MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE GUEST HALL AT THE PRIORY CENTRE, ST NEOTS 11TH APRIL 2017

Present:

Cllr J Dunford (Chairman)

Cllr B Chapman

Cllr A Usher

Cllr Mrs Simone Taylor

Cllr D Wells (Deputy Chairman)

Cllr Mrs D Johnson

Cllr C Bober

Also present: Sharon Coe (Minutes)

Public Participation

Cllr Farrer sat in the area designated for the public.

67. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Hicks. Cllr Mrs Collins was absent.

68. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

69. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Dunford that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Cllr Bober.

RESOLVED: 6 votes for and 1 abstention to accept the proposal.

70. LHIF

Longsands Road

Cllr Chapman informed the Committee that yellow lines are down. Access Protection marks are due to be installed this week. The signage is on a four week delivery plan. Should be up and running within a month.

Nelson Road

Cllr Mrs Taylor stated that she didn't think that this had been approved by Committee at Cambridgeshire County Council.

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Cllr Chapman proposed that the Town Clerk write to Graham Hughes (cc Christine May) at Cambridgeshire County Council highlighting the inequality that SNTC are only permitted to have one scheme and request that the Chairman of the Council takes this up with the other Committees. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Johnson.

RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.

Huntingdon Road Scheme

Cllr Mrs Johnson asked whether it would be feasible to have another 30 mile sign put in the area as drivers were still speeding within this area.

Cllr Mrs Johnson proposed that the Town Clerk investigate costs and putting up a repeater mileage sign. This was seconded by Cllr Chapman.

RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.

71. Draft St Neots Market Town Strategy

The Committee discussed the title for the Town Strategy.

Cllr Chapman proposed that the strategy should be renamed 'St Neots Town Council Transport Strategy' This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Johnson.

RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.

Cllr Dunford opened the debate highlighting his comments and concerns.

Cllr Chapman highlighted that the most up to date Town Transport Strategy is 2016 and not 2008 as is quoted in the draft.

Committee debated Table 4 – Current Bus Routes. They felt that there should be another line highlighting the frequency on the buses and more accuracy of when the buses run through the day.

Cllr Mrs Taylor proposed that we request that a frequency column be added onto the existing time table. This is to include graphic map of routes highlighting start and finish times. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Johnson.

RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.

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S. Coe suggested rather than each member going through their individual concerns, they could email them to Cllr Dunford, who in turn could highlight them at the next meeting with the Town Clerk and Nigel Wilson.

Cllr Dunford proposed that the members email him their concerns including reference/pages no later than 21st April 2017 who will collate the information and request the Town Clerk invites the consultants to a meeting to discuss their concerns/findings. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Johnson.

RESOLVED: 6 votes for and 1 abstention to accept the proposal.

Cllr Wells proposed that this is item is included on the next D&T meeting and ask the consultants to provide an updated report and their recommendations (section 7) at that meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Johnson.

RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

CHATRMAN