



Minutes of the Highways & Transport Committee meeting of  
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held at St. Margaret's Hall,  
Bradford on Avon on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.00p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr D Newton (Chairman)  
Cllr S Gibson  
Cllr T Lomax  
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie  
Trevor Bedeman Streets Ahead  
Ian Brown (Director of Operations)

Apologies: Cllr A Kay, Cllr D Garwood and Cllr M Roberts

Members of the Public: 16

11. Declarations of interest

Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item 9 ii - Whitehill, as he was a resident.

12. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson and seconded by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were approved as a correct record.

13. Matters arising - none

14. Lorry Watch update

Cllr McNeill-Ritchie introduced the report and reported that the Council was awaiting further information from trading standards at Wiltshire Council with regard the process of companies disclosing driver information. It was noted that number of vehicles over the limit had reduced this quarter from the same period last year and that the police are upbeat about the outcomes.

Cllr Newton reported that the Council are looking at the possibility of ANPR.

15. Strategic updates

(i) KERB (Key Evidence Review Board)

Awaiting reply from Wiltshire Council regarding motion sent from Extraordinary Full Council meeting on 30th July 2019.

Members were concerned at the time being taken to respond to the KERB report, Cllr Gibson confirmed she has spoken to Wiltshire Council officers who were preparing information for the relevant cabinet member and their highway consultants were looking at the data.

(ii) Letter dated 17th August from Mr Ray Sanger regarding a one-way system in Bradford on Avon.

Cllr Newton explained the council had received a letter from Mr Sanger on behalf of a number of residents, the essence being that a one-way system was not simple and therefore a solution would be complicated.

(iii) Station Approach improvements

Cllr Gibson explained that the total bid £60,000 to Wiltshire Council's main highways fund, this had increased from the original figure of £28,000 due to the health and safety requirements of the contractor. The Council is requested to contribute £2,500 match fund with WC/CATG. Works to take place next financial year but commitment to spend is required this year for next year.

It was proposed by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Gibson and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That the Council contributes £2,500 towards the project.

#### 16. Tactical updates

(i) Bradford on Avon Clean Air Day Event – Cllr Gibson requested £185 from the Town Council for joint funding with the Area Board to purchase re-useable signs and stickers.

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson and seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That the Council contributes £185 for the signs.

(ii) Whitehill

Cllr Newton explained that this had been an issue for 20+ years, this had been discussed before but wanted to draw members and the public's attention the fact that Whitehill is used as a rat run and that he had witness at least three incidents of road rage. Children walk down the road and the school use the route to get to the swimming pool, he is concerned that there is a real risk of a serious injury/death. Cllr Gibson agreed to take this issue to the CATG.

(iii) Request for road humps at the 20/40 sign on Woolley Street

This has been raised at WC/CATG there is a need to stop the anti-social driving in the area, early conversations raised concerns regarding the lighting in the area.

Cllr Gibson agreed to discuss options with Wiltshire Council officers.

(iv) Highways and Transport Committee to understand the need to amend signs on lower Woolley Street.

The committee heard from a local resident [Anne-Marie] regarding her meeting with Wiltshire Council to address the concerns of confusing signage on lower Woolley Street. Wiltshire proposed various remedies, signage/lighting/road colouring and the committee were asked to agree in principle to enable a scheme to be prepared and submitted to CATG.

Members agreed in principle.

(v) To decide if further action is required on Market Street for the vehicle overrunning

Cllr Gibson explained there was a problem with drivers mounting the pavement and driving to keep moving. There was the option to try 'flimsy bollards' fitted to the kerb edge to act as a deterrent.

Cllr Gibson agreed to take to CATG.

## 17. Climate Emergency Action

### (i) Electric Charging Points

Members agreed to write to the petrol station, Canals and Rivers Trust and Sainsbury's to encourage the installation of electric charging points.

### (ii) Holt Road roundabout

It was discussed whether to have a sponsor to have a biodiverse planting scheme on this roundabout and what this would mean. Cllr McNeill-Ritchie explained that he has held meeting with K Nicholls, they have received guidelines from Wiltshire Council, for what is allowable, there is a further meeting towards the end of September. This will also fit with other green areas, once the asset transfer and delegation project with Wiltshire Council is complete.

## 18. Footpaths

### (i) To report any issues with footpaths

It was noted that reports for tarmac footpaths should be reported to Wiltshire Highways (Andy Cadwallader) and those with soft surfaces to Wiltshire Rights of Way.

### (ii) Footpaths which need upgrading

Agreed to start at footpath 1 on the report, Trevor Bedeman reported that the preservation trust would be willing to match fund some of the required works. The report needs to be updated following last inspections.

### iii) Rickfield footpath

Cllr Gibson explained the issues regarding Rickfield footpath, it is deemed safe by Wiltshire Council's highway and footways teams. This has been through the CATG process, but it was felt that it could do with some improvements. It was agreed to add to the footpath list, Cllr Newton explained the current list is not exhaustive and can be added too.

## 19. New enquiries from the public and other parish councils

None

## 20. Date of next meeting

The next meeting had been scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

## Public Questions

- 1) Why has the cost of the station approach bid risen from £28,000 to £60,000?

The increase is due to Wiltshire Council's contractor's health and safety costs working on the narrow highway. Providing safety for the public and their workforce.

- 2) Will moving the islands in the proposed station approach scheme make it more difficult for coaches to access the town?

The proposal has been modelled and analysed by Wiltshire Council officers and they are confident that the scheme will work for all users.

- 3) Can you explain the communication and consultation methods, [to ensure residents know timings of meetings]?

The timing of the extraordinary full council was set following Local Government rules, it had to be called within seven days, it was advertised three full days prior to the meeting. The Council uses its various mediums to communicate with residents and they can sign up for our electronic newsletter. In developing the KERB report the council did consult widely and intends to further consult once a response/options are produced by Wiltshire Council.

- 4) What have Wiltshire Council done since the extraordinary and what are the timescales?

Wiltshire Council are in the process of replying to us, but we are concerned with the pace of response.

- 5) i) Is the move to trial a one-way system a 'knee jerk' response?

ii) How does the Highways and Transport Committee work, is it reactionary?

The one-way system will need to be joined up and considered along with other solutions/options, and subject to the communication and consultation that has already been discussed.

The aim of rebalancing the road use in the town to promote the health and well-being of residents and visitors, and the economic viability of the town. The committee looked at pedestrian safety and agreed a budget for pathways.

Tactical – small local issues, where the committee is reactive.

Strategic – achieving the aims of the council and working in partnership with Wiltshire Council (via CATG) and local groups.

- 6) Can the Council do everything in their power to bring electric charging points into the town? This would encourage people to come into town and show them what a great town Bradford on Avon is.

The action has come from our Climate emergency steering group and we chose these sites as they seemed easier to start with.