

Transportation & Environmental Services Committee 21 March 2000

Minutes of the meeting of the **Transportation & Environmental Services Committee** held on **21 March 2000** when there were present:

Cllr V H Leach - Chairman

Cllr R Adams
Cllr R S Allen
Cllr G C Angus
Cllr D E Barnes
Cllr C I Black
Cllr J M Dickson
Cllr D M Ford
Cllr Mrs J E Ford
Cllr Mrs J M Giles

Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn
Cllr J E Grey
Cllr D R Helson
Cllr A Hosking
Cllr C C Langlands
Cllr R A Pearson
Cllr Mrs M S Vince
Cllr Mrs M J Webster
Cllr D A Weir

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr V D Hutchings.

SUBSTITUTES

Cllr R E Vingoe attended the meeting as substitute for Cllr V D Hutchings.

VISITING MEMBERS

Cllrs Mrs J Hall, Mrs J Helson and Mrs M A Weir.

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Clarkson - Head of Revenues & Housing Management
T Galloway - Head of Leisure & Client Services
S Scrutton - Head of Corporate Policy & Initiatives
G Woolhouse - Head of Housing, Health & Community Care
M Goodman - Solicitor
Mrs M Martin - Committee Administrator

95 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn and Cllr V H Leach both declared a non-pecuniary interest in item - Proposed One Way System, Golden Cross Parade - by virtue of shopping at Golden Cross Parade.

96 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 January 2000 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

97 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

The Committee was satisfied that all necessary action had been taken. Minutes 326/98 (HCPI) and 500/98 (HCPI) were carried forward.

98 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

(i) Transportation Sub Committee - 7 March 2000

Minute 128 - Rectory Garth, Rayleigh - Proposed Extension to Waiting Restrictions

It was considered that the timing of the waiting restriction be reduced from that originally considered and on a Motion moved by Cllr Mrs J M Giles and seconded by Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn it was :-

Resolved

- (1) That Mr McCullagh report back with details of all outstanding requests regarding waiting restrictions and that until such time no more be progressed.
- (2) That the current waiting restrictions in Rectory Garth, Rayleigh be extended to cover the hours between 8 am and 6 pm every day as per drawing number TRA/11/2183A attached to the report. (Area Highways Manager)

Minute 129 - Taxi Trade Forum - Minutes

Resolved

- (1) That the Minutes of the Taxi Trade Forum be made available via the Members' Bulletin
- (2) That Forum Meeting and publication of the Taxi Trade newsletter be reduced to twice a year
- (3) That the provision of training for drivers in the techniques for handling disabled persons be investigated
- (4) That a Member(s) attend the Taxi Trade Forum meetings and that Councillor G Fox attend the next meeting. This would be an approved duty for the payment of Members' attendance allowances. (HRHM)

Minute 130 - Car Park Ticket Issuing Machines

On a Motion moved by Cllr J E Grey and seconded by Cllr D E Barnes it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That this item be referred to the meeting of Full Council on 18 April 2000

- (2) That the report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management on the phased machine upgrade programme be available for that meeting and include the age of existing machines. (HRHM)

Minute 131 - "Bar-n-Bus" Vehicle at the Bellingham Lane Car Park, Rayleigh

Resolved

That authorisation be given to the Bar-n-Bus to park their vehicle for a 3 month trial period in the Websters Way Car Park, Rayleigh between the hours of 7.30 pm and 10 pm on Thursday evenings. (HRHM)

(ii) Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works Working Party - 14 March 2000

During debate, the Committee agreed it would be appropriate to re-address the Motion submitted by Councillors D M Ford and Mrs M J Webster to the last meeting of Transportation & Environmental Services relating to the continuance of the Working Party.

On a Motion moved by Cllr D E Barnes and seconded by Cllr Mrs J M Giles it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That Cllrs D M Ford, A Hosking and Mrs M J Webster be nominated to attend the Stambridge Sewage Liaison Committee
- (2) That the continuance of the Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works Working Party be reviewed again in November 2000.
- (3) That the County Council, Anglian Water and the Environment Agency be invited to send one representative each to join the Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works Working Party as advisers
- (4) That a request be made for Dr Michael Clark, MP to communicate with the Minister for the Environment, Mr M Meacher, MP on the possibility of Mr Meacher receiving a deputation, to include District and County Council Members and advisers about this Council's discontent over the monitoring of the site and that in the meantime Dr Clark be requested to raise the concerns over management of the site, including Parliamentary Questions if appropriate. (HHHCC)

99 PROPOSED ONE WAY SYSTEM, GOLDEN CROSS PARADE

The Committee considered the report of the Area Highways Manager which proposed that a one-way traffic management system be introduced at the Golden Cross Shopping Parade, Ashingdon.

Members commended the work of County Highways on this scheme, particularly in view of yet another accident recently in this area.

It was confirmed that County placed the locally determined budget at the District's disposal, but that there was no system of transferring revenue money from one financial year to the next. This scheme would now be considered in the new financial year.

