

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL (EBTC)

TRANSPORT FORUM

MINUTES of a meeting held at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT
on Wednesday 3 July 2019 at 7.00pm

Present:

- Cllr Mrs R Butler (Transport Forum Chairman - EBTC)
- Cllr V Eni (Vice Chairman - EBTC)
- Cllr C Butchins (EBTC)
- Cllr A B Collins (EBTC)
- Cllr Mrs S Parnell (EBTC)
- Cllr P Kaza (EBTC)
- PCSO 6344 T J Hainsworth
- D Sullivan (Sullivan Buses)
- S Simmonds (Sullivan Buses)
- R Redman (Elstree Screen Heritage)
- S Alford (EBRA)
- E Butchins (Resident)
- J Cartledge (Resident)
- M Lawson (Resident)
- R Barry (Resident)
- N Clark (Resident)
- P Rossney (Resident)
- L Heritage (Resident)
- Mr Collins (Resident)
- J Donaghey (Resident)
- T Donaghey (Resident)
- S Allan (Resident)
- T de Swart (Resident)
- A Kaza (Resident)
- J Manashi (Resident)
- S Hyman (Resident)
- T Malton (Deputy Clerk)

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

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01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs P Strack (EBTC) (other Business).

02. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

03. TRANSPORT FORUM MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 20 February 2019 were approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

(It was noted that Transport Forum agendas and minutes are posted Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council website).

04. BUS SERVICES IN ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD

Service 657

The Uno 657 has been replaced by an Arriva 357 to a very similar timetable.

Service 292

TFL has proposed reducing frequency of the 292 service to every 20 minutes with results of a consultation regarding the proposal still to be announced.

Service 306

There are some minor changes to the 306 service in beginning September 2019 to reflect the traffic congestion in Borehamwood. These will affect the early morning and evening services.

D Sullivan (Sullivan Buses) presented the forum with an overview of the 29 page document Bus Services Act 2017 Saying.

The Bus services act 2017 was bought in by the current Conservative administration in the 1970s. At that time bus services were all owned by the government and were privatised in the early 1990s. The buses bill gives County Council, Councils and other authority's new powers. One of those powers gives Hertfordshire County Council the authority to decide where bus routes go, decide the level of service and types of vehicle. This is put it out to procurement by contacting companies like Sullivan Buses where they will put costings forward along with other companies. Sullivan Buses as with other Hertfordshire bus companies have been meeting with Hertfordshire county Council to look at this as a potential way of going forward. What this means is that HCC put a stack of money into bus service improvements. This could be things like bus shelters, new

curbs at bus stops, but more seriously looking at congestion issues such as are met in Elstree and Borehamwood. All buses service providers have been asked to come up with all their concerns and issues such as black traffic spots and what investment they would like to see. Bus services are looking for a level of funding from HCC to provide a far more productive service. If Bus services providers can get the quality partnership it will bind HCC to the agreed level of funding making them legally obliged to deliver.

(Full information on the Bus Services Act 2017 can be found on line).

It was noted that Steve Blackmore of the Department of Transport has been provided by the government to assist bus service providers deliver their proposals.

On behalf of Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council Cllr S Rubner publicly thanked Sullivan Buses for their support, not only during the Festival parade but on the Teddies Trails walk commenting that without the support of Sullivan Buses the festival events would not be as successful.

Information on new bus timetables could be found at:

Sullivan' Buses	www.sullivanbuses.co.uk
Metroline	www.metroline.co.uk
Uno	www.unobus.info

05. TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY REPORT

PC J Hainsworth presented the forum with an update on the road and traffic situation since the Transport Forum Meeting of October 2018. **(See attached Appendix A)**. This shows there are four different types of road incidences that are reported to the constabulary in two month periods. The four types of figures are:

- Road Traffic Collision, Damage Only
- Road Traffic Incident, Suspected Injury
- Road Offence
- Vehicle Nuisance or Inappropriate Use

PCSO J Hainsworth reported that comparing the totals over a three year period February 2017, February 2018 and February 2019 road Traffic collision, damage only has remained at a similar level. Road Traffic collision with suspected injury has fallen from

110 to 68 over a three year period. Road offences remained at similar levels and vehicle nuisance or inappropriate use has fallen substantially the year to February 2019.

(It was noted that all incidents were collated using logged calls from the public).

Mini Police

PCSO J Hainsworth gave a power point presentation of a six week school programme called Mini Police. The concept of Mini Police was born in 2012 in County Durham. Two police officers had an idea that there could be advantages by going into schools and teaching the children what it meant to be a police officer, the main advantages being:

- bridging the gap between police and young people;
- showing the children that every persons view matters;
- inspire them and others to do good works;
- help and support their community;
- respect for the police and those in authority; and
- participating in group sessions.

