

Minutes of the Highways & Transport Committee meeting of
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held at St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on
Avon on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 7.00p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr E Franklin
Cllr D Garwood
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie
Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council)
Sandra Bartlett (Town Clerk)

Non-councillor members at this committee

Simon Kay from Streets Ahead and Cllr Sarah Gibson

Apologies: Cllr A Kay, Cllr T Lomax, Cllr J Lynch

Members of the Public Pam Hyde, Joyce Shaw, Beryl Turner, Jay Viall, Trevor Bedeman, Nigel Gerdes, Malcolm Walsh and Jeremy Wire.

1. Declarations of interest

Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item iv. At Whitehill – he said that he was a resident there but some matters on rat-running remain unresolved.

2. Statement from the Chair with regards the future working of this committee

Chairman reported that he intended to work closely with Cllr Gibson, Chairman of Wiltshire Council's CATG.

3. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Franklin, seconded by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To accept the minutes of the last meeting dated 14th March 2018.

4. Matters arising

(i) Minute 53 – Lorry Watch – Cllr McNeill-Ritchie asked if Cllr Plummer had spoken to the Traffic Commissioner in Bristol for some advice, which should be reported back to this committee. Clerk to follow up this matter.

5. Committee appointments

(i) Vice-Chairman – Cllr McNeill-Ritchie nominated Cllr David Garwood and Cllr Franklin seconded and with no further nominations and all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** That Cllr David Garwood be Vice-Chairman of this committee.

(ii) C.A.T.G. (Wiltshire Council's Community Area Transport Group) delegate – Usually the Chairman of this committee was the representative, but Cllr Garwood agreed to substitute if he was unavailable.

(iii) Chairman proposed Cllr Emma Franklin to be the representative on Master Planning, seconded by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie and with no further nominations and all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** That Cllr Franklin represent this committee on the Master Planning Group.

(iv) It was proposed by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie, seconded by Cllr Garwood, and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** That the consultee bodies/non-councillor members Street Ahead and Unitary Councillor Sarah Gibson.

6. Terms of Reference

Chairman explained that 3.1 had been re-worded to represent what the council had agreed. 3.2 had also been improved. After some discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** to accept these changes.

7. Strategic updates

(i) Bath Air Quality Action Zone – Cllr Gibson reported that she had attended with Cllrs Newton, and McNeill-Ritchie and Streets Ahead to discuss Bath's New Strategy which they hoped to have in place by December 2018. It was agreed that CATG, Town Council and Street Ahead would be making separate statements to BANES. She said how the traffic was directed around Bath could result in more traffic for Bradford on Avon.

(ii) Major Road Network review – Chairman reported that we need to submit a comment on this review of the major roads.

(iii) KERB (Key Evidence Review Board) update – Cllr McNeill-Ritchie gave a presentation and said that they would not be proposing a solution but looking with Trevor Bedeman from White Stripe and Nigel Girdes. Chairman of Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon a re-balancing of road usage in Bradford on Avon, in order to improve the health of individuals and the social and economic wellbeing of the town. He explained this concept in detail. He also reported from the railway station survey of commuters and said that 400 people used the train each day they surveyed from 7am to 10am 7-10% were walking to the station, 1:7 driving in from Frome West Ashton, Southwick and half were paying to park. They were travelling west to Bath and Bristol. Jay Viall commented on the effect that the satellite navigation systems have and they do not help our traffic problems. Malcolm thought that motorised wheelchairs also ought to be considered too as they were allowed on the pavements and roads as well.

(iv) Inclusion of public transport in consideration of measures to improve air quality – improved promotion of current services and expansion. Chairman explained that the 98 bus service now the D1 service which links Bradford on Avon with Holt and other villages came up at the last meeting as being under threat but that we had been advised that this service will continue but he thought that a clean public transport was needed and not diesel buses.

8. Tactical updates

(i) School engagement – Chairman explained that at Christchurch and St. Laurence School that their funding has closed for this year. CATG and Town Council were looking at safe crossing of Bath Road. Also enforcement of the parking restrictions will be required. The Home Run app. was due to be implemented in September in St. Laurence School.

(ii) Parking restrictions – The current list was considered. Clerk was asked to find out why Springfield was not included in the last tranche of parking restrictions.

