

PLANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE of Bridport Town Council held at Mountfield, Bridport on Thursday, 21 January 2016 at 2.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr G.J. Ackerman (Chairman)

Cllrs Ms S.A. Horniman Mrs E.A. Rickard
J.S.L. Jones Ms S.J. Williams (ex-officio)

Also in attendance: Cllr D.G. Rickard.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the Public Forum.

25. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Cllr C.M. Ray.

26. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2015, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

28. ISSUES RAISED BY WATAG INCLUDING UPDATE ON BUS SERVICES

Mr Alan Williams, representing WATAG, updated members on the following issues:

Bus Timetables – there was a need to look at options for printing timetables as the County Council was not printing their booklet this winter. The WATAG timetables had been re-printed and were valid until May. This was a county wider issue in respect of the availability of future timetables. WATAG could be prepared to produce the timetables if funding could be identified.

Bus route 44 – still ongoing issues with bus grounding and options being looked at.

Concessionary travel – trying to get clarity from the County Council on the services where bus passes could be used on before 9.30am.

Audio descriptions on buses had now been corrected.

Trains – some changes to local services.

Alan was thanked by the Sub Committee for all his work and reports to members, which were greatly appreciated. It was noted that there would be further discussions with the County Council on the production of future timetables.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

29. COUNTY COUNCIL BUS CONSULTATION

Mr Alan Williams, representing WATAG, took members through the proposed changes to services, which only operated on one or two days a week, and where it was intended to remove the subsidy. This included routes 41, 76, 253, that operated in the Bridport area.

Members made the following comments:

- there was a need for local services to connect the outlying communities and villages to Bridport.
- the communities affected currently only had a service that ran once or twice a week and would now be losing even that level of service.
- there was no detail of funding or support offered for community transport schemes. This needed to be raised in the response. A well funded community transport service could help to provide an improved regular bus service connecting local communities to the town.

RESOLVED: that the comments above be reported to the Plans Committee to agree a response to meet the deadline of 8 February.

30. DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE PLAN

Consideration was given to ENCL: 3054.

Members noted the Plan and commented that there was no mention of any proposals to delegate functions to parish and town councils. It was expected that there would have been a list of which functions might no longer be covered by the County and how parish and town councils could help. It would also have been helpful to highlight the potential role of the Lengthsman in delivering minor highway works. There needed to be some consultation with town and parish councils on this document.

It was also mentioned that the provision and maintenance of clear directional signage was very important.

RECOMMEND: that the draft Plan be noted with the above comments.

31. CYCLE ROUTES

The Town Surveyor updated members on the proposals being developed by Sustrans and the County Council, including options for the Crown roundabout and crossings on Sea Road North. It was proposed that the officers will come to the next Sub Committee with the plans.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted and the Sub Committee receive a presentation at its next meeting.

32. CAR PARKS

The Town Surveyor reported plans to provide additional spaces at Plottingham and to submit a planning application for temporary parking on the Asker Meadows Showground.

West Dorset District Council was also due to consult on its car park policy.

Members commented on the condition of some of the car parks and also on changes to the location of the machines in the Rope Walks Car Park.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

33. ONGOING HIGHWAY MATTERS AND ISSUES BEING PROGRESSED

It was reported that the ongoing highways matters were still being discussed with Dorset County Council and recommended priorities for implementation would be brought back to the Sub Committee.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

34. NEW HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The following items had been received for consideration, since the last meeting:

(a) Allington Park – Yellow Lines

The Sub Committee discussed the issues raised. Members felt that yellow lines at this location could not be supported, as such a scheme would not be practicable and was unlikely to be supported by the County Council.

RECOMMEND: that the request not be progressed.

(b) Unit 1, George Street, West Bay – Parking Restrictions

RECOMMEND: that white lining only in front of the doorway be supported at this location.

Other Issues

It was noted that there were continuing parking problems in St Andrews Road, which were being discussed with the County Council, as one of the ongoing issues.

35. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no issues raised.

The meeting closed at 3.45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Highways and Transportation Sub Committee will be held on 17 March 2016