

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held at 6.00pm on Thursday 14th August 2008 at the Institute. Councillors Blessett, Helyar, Pelling, and Lindfors-Windsor attended with the Clerk Mrs S Kostyrka. Cllr Baxter attended at 6.15pm to present Item 6.

1. To elect a Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor and unanimously agreed to ask Cllr Wallis to remain as Transport Committee Chairman, and this item was referred to the next meeting for confirmation. It was agreed that Cllr Pelling would act as Committee Chairman.

2. To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Wallis (holiday) Cllr Blessett was a few minutes late as he had been attending the DMP meeting.

3. To receive declarations of interest, if any.

None.

4. To adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th March 2008 and consider matters arising not on the agenda.

Cllr Lindfors-Windsor asked for it to be noted that the **Voluntary Car Scheme** (Min 36/08) was not a free scheme, and users had to agree to make a mileage contribution. It was agreed to defer the proposed **audit of accessibility for non powered wheelchair users/prams, pushchairs users** to the next meeting. It was confirmed that a Certificate of Thanks had been received from Brake for the **“Too Young to Die”** Campaign. Kevin Brumfield from LCC had reported back on the outstanding actions as follows:

1. **Spalding Road Cycle path/Foot Path**, a meeting would be held with the consultants in September to take this item forward.
2. **Vehicle Activated Signs**, a Trial was still being held and a decision to take this scheme forward would be considered in due course.
3. **Parking in Bridge Street**, the recommendation to Council under a Traffic Regulation Order is to extend the double yellow lines by 30 meters, which will terminate at numbers 16-17 Bridge Street. As this is a lengthy process (1-2 years), it is proposed to install a bar marking across the entrance to aid the immediate difficulties.
4. **Stowgate Road Speed Limits**, the recommendation under a Traffic Regulation Order is to extend the speed limit restriction about 100 meters towards Back Lane, and this will also take several years.
5. **Linchfield Road footway/cycleway extension**, it was confirmed that at the opening of the skate park it was agreed that the extension would be requested as part of a development for the area. It was agreed to ask Kevin to take this forward within a S106 agreement asap.

Cllr Lindfors-Windsor expressed concerns about the north end of Linchfield Road which was very difficult to negotiate on a powered scooter, and the Clerk was asked to report this to LCC.

The provision of £200 for cycle racks is considered as an agenda item at the next meeting.

The minutes of the meeting were then accepted as a true record, and Cllr Pelling signed them.

5. To consider the Bus Shop Audit report as submitted by Rev Mark Warrick and make recommendations to Council. Enc 1

The Clerk was asked to thank Mark Warrick for his excellent report, and to forward a copy to LCC for them to note the Raised Kerb items. It was **recommended** to Council that the suggested maintenance items are dealt with as soon as possible within the agreed budgets. Quotes would be obtained for the suggested hard services and seats, and this was referred to the next meeting pending further investigation about the

availability of possible S106 funding for new bus shelters and the continuation of the bus services.

6. To consider “Car Clubs” – Cllr Baxter.

It was **recommended** to Council to set up a working party to investigate Car Clubs further and a report and summary of frequently asked questions is attached at Appendix 2 to this document.

7. To consider 30mph signs and repeater signs on the Spalding Road – Cllr Blessett.

It is **recommended** to Council that due to the ongoing speeding problems on the Spalding Road, and complaints from residents a request be made to LCC for the existing 30mph sign to be moved back before Hards Lane, and that repeater signs are installed on the Spalding Road.

8. To consider the current budget and budget and expenditure for 2008-9 and make recommendations to Council for the forthcoming Estimates.

It is **recommended** to Council that a provision of **£2,500 is made for 2009-10** under a general item for Highways/Shelters/Road Safety to allow for Vehicle Activated Signs should LCC take this forward or another initiative, and an amount of **£2,000** to be considered for Insurance excess after the two recent claims. As further consideration/quotes need to be given for bus shelters, seats and hard standings it was agreed to have **another meeting prior to making full financial recommendations to the Council for the 2009-10 financial year.**

9. Date of next meeting.

It was agreed that it would be necessary to hold a meeting in October to enable full recommendations to be made to the Council with the Estimate timescales. (2nd October at 6pm in the meeting room.)

The Meeting finished at 6.35pm