

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL (EBTC)

**TRANSPORT & COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

**MINUTES** of a meeting held in Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood on  
**Wednesday 30 June 2021** at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr P Kaza (Chairman – In the Chair EBTC)  
Cllr Mrs F Turner (EBTC)  
Cllr V Eni (EBTC)  
Cllr S Rubner (EBTC)  
Cllr A B Collins (EBTC)  
Cllr J Newmark (EBTC)  
Cllr S Rubner (EBTC)  
Cllr P Choudhry (HBC)  
J Cartledge (Resident and Transport Forum Presenter)  
R Redman (First Impressions)  
R Williams (Watch Commander - Herts Fire and Rescue Service)  
3 Members of the public  
T Malton – Deputy Clerk (EBTC)  
H Jones – Town Clerk (EBTC)

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

**A minute's silence was held in memory of Steve Simmonds (Sullivan Buses).**

**01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs S Parnell (Other Business), Cllr Mrs P Strack (Other Business), Cllr C Butchins (Other Business) and D Sullivan (Sullivan Buses) (Work).

**02. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS**

There were none.

**03. FORUM MINUTES**

**It was RESOLVED that:**

**the Minutes of the Transport Forum held on 21 October 2020 and of the Community Safety Meeting (CSM) held on 30 September 2020 were approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.**

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

Members commented on:

- Yellow Lines being ignored
- Inappropriate parking by cars in bus stops
- Need for better enforcement
- A possible shuttle bus from Elstree Railway Station (funded by Studios Development) for Sky Studios personnel only (rather than general public)
- 100 Years of Bus Services in Borehamwood in 2022 (Town Council Events)
- Demand Responsive Services (i.e. bus services that could be called in the same way as Uber )
- The possibility of using CIL monies to improve bus services locally

**It was AGREED that:**

- (i) D Sullivan be asked to provide a list of problematic bus stops (parking by cars) in Elstree and Borehamwood and these details be forwarded to Hertsmere Borough Council for action; and**
- (ii) the Director of Environment and Infrastructure (Hertfordshire County Council) be invited to the next meeting to update on “Demand Responsive Services” for buses in the area.**

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

Members commented on:

- The £80,000 Passenger Benefit Fund (the need to obtain value for money by Thameslink)
- Recent flooding of toilets at Station and remedial works
- Driver shortages
- Overcrowding

#### **06. POLICING**

Members commented on:

- Thanks to the Constabulary for swift responses to recent spike in anti-Semitic racist crimes
- The requirement for meaningful dialogue between the Police and Local schools, especially relating to knife crime

**It was AGREED that:**

**all local Head Teachers be notified of the Forum's discussion and each school/college's Community Engagement Officers be invited to the Transport and Community Safety Forum meeting on 20 October 2021.**

#### **07. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

There was no report.

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

Members commented on:

- Fire Service reinitiated home visits (smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors) – especially for vulnerable individuals
- Three deliberate fires to rear of Leeming Road
- BBQ fires (hot coals in wheelie bins)
- Fires created by glass bottles in fields
- Investigation into cladding in Elstree and Borehamwood by Fire Protection Team (post Grenfell)

**It was AGREED that:**

**an article be prepared for Edition 43 of The Town Crier on BBQ safety prepared by Watch Commander R Williams.**

#### **09. CLARION HOUSING**

**It was AGREED that:**

**Clarion Housing (or responsible body – Laing's Homes) be notified of need to respond to public footpath (damaged railing blocking pathway) behind Kenilworth School.**

#### **10. COUNCIL REPORTS**

A report was provided by Cllr P Choudhury (Hertsmere Borough Council).

**It was AGREED that:**

**a further notice be issued to Tesco's Superstore, Borehamwood in connection with the confusing arrangement for the crossing by the Petrol Station (both Zebra and Traffic light crossing).**

**11. OPEN SESSION**

Matters arising during the Open Session of the Forum were:

- the need for cycle routes in Elstree and Borehamwood to be cleaned, potholes removed and for excess vegetation to be cut back; and
- safety concerns regarding football being played on the road at Micklefield Way by children.

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

The meeting closed at 8.53pm

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 7.00pm in Fairway Hall.

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