On a Motion moved by Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn and seconded by Cllr V H Leach it was:-

Resolved

That approval be given to progress this scheme in order to regularise and improve the parking situation at Golden Cross Parade. (Area Highways Manager)

100 WHITE HART LANE TRAFFIC CALMING

The Committee considered the report of the Area Highways Manager which provided Members with an update on the proposed speed reduction measures in White Hart Lane and the results of the public consultation exercise.

Resolved

That no further action be taken regarding traffic calming in White Hart Lane at the present time, but that the situation be reviewed in twelve months. (Area Highways Manager)

101 PROPOSED FOOTWAY - MAIN ROAD/WHITE HART LANE, HAWKWELL

The Committee considered the report of the Area Highways Manager which detailed a proposal to provide a safe route for pedestrians crossing the junction of White Hart Lane with Main Road, Hawkwell.

On a Motion moved by Cllr D E Barnes and seconded by Cllr J M Dickson it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That the scheme be noted.
- (2) That Hockley and Hawkwell Parish Councils be consulted on this proposal.
(Area Highways Manager)

102 DISTRICT TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Note: Cllrs D M Ford and Mrs J E Ford both declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item by virtue of Cllr Ford's employment at Foulness.

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Policy & Initiatives which summarised the representations received to the public consultation exercise and proposed the adoption of a final version of the strategy.

During debate, Members referred to the following amendments/additions which should be included in the draft District Transport Strategy and five-year action plan.

- page 15 - 3.3.5 - highlight the problems in Ashingdon Road and Greensward Lane and include Lower Road
- page 19 - (A) - bring Downhall Road forward in the programme
- page 19 - (E) - delete
- page 21 - Walking - Quys Lane - bring forward in the programme
- cycle track from Cherry Orchard Way to Hawkwell
- increased parking at Broad Parade, Hockley
- parking problems at Downhall School

Resolved

That, subject to the amendments outlined in the Report of the Head of Corporate Policy & Initiatives, together with the above comments being included, the draft District Transport Strategy and five-year action plan be adopted and submitted to Essex County Council for inclusion in the Local Transport Plan. (HCPI)

103 HILLCREST ROAD, HOCKLEY - RESURFACING

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Revenue & Housing Management which asked Members to consider a request from residents of Hillcrest Road, Hockley that the Council contribute to the making up of the bellmouth and the first part of Hillcrest Road, Hockley.

Resolved

- (1) That no action be taken upon the request to maintain Hillcrest Road, Hockley to a point corresponding with No. 15 Hillcrest Road, Hockley (the last Council owned bungalow in the road).
- (2) That the Head of Revenue and Housing Management arranges for material to the value of £400 to be delivered to the site for surface dressing. (HRHM)

104 ESSEX AND SOUTHEND STRUCTURE PLAN - PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Policy & Initiatives which provided details of the proposed modifications to the draft Essex and Southend Replacement Structure Plan following receipt of the EIP Panel Report and considered the land-use implications for Rochford.

On a motion moved by Cllr C I Black and seconded by Cllr R E Vingoe, it was agreed that Essex County Council be requested to undertake an audit of infrastructure and school, medical and other resources to show clearly how such facilities are lacking or deficient.

On a motion moved by Cllr D E Barnes and seconded by Cllr C I Black it was agreed that point 4.6.4 in the report relating to proposals for waste management facilities in the green belt should be strengthened.

The Head of Corporate Policy & Initiatives agreed that he would investigate the mechanisms for legally challenging the Structure Plan and report back to Members.

Resolved

That, subject to additional recommendations above, this report form the basis of the Council's response to the County Council and Southend Borough Council in respect of the proposed modifications to the Essex and Southend Replacement Structure Plan. (HCPI)

105 CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION AND STREET CLEANSING CONTRACTS FOR 2001

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Administrative & Member Services which sought endorsement of the recommendations from the Compulsory Competitive Tendering Panel meeting of 9 March 2000. The revised appendices had been forwarded under separate cover.

The Head of Leisure & Client Services agreed to investigate and amend the following points raised by Members with regard to the street cleansing document:-

- leaf clearance - omission of Hardwicke Close, Rayleigh
- 1.1 - add "and dog bins" to end of sentence
- 9.1 - delete the word "may".

Resolved

That the Contract Specification for the Refuse and Recycling Collection and Street Cleansing services be agreed, subject to the amendments above. (HLCS)

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved

That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of Exempt Information as defined in Paragraphs 9 and 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

106 1100 LITRE PAPER RECYCLING BANK COLLECTION

The committee considered the confidential report of the Head of Housing, Health & Community Care which advised Members of tenders received for the collection of paper from 1100 litre paper banks.

Resolved

That the contract for emptying the 1100 litre paper banks, for the period 1st April 2000 to 31st October 2004, be awarded to Cory Environmental Municipal Services Ltd at a total cost of £43,443. (HHHCC)

107 UNAUTHORISED BURGER VAN OPERATING FROM WEBSTERS WAY CAR PARK

The Committee considered the confidential report of the Head of Revenue & Housing Management which asked Members to consider the appropriate action to be taken in the case of an unauthorised vehicle in Websters Way Car Park.

Resolved

That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to take the necessary legal action to prevent the unauthorised operation of a burger van from Websters Way Car Park. (HRHM)

The meeting closed at 10.52 pm.

Chairman

Date