The scheme is targeted towards year five pupils (age 10 during that year). It was felt that this would be an influential age before they move into secondary school. Hertfordshire Constabulary did some trials with schools in St Albans and Harpenden and devised a programme that was then an eight week programme. Some officers from Borehamwood then took the programme into their particular wards in Elstree and Borehamwood. PCSO J Hainsworth introduced the programme to St Nicholas School in Elstree where they discussed the programme with the class teachers and devised a seven week plan as follows:

Week 1 – About you and bullying.

Week 2 – Anti Social behaviour and internet Safety.

Week 3 – Road Safety and environment lessons.

Week 4 – Interactive outside sessions looking at police equipment. Marching and drills.

Week 5 – Community projects.

Week 6 – Prepare for school assembly.

Week 7 – School assembly and award ceremony. Parents are invited along to a demonstration by the children on what they had learnt over the last seven weeks as Mini Police. All children received a certificate of participation and a mini police uniform comprising of a warm jacket, hi-vis and cap all portraying the police logo.

During the road safety lesson children were taken onto the streets and were able to use a speed gun to record some of the speeds motorists were driving at. Drivers in excess of the speed limit were then given a choice by the officers that they could either receive a speeding ticket or accept words of advice from the mini police officers. It wasn't a surprise that the drivers opted to be chastised by the mini police.

Chairman Cllr Mrs R Butler thanked PCSO J Hainsworth for his time in preparing the presentation remarking that this is a wonderful and worthwhile project.

06. TRAIN SERVICES

In the absence of any representation from Thameslink Mr R Redman gave a brief update report on the redevelopment of Elstree and Borehamwood station. Mr Redman reported that the station was now complete apart from the coffee shop, they are predicting that this would be finalised by the end of August 2019. All planters and signage had now also been reinstated. It was noted that there is to be a gala event at the end of August 2019 to declare the station officially open.

Mr Redman further reported that due to the timetable disruptions last year, and by way of apology GTR have set 15 million pounds aside in a fund to be shared between 250 stations. Each station will be allocated a potential amount of money, in the case of Elstree and Borehamwood the amount of money could be in the region of £80,000. Elstree and Borehamwood station would need to convince GTR Thameslink that they have, as residents and passengers have means of spending that money to the benefit of the residents, passengers and community. This would have to be prepared as a bid to GTR Thameslink by the end of July. Mr Redman reported that as there was already a relationship between First Impressions and GTR Thameslink first Impressions have asked the community to come up with ideas as to how the money could be best spent. To make that possible First Impressions have created a form called 'Passenger Benefit Fund' whereby people can list five ideas in order of preference, five being least important. Mr Redman reiterated the importance of putting our ideas forward for consideration by the deadline date of 15 July 2019 saying that Elstree and Borehamwood could lose out on a significant amount of money.

It was noted that the Passenger Benefit Fund forms could be found at Elstree and Borehamwood station, Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, Hertsmere Borough Council, the Library, Museum, and Key Facebook sights.

Information on Passenger Benefit Fund could be found and downloaded at:

First Impressions	contact@elstreescreenheritage.org
GTR Thameslink	passengerbenefitfund.co.uk/the-fund/

07. OPEN SESSION

[For clarity and context, questions raised in the Open Session but relating to other agenda items are recorded in the text of the relevant number above]

Some concerns raised by members of the forum are:

- Continued traffic congestion in Elstree and Borehamwood. **(Minute 05).**
- Reduction in bus services and funding cuts **(Minute 04).**
- Unreliability and cancelled journeys of the new Arriva bus service **(Minute 04).**

It was noted that the Arriva services had been suffering from lack staff shortages. This has now been resolved.

- Delivery of policy statements by Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) regarding bus services, cycle lanes and sustainability of the infrastructure. **(Minute 04).**
- Traffic flow in Borehamwood. **(Minute 04).**
- Adult cyclists racing down Shenley road on the pavement and between pedestrians. **(Minute 05).**
- Borehamwood high street traffic pollution. **(Minute 04).**
- Lack of seating at Elstree and Borehamwood station. **(Minute 06).**
- Gate staff using their mobile phones. **(Minute 06).**
- Obstruction of cycle lanes by parked cars. **(Minute 05).**
- Lack of platform staff particularly around the disabled platform areas. **(Minute 06).**
- Narrowness of platform leading up to the disabled area of the platform. **(Minute 06).**

It was noted that at the Transport Forum meeting on 20 February 2019 Ms R Barry had raised a number of issues effecting the usability of the station for people with disabilities and a meeting was to be arranged with representatives of the station operators. Ms Barry

had to date not been contacted by any representatives from Elstree and Borehamwood station. Cllr S Rubner remarked that Ms R Barry had very eloquently relayed to members of the forum the accident that had taken place culminating in the sad death of her pet dog.

- Inappropriate and dangerous parking in Leeming Road. **(Minute 05).**

It was noted that Cllr A Collins had been investigating the issue of inappropriate and dangerous parking in Leeming road. Commenting that he was working closely with shop owners and residents in Leeming road in order to come up with a solution. Cllr Collins will update the forum at forthcoming meetings.

