

## ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL (EBTC)

### TRANSPORT FORUM

Minutes of the meeting held under the powers contained within the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) which came in to force on 4 April 2020. The regulations enable local councils to hold remote meetings (including by video and telephone conferencing) for a specified period until May 2021. The 2020 Regulations apply to local council meetings, committee and sub-committee meetings in England.

The meeting was held remotely on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81720827846>

Meeting ID: 817 2082 7846

on Wednesday 21 October 2020 at 7.00pm to 9.00 pm

Present:

- Cllr V Eni (Vice Chairman – In the Chair EBTC)
- Cllr Mrs P Strack (EBTC)
- Cllr Mrs F Turner (EBTC)
- Cllr C Butchins (EBTC)
- Cllr A B Collins (EBTC)
- Cllr P Kaza (EBTC)
- Cllr S Rubner (EBTC)
- Cllr R Challice (EBTC)
- Cllr J Newmark (EBTC)
- J Cartledge (Resident and Transport Forum Presenter)
- R Redman (First Impressions)
- D Sullivan (Sullivan Buses)
- P Ladbury (GTR)
- 5 Members of the public
- H Jones – Town Clerk

[Only those residents wishing their names to be included in the Minutes are recorded above.]

## **01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs S Parnell (Other Business).

## **02. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS**

There were none.

## **03. TRANSPORT FORUM MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 19 February 2020 were approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

## **04. PRESS RELEASE: THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT**

The Press Release on “*Cash Boost to Get More Kids Cycling and Walking to School*” was received. It was noted that the Government had announced a new million-pound programme to get more students and their families physically active in time for Bike to School Week. Details included:

- £2 million announced to help more children to cycle or walk as part of their commute to the classroom;
- in-school cycle repair scheme to ensure children’s bikes are fit for the road; and
- scheduled for during Bike to School Week as students and families are encouraged to cycle on the school run.

## **05. BUS SERVICES IN ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD**

D Sullivan gave an update report on Sullivan Buses services.

Changes to Sullivan Buses services included the 692 and 699 from 20 November 2020 - The service would no longer be operating routes 692 and 699 on behalf of Transport for London. From Monday 23 November they would be operated by Uno of Hatfield.

Information on bus timetables could be found at:

Sullivan' Buses	<a href="http://www.sullivanbuses.co.uk">www.sullivanbuses.co.uk</a>
Metroline	<a href="http://www.metroline.co.uk">www.metroline.co.uk</a>
Uno	<a href="http://www.unobus.info">www.unobus.info</a>

It was also noted that most passengers were complying with the requirement to wear face masks during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was further noted that Bus Drivers were exempt from this requirement.

The Forum appreciated the difficulties faced by public transport providers and thanked Mr Sullivan for his and his team's valiant efforts in ensuring that this much needed service could continue.

School buses were running between 7.00am and 9.00am in the mornings.

## **06. ITEMS BY J CARTLEDGE**

### **(i) Pedestrian crossing at Stirling Corner**

The Forum wished to record the fact that the pedestrian crossing at Stirling Corner had been installed as this had been an action requested by the Transport Forum for several years prior to the work being carried out. It was agreed that thanks would be conveyed to A Dismore (London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden) for his assistance in this project.

### **(ii) Pavement Parking**

It was noted that pavement parking was not categorised as an offence unless it caused an obstruction. Furthermore, enforcement was a Police matter. Three reforms had been proposed by Government and the Forum was encouraged to fill out an online questionnaire on the topic (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-pavement-parking>). The reforms were:

- Improving the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process, under which local authorities can already prohibit pavement parking;
- A legislative change to allow local authorities with civil parking enforcement powers to enforce against 'unnecessary obstruction of the pavement'; and
- A legislative change to introduce a London-style pavement parking prohibition throughout England.

## **07. CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP**

The item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

## **08. TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY REPORT: HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY**

Whilst no report was available at the meeting, it was agreed that the report would be appended to the Minutes of the meeting (once available) (**APPENDIX A**).

## **09. TRAIN SERVICES**

GTR representatives reported:

- On new stipulations for safe travel resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic (85% of passengers were wearing face coverings – with 10% exempt);
- Passenger Benefit Fund (£80,000) —improvements would be seating in office and platforms and landscaping/gardening;
- Cycle Hub (funded by the Department for Transport and Local Councils) launched on Friday 16 October 2020 (opened by Cllr S Rubner – Elstree and Borehamwood Town Mayor);

## **10. OPEN SESSION**

### Siggy Cragwell

Congratulations were given to Siggy Cragwell who had achieved a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Virtual National Rail Awards.

It was noted that articles would be written for both The Borehamwood Times and The Town Crier magazine.

Forum Members provided their own anecdotes on how helpful and polite Mr Cragwell had been in their experience.

**11. CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 7.00pm.

Date:..... CHAIRMAN.....