



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 16TH OCTOBER 2013 AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs Caroline Parker (Chairman), Margaret Cotgrove (until Minute 20c), Geoff Crawford, Donald Fraser, Jerry Holden, Paul Lawrence and John Wren

In Attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Susan Marx (Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

16. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman advised that Paul Bassett, C2C Manager confirmed a seat will be located outside Leigh Station in the near future. Ian Brown of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's Parks Department has also confirmed the Boot Camp currently operating on Belton Hills will be issued with a Licence to continue their activities.

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

18. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

19. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH SEPTEMBER 2013

The minutes of 5th September 2013 were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

20. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Public Transport – Cllr Donald Fraser

i. Reduction of ECC Bus Service Subsidies – effect on some bus services that affect Leigh-on-Sea

Cllr Fraser announced the proposed reduction of the ECC subsidised bus services and how it would greatly affect Leigh residents if they were to be withdrawn. On Sunday evenings there could be no bus services between Southend and Leigh after 1915 leaving trains as the only available public transport. Withdrawal of the completely subsidised service 21B journeys from Southend University Hospital to Leigh on Monday to Saturday at 1922, 2022, 2122 and 2222 would mean that the last bus on Monday to Friday operated at 1838 and on Saturday at 1913. This was of great concern to the Committee. It was **RESOLVED** to contact Southend-on-Sea Borough Councillors to arrange a meeting and for a further meeting to be convened with the local bus companies.

ii. Revision of certain bus services as from 17th November 2013

First will only retime a few morning services. Arriva Service 1 Shoebury to Rayleigh via Leigh Elms will be improved Monday to Friday daytime, by increased frequency of 10 minutes instead of 12.

b. Enhancement of corner at Eastwood Road / London Road junction

It was **RESOLVED** to contact Southend-on-Sea Borough Council to find out whether plans are proposed for this site. If there are no future plans, Leigh Town Council will seek permission from Southend-on-Sea Borough Council to enhance this space with raised flower beds and a sponsorship 'Welcome to Leigh' sign, liaising with their Parks Department. Sponsorship was also discussed to assist in maintaining the area. This item was seconded by Cllr Margaret Cotgrove.

c. Bollards – Report up-date on locations from ward members

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council will not offer a discount for the renovation of Leigh Town Council's bollards. Therefore, it will cost £38.70 to repaint each bollard. It was **RESOLVED** to select the 6 worst bollards along Leigh Broadway. The work required to each bollard will be identified i.e. paintwork, straightening etc. Further contact will be made with Southend-on-Sea Borough Council for a quotation. This item was seconded by Cllr John Wren.

Cllr Margaret Cotgrove left meeting

d. Report up-date on Welcome to Leigh Sign' A127

No further up-date had been received.

The present 'Welcome to Leigh-on-Sea Sign' along the A13 will be cleaned as it has residue remaining after stickers were adhered to it.

e. Location of trees in central Leigh to replace bollards in certain areas

This item will be carried forward to Summer 2014 when new trees can be planted.

21. TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS BUDGET 2014/15 (Appendix 1)

The Bus Shelter Cleaning/Maintenance budget was reduced by the Committee from £3,000 to £2,000.

Sheet 3

T & H Budget 1st Draft 2014/15

Heading	Income	Expenditure
School Crossing Patrols	0	4,500
Bus Shelter Cleaning/Maintenance	0	2,000
New Bus shelters	0	0
Highways Infrastructure	0	4,000
Bollards	0	250
Phone Box	0	300
Staff Costs	0	596
Total		11,646

22. BUDGET REPORT 2013/14 – Report 2270/TH – 9th October 2013 – (Appendix 2)

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.