



Sustainable Travel committee minutes

Minutes

From the committee meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 15 October 2024

At St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon

Decision making

The **decisions** made by the committee at this meeting are at minute [11](#).

Present

Councillors:

- Sam Blackwell *arrived at 7.10pm
- Tim Trimble (Chair)
- Katie Vigar
- Jack Vittles (Vice-Chair)

Town Council Officers:

- Ian Brown – Town Clerk

Meeting clerk:

- Sarah Howe – Committee Clerk
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Apologies

From Councillors unable to attend the meeting:

- Dave Garwood
 - Sarah Gibson
 - Simon McNeil-Ritchie
 - Jennie Parker
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10. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

11. Minutes from the previous meeting of the committee

Proposed by Councillor Trimble

Seconded by Councillor Vigar

And with all in favour it was **resolved**: that the minutes of the last committee meeting held on the 11 June 2024 be accepted as a true record.

12. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

13. Agenda item 6 – Chair's Update

The Chair presented his update as supplied with the agenda.

Additionally:

- The Chair confirmed that the letter regarding the resolution agreed for a new traffic management scheme for the town has gone to the Director of Highways at Wiltshire Council who is currently on holiday. It is hoped to have a response from the Director by Full Council on the 5 November 2024.
- Regarding the school locality safety improvements, Councillor Vigar thanked the Chair and others involved for all the hard work to bring the project to installation, improvements have been considered for at least 20 years. The Chair confirmed that the school had been in contact and were pleased with the results.
- As a result of the traffic survey count for Southway Park a speed limit assessment of the whole area might be considered.

14. Agenda item 7 – Local Highways and Footways Improvement group (LHFIG)

- (i) The state of the LHFIG current requests were noted.

The Chair also confirmed that the LHFIG delegated group would be meeting up in about 6 weeks or so to assess new LHFIG requests. He highlighted that a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has been advertised for Wine Street detailing no access except for residents and a contraflow cycle lane. Finally, those requests seeking a decision from the Cabinet member for Transport have now been approved.



15. Agenda item 8 – AWS device and SAM device

The Chair confirmed that the SAM will be rotated quite rapidly around town to the various approved locations.

The ASW device currently set up on the Trowbridge Road can send reports into the Police detailing speeding offenders. Some members of the Community Speed Watch team are meeting with Councillor Trimble and the Town Clerk to investigate whether they can complete the administration of the data to pass onto the Police.

16. Agenda item 9 – E-Bike Update

The E-bike has been taken for a spin by the first few hirers. The Chair confirmed a refundable deposit is to be paid of £100 for two weeks hire of the bike. There was some discussion about whether that could be reduced at some point in the future.

17. Next meeting date

The next committee meeting was arranged for Tuesday 4 February 2025.

End of the meeting

The meeting finished at 7.50 pm



Appendix A - Comments and questions from the public

There were around 4 comments and questions from the public and councillors at the meeting. There were 5 members of the public present.

[Q1] Question regarding Agenda item 6 - the agreed proposal for the town's traffic management scheme

Would there be an update?

The Chair confirmed there would be a short verbal update.

[Q2] Question regarding the Wiltshire Council Motion below

'the council should refuse to support any scheme that seeks to force people out of their private vehicles without a high-quality, efficient, reliable and cost-effective alternative'. The motion said the council should refuse to "incorporate such controls" in Wiltshire until residents have a "viable alternative means of travel for education, employment, healthcare, and leisure".

The resident was disappointed that such a motion was being debated at Wiltshire Council and that the council was taking this view.

The Chair, who had attended the meeting, believed this to be politicking ahead of the county council elections next May. He also stated that whilst the councillors voted on proposals the officers really decide whether the proposals are viable or sensible. It was subsequently confirmed during the meeting that the motion had been passed.

[Q3] A question regarding Agenda item 8 – SID/SAM update

What are the tables about at Appendix B?

The Chair confirmed the tables and charts are just examples of the sort of reports the SAM device can produce. They refer to a single week's traffic data on the Winsley Road in February this year.

[Q4] Question regarding Agenda item 6 – Chair's Update

There was a question regarding the agreed proposal for the town's traffic management scheme.

The resident stated that Wiltshire Council has various transport and travel plans already agreed such as the Local Transport Plan has a cycle map of which only about a tenth has been completed, could some of these proposals be brought in as mitigations on the new scheme.



The Chair confirmed yes this could happen and councillors are aware of these similar proposals. He also confirmed that the local walking and cycling infrastructure plan (LCWIP) is due for renewal next year.