

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL (EBTC)

**TRANSPORT & COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

**MINUTES** of a meeting held in Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood on  
**Wednesday 20 October 2021** at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr P Kaza (Chairman – In the Chair EBTC)  
Cllr R Butler (EBTC)  
Cllr V Eni (EBTC)  
Cllr S Rubner (EBTC)  
Cllr A B Collins (EBTC)  
Cllr J Newmark (EBTC)  
Cllr Mrs S Parnell (EBTC)  
Cllr S Rubner (EBTC)  
Cllr M Vince (EBTC)  
R Jarvis (Neighbourhood Watch)  
Sgt M Cann (Hertfordshire Constabulary)  
D Sullivan (Sullivan Buses)  
J Cartledge (Resident and Transport Forum Presenter)  
R Redman (First Impressions)  
3 Members of the public  
H Jones – Town Clerk (EBTC)

[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 P Strack (Other Business), Cllr C Butchins (Other Business) and S Alford (EBRA), Mr A De Swarte (Resident) and Cllr P Choudhury (HBC).

**02. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS**

There were none.

**03. FORUM MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

**the Minutes of the Transport and Community Safety Forum held on 30 June 2021 were approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.**

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

D Sullivan (Sullivan Buses) provided an update on:

Bus use post pandemic

306 – 80%

398 – 87%

B3 – 85%

London Buses 73% (Sunday 78% - Leisure travel)

London Tube 55% (Sunday 73% - Leisure travel)

Roads (outer London) 96%

- Face Coverings – not mandatory.
- B3 Tender. 1 year ‘emergency tender’ following winning operator dropping out.
- Enhanced Quality Bus Partnership (the Intalink Enhanced Partnership established under the terms of the Bus Services Act 2017) from 1<sup>st</sup> August.
- Bus Back Better (15<sup>th</sup> March) ‘extra’ money for buses especially those authorities who have a QP in place
- Fuel shortage – bus service impacts.
- 107, 292 & finally 306 diverted – main issue the ASDA Petrol Station in Allum Lane.

#### **05. TRAIN SERVICES**

Members commented on:

- The £80,000 Passenger Benefit Fund (the need to obtain value for money by Thameslink) and the need for the Stakeholder Manager at Thameslink and Great Northern Railways to address the Forum
- Consumption of alcohol and smoking (including e-cigarettes) at the Railway Station and on trains
- Controls on bicycles and e-scooters at the Station (noting that it was an offense to cycle or scoot inside of the station)
- Thanks to First Impressions for the increase in seating and planters recently installed and the removal of the piano to a “good home” to allow for this to occur
- Installation of two electric car charging points

**It was AGREED that:**

**the Stakeholder Manager at Thameslink and Great Northern Railways be asked to address the Forum on the topic of the Passenger Benefit Fund as part of the Train Services Update item on the Agenda.**

## **06. POLICING**

Information was provided on the “echo” initiative by Hertfordshire Constabulary with a weblink to follow where residents in Borehamwood could suggest where the local police force should focus its attention:

[bit.ly/police-bw](https://bit.ly/police-bw)

In addition comments could be made by text:

Text: 66099 (start text with word “Borehamwood” then make comment)

It was noted that Hertfordshire Constabulary was operation on a “Prevention First” initiative.

Members commented on:

- Need for better policing of traffic around petrol stations during the “Fuel Crisis”
- The legality of e-scooters (London trial)
- Increase in catalytic converter theft from cars
- Thanks to Constabulary for presence in Town during Jewish holiday periods
- Visits to schools on a number of occasions per month
- Vandalism at Leeming Road Bus stop

## **07. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Members received a report on:

- Presentations planned for 2022 on “Distraction Burglaries” in order to educate the public on prevention techniques and safety considerations for their homes
- Efforts to increase Neighbourhood Watch in Hertsmere (Elstree and Borehamwood was 3<sup>rd</sup> of 10 in coverage level and 100% in Elstree Village)
- Neighbourhood Watch to be promoted by Ward Councillors and in Town Crier magazine.

## **08. HERTS FIRE AND RESCUE**

There was no report.

It was noted that Edition 43 of The Town Crier included an article on BBQ safety prepared by Watch Commander R Williams.

## **09. CLARION HOUSING**

There was no report.

**10. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Cllr R Butler provided a report on actions to make High Street improvements and the investigation of roundabouts in Elstree and Borehamwood by Hertfordshire County Council (noting especially problems with traffic flow at the roundabout by the entrance to Elstree and Borehamwood Railway Station). D Sullivan commented on the importance of buses to have sufficient room to access the station and cautioned against narrowing the entrance or creating a raised roundabout near this site.

**11. OPEN SESSION**

Matters arising during the Open Session of the Forum were:

- dangerous cycling by youths on bicycles and scooters deliberately coming close to cars, performing “wheelies” and cycling on pavements;
- the need for cycle routes in Elstree and Borehamwood to be cleaned, potholes removed and for excess vegetation to be cut back; and
- the need for roundabout repainting – especially by Elstree and Borehamwood Railway Station entrance and the entrance to the Shopping Park in Borehamwood.

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

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 30 March 2022 at 7.00pm in Fairway Hall.

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