(iii) Works on Winsley Road/Wine Street junction – informal crossing and kerb improvements. Pam Hyde reported that informal crossings are dangerous and do not work. Clerk reported that we had a comment from a local resident on these works and Chairman and Cllr Gibson agreed to send a joint response.

(iv) Whitehill status – bollards and anti-rat-running improvements – Cllr Franklin reported that the planter will be installed in the next few days and the bollards removed and reused in other areas. She said the bollards were put there in the first place to stop vehicles parking there. She said that she had managed to source the wood at a very reasonable cost. Cllr Franklin reported that when the bollards were removed they will be kept and will be re-used in other areas in the town. Chairman reported that measures to alleviate rat-running would be discussed with the road traffic engineer and then discussed again at the next CATG meeting.

(v) Station Approach – Cllr Gibson said that the topographical survey had been completed and that CATG at their next meeting on the 25th June would be looking at narrowing the road but still being able to allow coaches to drive in and out.

(vi) Masons Lane hatched areas seem to flow more freely now without them, but it was more difficult for pedestrians to cross the road from Newtown. Cllr Gibson advised that this could be reviewed in the future.

- (vii) Speed monitoring – Churches no action from community speed watch. Frome Road still being monitored by a metro count. Bath Road original metro counts in the wrong place.
- (viii) Coach Friendly signage – Cllr Garwood explained that this had all been installed now. He was progressing various parts of the coach friendly status including relining the car parks in the Station and Bailey's Barn. Looking into having a leaflet and a page on the TIC website.
- (ix) Bath Road railings – Cllr Gibson reported that the new wood type fence would be installed shortly.
- (x) Turleigh Hill – Cllr Gibson reported that the option for cobbles at a cost of £12,500 was not viable.

9. Footpaths

Malcolm Walsh's report had been sent to members in advance of the meeting. This was noted. Chairman thanked Malcolm for his report and all his hard work on walking all the footpaths and noted with regret that he would be retiring at the end of the year. Malcolm also advised that ivy was growing on the wall in St. Margaret's Street just past the railway bridge on the right-hand side towards Trowbridge. Chairman requested that all members and non-councillor members be sent a footpaths map. Malcolm said that this was available on Wiltshire Council's website under Rights of Way. Pam Hyde offered to ask Walkers are Welcome members if they would like to volunteer to walk a footpath and confirm the state of it to the Town Council from January 2019.

10. Lorry Watch

It was noted that one lorry watcher had resigned and that two successful prosecutions had taken place.

11. New enquiries from the public

- (i) Web form for reporting highways issues/concerns/near-misses – Chairman explained that this will be available shortly on our website for members of the public to use.
- (ii) Resident in Budbury Ridge requesting a handrail at Well Path and another resident requesting a handrail on the Winsley Road to Highfield – These will be future CATG items.
- (iii) Requests for speed monitoring on Holt Road (by the Hall) and Trowbridge Road. Metro count also needed by Beehive and Moulton Drive.
- (iv) Silver Street works – These are now completed.

12. Date of next meeting

To note that the next meeting had been scheduled for the 14th August 2018.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Appendix 1

Members of the Public who spoke at the Highways & Transport Committee on the 12th June 2018

1. Joyce Shaw asked

(a) if the Town Council had sent in an objection to Wiltshire Council for the proposed new parking charges. Cllr McNeill-Ritchie advised that the Town Council had sent an objection in and that he had seen objections from others.

(b) what was the Major Road Network Review? Chairman explained that this was a national government review looking at the major roads and that comments would be sent in.

2. Beryl Turner asked for the streetlight to be repaired in Midland Close. Cllr Gibson advised that this area had not been adopted yet and that she would speak to Donovan Construction on her behalf.

3. Jay Viall spoke about the difficulties of parking around the junction at Springfield and New Road and that more yellow lines were required. He said that a couple of councillors had inspected the area back in December. Pam Hyde advised that a mirror on the other side could be an option now and he said he would fund it.

4. Pam Hyde noted that Air Quality was on the agenda for tonight's meeting and that she was pleased to see it. She hoped that now the road had been adopted in Lamb Yard that the dustbins could be moved and suggested having a living wall on the end. She said this would be a great benefit to the town and help with air quality if the choice of plants were correct. She said that perhaps Secret Gardens could help with the living wall.