

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL (EBTC)

**TRANSPORT & COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

**MINUTES** of a meeting held in Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood on  
**Wednesday 30 March 2022** at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr P Kaza (Chair EBTC)  
Cllr R Butler (EBTC)  
Cllr V Eni (EBTC)  
Cllr Mrs P Strack (EBTC)  
Cllr Mrs S Parnell (EBTC)  
D Pearman (Hertfordshire County Council)  
P Ladbury (Thameslink and Great Northern Railways)  
PCSO S Lacey (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 R Jarvis (Neighbourhood Watch).

**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 20 October 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 the new timetable (reissued on 2 April 2022) for the following routes:

- Borehamwood – Watford via Elstree and Bushey (306)
- Borehamwood Town via Organ Hall and Well End (B3)

Challenges facing the service included:

- Staffing shortages (drivers and engineers) - it was noted that a HCC driver recruitment campaign would commence on 4 April 2022 and wages had increased between 5 to 15%.
- Increase in fuel prices
- Reduction in passenger use (between 4 to 32% on 306,398 and B3 buses)

The Forum was made aware of the “100 Years of Buses Event” organised by local volunteers and the Town Council taking place on 19 June 2022 at Allum Hall.

The Forum noted the Youth Council’s appeal to the bus companies to tackle smoking and “vaping” on buses.

It was noted that “Go Coach” in Kent was a Demand Responsive bus service operating in Kent and could be a useful point of contact for the Forum in exploring the topic further. It was felt by some Members that demand responsive services worked well in some areas of the country but not in others.

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

P Ladbury (Thameslink and Great Northern Railways) made a presentation covering:

- 67% increase in passenger numbers post Covid restrictions (largest increases in leisure travel)
- Recruitment difficulties similar to those experienced by bus companies and impact of Covid sickness levels on service
- The £80,000 Passenger Benefit Fund (planters, benches and electronic screen)
- The provision of parking spaces to Allum Hall for vaccination clinic use
- Memorial event (20 years) of Potters Bar rail disaster
- Damage to flags by recent storm (Town Council repairs)

## **06. POLICING**

PCSO S Lacey (Hertfordshire Constabulary) commented on:

- Criminal damage and graffiti (with work by probation team to clear graffiti and screening at schools for pupils carrying items used to perpetrate this crime)
- Statistics on crime figures by Ward to be made available to the Forum for future inspection
- Damage to bus shelters
- Community “Drive Safe” initiative

## **07. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

There was no report.

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

There was no report.

## **09. CLARION HOUSING**

There was no report.

## **10. COUNCIL REPORTS**

D Pearman (Hertfordshire County Council) provided a report on:

- Theobald Street/Allum Lane roundabout works
- Dealing with potholes
- Cycling in Shenley Road

## **11. OPEN SESSION**

There was none.

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

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 7.00pm in Fairway Hall.

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