local schools to find out if Cycling proficiency courses were provided, to ensure children are aware of cycling safety etc. It was also suggested that a sign be erected in Western Road to warn drivers of children cycling to ensure they take greater care when passing them along this stretch of road. Another idea was to have a 'cycle day' next summer, involving local cycle clubs.

e) **East of England Highway Permit Scheme – Implementation – (Appendix 1 to the Agenda)**

This is a common scheme throughout the country and is now in effect. This should assist the public as all works carried out will require advanced authorization.

f) **C2C Year-end Railway Closure Report 2110/DF – (Appendix 2 to the Agenda)**

Work will commence at 9.00pm on the 31st December 2012 and is expected to be completed on the 1st January 2013. There are concerns however that this work may overrun. There will be a replacement bus service in situ with free travel on the No 1 bus. Travel tickets will be accepted on the Rayleigh to Liverpool Street Network Rail line. Road closures will inevitably cause considerable disruption in the area.

g) **SBC Waiting Restriction alterations – Report 2111 – (Appendix 3 to the Agenda)**

This alteration is to provide road safety for pedestrians and to improve traffic flow. There were no objections from the Committee.

14. **BUDGET REPORT 2012/13 – Report 2112 – 10th October 2012 – (Appendix 4 to the Agenda)**

The proprietor of Holmes Bros Ltd – 65-73 Broadway West has requested that the litter bin previously in situ outside his furniture shop is replaced due to excessive rubbish being thrown onto the pavement. It was **RESOLVED** to contact SBC to find out if they will empty a bin in this location. However, a response will be sent to the proprietor if SBC refuse.

As previously discussed it was **RESOLVED** to purchase a seat for Billet Lane. Costings will be obtained and the work will be carried out accordingly.

The report was **noted**.

15. **BUDGET – TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 2013/14 – (Appendix 5 to the Agenda)**

As SBC have taken over various bus shelters in Leigh and there is no requirement to clean or maintain these, the proposed budget of £5,000.00 will be reduced to £3,000.00. The remaining £2,000.00 will go to the Highways and Infrastructure budget. It was suggested that funds should be spent on festoon lighting outside of Leigh for those who are unable to visit the centre of the town, a new 'Welcome to Leigh' sign on the A127 and cycle racks. A bus shelter is required for the south side of Grand Parade leading to Woodfield Gardens. SBC previously refused this request, believing it was for the north side. It was **RESOLVED** to contact SBC to find out if there is a possibility of relocating an existing bus shelter instead of installing a new one.

The revised budget proposals are attached as Appendix 1.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Sheet 3

T & H Budget Committee Recommendations 2013/14

Heading	Income	Expenditure
School Crossing Patrols	0	4,500
Bus Shelter Cleaning/Maintenance	0	3,000
New Bus shelters	0	1,000
Highways Infrastructure	0	3,900
Bollards	0	250
Phone Box	0	300
Staff Costs	0	1,926
Total		14,876