



Sustainable Travel committee minutes

Minutes

From the committee meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 28 February 2023

At St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon

Decision making

The **decisions** made by the committee at this meeting are at minutes [45](#) & [46](#).

Present

Councillors:

- Tim Trimble (Chair of the committee)
- Jennie Parker
- Katie Vigar
- Sarah Gibson

Town Council Officers:

- Ian Brown - Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Meeting clerk:

- Chris Stringer – Deputy Town Clerk
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Apologies

From Councillors unable to attend the meeting:

- David Garwood
 - Jack Vittles
 - Sam Blackwell
 - Simon McNeill-Ritchie
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40. Agenda items 7 & 8

The 2 presentations on the agenda were moved to the start of the meeting.

The first presentation was from Robin Clark - on behalf of the Institute of Advanced Motorists.

- Robin talked about being the importance of being observant while driving.
- Robin highlighted that people being more observant can contribute to safer roads.
- And that it can save people money on fuel by driving more efficiently.

The second presentation was from Jane Deeley, Wiltshire Council's Road Safety Education Manager.

- Jane talked about the changes to the Highway Code that came into effect from January 2022.
- Highlighting things like the (now) written hierarchy of road users; changes over who has priority at junctions; and changes for cyclists.

41. Declarations of interest

None

42. Minutes from the previous meeting of the committee

Proposed by Councillor Tim Trimble.

Seconded by Councillor Jennie Parker.

And with all in favour it was **resolved**: that the minutes of the last committee meeting held on 29 November 2022 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

43. Matters arising

None.

44. Agenda item 6 – Chair's report

Councillor Tim Trimble presented his update as chair of the committee.

45. Agenda item 9 – Traffic modelling

Proposed by Councillor Sarah Gibson.

Seconded by Councillor Tim Trimble.

And with all in favour it was **resolved**: to set aside an additional £8,350 of funding for traffic modelling work; as requested by Wiltshire Council.



46. Agenda item 10 - Highways improvement requests

Proposed by Councillor Tim Trimble.

Seconded by Councillor Katie Vigar.

And with all in favour it was **resolved**: to support the request for 1 or more additional 20mph signs in Bridge Street - pending the views of Wiltshire Council's Officers; and subject to the confirmed costs of the new sign(s)

And to approve a £300 contribution as match-funding for extra street name signs for Barton Close and Courtyard Terrace.

47. Agenda item 11 - A Town Vision for Transport

This report was on the agenda for the meeting, so the information in the report was then available for everyone to read.

48. Next meeting

The next committee meeting was provisionally arranged for Tuesday 9 May 2023.

End of the meeting

The meeting finished at 9pm



Appendix A: Comments and questions from the public

There were various comments and questions from the public at the meeting. The majority of these focused on agenda item 9, traffic modelling for Bradford on Avon.

Comments and questions on agenda item 6

There was a question about whether the work on a new town bridge - as mentioned in Councillor Trimble's update - had already been completed.

There were also follow-up questions about the funding for the feasibility study; and how a contractor would be chosen for this work.

- Councillor Trimble confirmed that some work happened in the past – but this work had focused on 1 possible location for a bridge.
- What hasn't happened before is a strategic feasibility study looking at different locations for a new bridge. This is what is needed now.
- This work will be funded from the Town Council's existing budgets.
- And a contractor will be chosen following a selection process in line with the council's procurement policy and financial regulations.

Comments and questions on agenda item 9

There were questions and concerns about the scope of the traffic modelling – and whether it would look at the whole town.

People were also concerned about the possibility of a one-way system for the town – which could have implications for roads outside of the town centre. Springfield and New Road were both mentioned as suffering from traffic problems when the temporary one-way system was in place during the pandemic.

There was also a general expression of frustration that Wiltshire Council seemed to be forcing the Town Council into paying for something that people believed Wiltshire Council should be doing.

A counterpoint to this was that something needs to happen to address the problems caused by traffic in the town - and that the town has waited too long for something to be done.

There was also agreement that the findings and recommendations that come from the traffic modelling should be shared and published so people can comment on them and ask questions **before** decisions are made about what happens in the town.



The committee confirmed:

- That the traffic modelling would look at roads outside the immediate town centre including diverted traffic routes.
- That it would be looking at a number of options for the town.
- That traffic modelling was an essential next step for the town, providing an evidence base so we can work with Wiltshire Council to apply for the funding that will be needed to pay for whatever the preferred scheme is.
- The information that comes from the traffic modelling will be made available for people to see.
- And people will have opportunities to comment on and ask questions about the findings and the recommendations before decisions are made about what happens next.

Comments and questions on other matters

New road signs in Winsley Road and Holt Road

- There was a question about why the road signs in these roads had been replaced by less obvious – ‘less conspicuous’ - signs.
- It was agreed that Councillors would ask Wiltshire Council about this.

Winsley cycle path

- There was a discussion about the money spent on the cycle path in Winsley – and whether this money could have been spent elsewhere.
- The committee highlighted that this project was in the Winsley parish; so would have been agreed and funded by others (including a grant from central government)