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Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE 2014 AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs Caroline Parker (Chairman), Margaret Cotgrove, Geoff Crawford & Donald Fraser

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

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

2. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Cllr Parker welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for her re-election as Chairman.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Margaret Cotgrove was nominated by the Committee as Vice Chairman.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Syrie Cox, Richard Herbert and John Wren

5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH APRIL 2014 AND 14TH MAY 2014

The minutes of 16th April 2014 and 14th May 2014 were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) **19th February 2014 – Minute 34(a)** Planting to corner of Eastwood Road – The trees have been planted on site, the wild flower seeds were planted on the 12th May and the bollards will be removed.

Cllr Parker commented there were no shoots at present but hopefully germination will occur in Spring 2015.

- b) **16th April 2014 - Minute 40(b)** Residents Permits – Southend-on-Sea Borough Council was not prepared to consider it and if they were, it would be for the entire area.

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's comments have been **noted** and this item may be re-introduced at a later date.

- c) **16th April 2014 – Minute 40(a)** Hadleigh Road Junction – Southend-on-Sea Borough Council had installed the arrows to prevent congestion and as there were not any recorded accidents at this location it would remain as it is.

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's comments have been **noted**.

8. APPOINTMENT OF WORKING PARTIES
The following were elected as shown below:

Bus Shelters & Street Furniture Working Party	Parking Working Party
Cllr Margaret Cotgrove <u>Cllr Geoff Crawford</u> Cllr Donald Fraser Cllr Caroline Parker Cllr John Wren	Cllr Margaret Cotgrove <u>Cllr Caroline Parker</u> Cllr John Wren
Rep to Public and Passenger Transport Groups	
Cllr Donald Fraser (Representative) Cllr Caroline Parker (Reserve)	

9. COMMITTEE REVIEW 2014 (Appendix 1 to the Agenda)

The Committee **noted** the Review.

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Spring Cleaning of Street name Plates and Signs.

Cllr Parker asked Committee members to identify those street name plates and signs that require cleaning and the collated list will be prioritised according to their condition.

- b) Flower Basket at corner of Manchester Drive and Elmsleigh Drive.

The Committee considered the request for a flower basket at the corner of Manchester Drive and Elmsleigh Drive. However, at this location there would be an issue with keeping the flowers nourished. Therefore, no further action will be taken.

- c) Car Park Signage in Central Leigh.

The Committee **AGREED** to contact Southend-on-Sea Borough Council to request costs for improved car park signage to be erected opposite the entrance to Elm Road car park adjacent to Wesley Methodist Church.

- d) Erection of flagpole on forecourt of Leigh Community Centre and Council Office Approx. £400

Committee members **RESOLVED** that a flagpole be purchased and erected on the forecourt outside Leigh Community Centre. Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's Highways Department will be approached with regard to obtaining permission for it to be sited on the highway.

- e) PUBLIC TRANSPORT REPORT – June 2014

Railway Service – London to Shoeburyness via Leigh-on-Sea

Four companies have lodged tenders to take over the franchise later this year. The winning operator is expected to be announced shortly, with the hope of many improvements to the train services.

Cllr Fraser advised the Committee of the poor service currently being provided by C2C including overcrowded carriages at peak times due to shorter trains in service. Gates are left open in the station foyer enabling passengers to board trains without paying. Bicycles, normally prohibited during peak times, are appearing during those periods. The timetable published is also not being adhered to.

Leigh-on-Sea Station Forecourt

During the past few weeks work has been taking place to improve the forecourt layout. A new and larger bus shelter has been erected. The taxi rank has been improved. A new pedestrian crossing immediately north of the railway bridge is currently in course of construction.

Leigh-on-Sea Station forecourt has been greatly improved by the enlargement of the bus shelter.

The new pedestrian crossing immediately north of the railway bridge is complete.

11. ITEMS FOR PROTOCOL MEETING

a) **Management of rubbish in alleyway between Rectory Grove and Broadway West.**

Cllr Geoff Crawford will visit the site, contact the Landlord and update the Committee on his findings at the next Transport & Highways meeting.

It was agreed Southend-on-Sea Borough Council would be contacted with respect to the 'Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005'.

b) **Increase in fly tipping on and around Two Tree Island**

There has been an increase in fly tipping on and around Two Tree Island due to reduced hours of opening at this particular Waste Recycling Centre.

The Committee discussed the possibility of approaching Southend-on-Sea Borough Council to request a specific designated area outside the gates of the Waste Recycling Centre for out-of-hours usage when the Centre is now closed. The Closed Circuit Television would monitor any items dumped illegally.

12. BUDGET REPORT 2014/15 – Report 2370/TH – 9th June 2014 – (Appendix 2 to the agenda)

The report was **noted**.

The meeting closed at 8.22pm