

Minutes of the Highways & Transport Committee meeting of BRADFORD ON
AVON TOWN COUNCIL held at St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon
on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 7.00p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr A Kay
Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council and Chairman)
Cllr M Roberts (non-member)
Sandra Bartlett (Town Clerk)

Non-councillor members at this committee

Simon Kay from Streets Ahead

Cllr Sarah Gibson Unitary Councillor

Apologies: Cllr E Franklin, Cllr Garwood, Cllr Lomax, Cllr Lynch and Cllr McNeill-Ritchie

Members of the Public: Jeremy Wire, Anne Newton, Ingrid Maher Roberts, Brian Aspin, Kim Brown, Duncan Cameron, David Lawrence, Joyce Shaw, Beryl Turner and 4 other members of the public.

21. Declarations of interest

Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item at Whitehill as he was a resident.

22. Minutes

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Cllr Roberts and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th August 2018 be accepted as a true record.

23. Lorry Watch update

Joyce Shaw reported that a fine of £1,300 was imposed from a December 2017 offence.

24. Strategic updates

(i) Chairman explained that ANPR, in conjunction with weight sensors on the town bridge could be used to detect overweight vehicles. He was speaking to the Acting Police Inspector about this, and has a meeting with the Wiltshire ANPR coordinator at the end of October – will feed back.

(ii) KERB (Key Evidence Review Board) – Simon Kay reported that two meetings had taken place and that more work was being done on air quality summarising the data.

(iii) Station Approach – Cllr Gibson suggested that CATG could price up the cost of a 20mm buff strip across the road from the fish and chip shop to the Grocery Basket to make a courtesy crossing. Members asked her to go ahead with this.

(iv) Clean Air Quality Zone in Bath – Chairman tabled the Breathe leaflet on Tackling air pollution in Bath and North East Somerset – He said he had attended a meeting with Cllr Gibson with Wiltshire Council Highways representatives to talk about a congestion charge in Bath and the consequences for the surrounding area, which was unsatisfactory in its outcome due to BANES not evaluating the scheme's impact on Bradford on Avon.

(v) Feedback on meeting with Wiltshire Council on road closure in Frome Road – Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting with Wiltshire Council officers to make sure that the signage went up in good time in several weeks ahead of the roadworks. He made sure that the schools had been informed so they could make alternative arrangements.

(vi) Cllr Roberts commented on a letter he had received from Michelle Donelan M.P. concerning a trial one-way system. She had advised him to obtain Town Council support.

(vii) Paul a member of the public present advised that Kevin Rooney was the Traffic Commissioner in Bristol. Cllr Newton agreed to contact him about a license to operate the lorry watch.

25. Budget 2018-19

Noted that the Wine Street improvements invoice was due in at a cost of £4,000.

26. Tactical updates

- (i) School engagement – illegal parking outside Christchurch School drop off – no news at the moment.
- (ii) To note that Wiltshire Council's CATG were reviewing crossing options at the top of Market Street.
- (iii) Whitehill – no news at the moment. Chairman investigating ANPR.
- (iv) Newtown and Belcombe Road – Previous data had been considered and Cllr Gibson reported that a new metro count had been ordered to make a comparison to the first metro count to see how things have changed.
- (v) St. Laurence School app – Simon Kay asked whether there was any data available yet? Cllr Gibson advised that Ruth Durrant had some data available but she had not seen it yet.
- (vi) Parking on Kingston Farm as an extension of New Road issues – Cllr Gibson advised that Wiltshire Council Highways would work with the developer to put in the required works. When these works were complete the road would be adopted by Wiltshire Council.

27. Footpaths

No footpath report received. Clerk reported that footpath 44 had been reported to Wiltshire Council as instructed by the footpath's adviser.

28. New enquiries from the public and other parish councils

- (i) New railings required at Tory. It was agreed to investigate this to join up with existing railings.
- (ii) Enquiry from new resident in Newtown about lack of car parking permits for residents. Cllr Gibson to look at this.
- (iii) Difficulties for residents walking on uneven footpath in Huntingdon Rise due to car parking on the footpath. Cllr Gibson to investigate this.
- (iv) Metro counts needed at Berryfield Road, Trowbridge Road and Woolley Street. Cllr Gibson reported that she had already ordered all these metro counts.

29. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting had been scheduled for the 11th December 2018.

Appendix 1

Members of the public who spoke at the Highways & Transport Committee on the 9th October 2018

1. Joyce Shaw tabled a dirty cloth to show how much dirt there was on the top of her bin when people are talking about having a Clean Air Day.
2. Beryl Turner said that 70% of the people who voted on the Neighbourhood Plan wanted a one-way system and that the Town Council should hurry up and get on with it. Chairman advised why we were evidence gathering to ask Wiltshire Council Highways to find a solution for us.
3. David Lawrence thanked the council for the metro count figures but was surprised with the results he asked what was happening with speeding along Belcombe Road and Newtown. Cllr Gibson advised him that she had asked for a new metro count so that a comparison could be made.
4. Kim Brown advised the committee that cars were mounting the kerb on Market Street. She said that now the yellow boxes have been removed top and bottom of Market Street that the traffic was moving faster. Cllr Gibson advised that there was a 6-month review period of removing the yellow boxes coming up.
5. Anne Newton and Ingrid Maher Roberts addressed the committee about lack of residents parking on Trowbridge Road.
6. Brian Aspin from Kingston Farm asked about on street parking controls and when the road would be adopted. Cllr Gibson advised him there would be a handover from Wiltshire Council Planning Officer to Highways, but this process could take a year or two.
7. Duncan Cameron asked the scope of the exercise on the Michelle Donelan item 6 vii) on the agenda. Chairman explained that we were collecting evidence to try to deliver the solution we want for the town. Cllr Gibson reported that if we model a one-way system it could be irrelevant by the next year.