- Stirling Corner bus shelter. **(Minute 04).**

It was RESOLVED that:

- (i) **GTR Thameslink be contacted by Cllr Mrs R Butler regarding a proposed meeting with Ms R Barry;**
- (ii) **GTR Thameslink be contacted By Cllr Mrs R Butler in connection with the timed response of the driver during the fatality of Ms R Barry's dog;**
- (iii) **Traffic pollution monitors be investigated by Cllr V Eni; and**
- (iv) **Daniel Tancock HCC and Cllr A Plancey HCC be contacted by Cllr Mrs S Parnell in connection with the long awaited bus shelter on Stirling corner.**

Cllr Mrs R Butler on behalf of Cllr J Newmark addressed the forum regarding the use of electric cars, electric car hire and charging points. It was noted that the forum would be very interested in addressing this idea at future meetings

08. CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.36pm.

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 23 October 2019 at 7.00pm at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT.

Date: 23 10 19

CHAIRMAN: 

APPENDIX A

ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY FORUM WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2019



The following is a summary of the number of incidents reported for six consecutive two month periods under the following headings. All of these categories include all types of vehicle, including bicycles:

- Road Traffic Collision, Damage Only
- Road Traffic Incident, Suspected Injury
- Road Offence
- Vehicle Nuisance Or Inappropriate Use

Key Points

We can now compare the totals for the three complete years ending 28 February 2017, 28 February 2018 and 28 February 2019.

Over these three years:

- Road Traffic Collision, Damage Only remained at similar levels
- Road Traffic Collision, Suspected Injury has fallen from 110 to 68 over the three years
- Road Offences remained at similar levels
- Vehicle Nuisance or Inappropriate Use has fallen substantially in the year to 28 February 2019.

Road Traffic Collision, Damage Only

Ward	01.03.2016 30.04.2016	01.05.2016 30.06.2016	01.07.2016 31.08.2016	01.09.2016 31.10.2016	01.11.2016 31.12.2016	01.01.2017 28.02.2017	Totals
Elstree	2	2	3	4	6	10	27
Brookmeadow	6	3	5	4	7	11	36
Cowley Hill	1	4	0	7	6	3	21
Hillside	7	7	9	9	8	17	57
Kenilworth	7	6	8	9	10	9	49
Totals	23	22	25	33	37	50	190

Ward	01.03.2017 30.04.2017	01.05.2017 30.06.2017	01.07.2017 31.08.2017	01.09.2017 31.10.2017	01.11.2017 31.12.2017	01.01.2018 28.02.2018	Totals
Elstree	1	5	7	10	7	3	33
Brookmeadow	3	4	2	5	3	4	21
Cowley Hill	1	3	1	4	2	2	13
Hillside	9	9	12	9	6	8	53
Kenilworth	7	4	9	4	4	8	36
Totals	21	25	31	32	22	25	156

Ward	01.03.2018 30.04.2018	01.05.2018 30.06.2018	01.07.2018 31.08.2018	01.09.2018 31.10.2018	01.11.2018 31.12.2018	01.01.2019 28.02.2019	Totals
Elstree	8	10	2	6	2	3	31
Brookmeadow	5	2	2	4	5	4	22
Cowley Hill	3	5	3	6	4	5	26
Hillside	10	11	8	8	12	9	58
Kenilworth	3	8	3	5	9	5	33
Totals	29	36	18	29	32	26	170

Ward	01.03.2019 30.04.2019	01.05.2019 30.06.2019					
Elstree	2	3					
Brookmeadow	4	3					
Cowley Hill	7	3					
Hillside	7	5					
Kenilworth	1	1					
Totals	21	15					

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Road Traffic Incident, Suspected Injury

Ward	01.03.2016 30.04.2016	01.05.2016 30.06.2016	01.07.2016 31.08.2016	01.09.2016 31.10.2016	01.11.2016 31.12.2016	01.01.2017 28.02.2017	Totals
Elstree	7	5	0	4	6	4	26
Brookmeadow	3	0	2	1	5	3	14
Cowley Hill	2	1	2	1	2	2	10
Hillside	8	5	6	7	3	1	30
Kenilworth	3	1	7	11	5	3	30
Totals	23	12	17	24	21	13	110

Ward	01.03.2017 30.04.2017	01.05.2017 30.06.2017	01.07.2017 31.08.2017	01.09.2017 31.10.2017	01.11.2017 31.12.2017	01.01.2018 28.02.2018	Totals
Elstree	2	1	2	2	3	3	13
Brookmeadow	1	1	4	6	2	3	17
Cowley Hill	1	1	5	3	1	3	14
Hillside	4	7	3	1	5	6	26
Kenilworth	2	3	0	4	4	10	23
Totals	10	13	14	16	15	25	93

Ward	01.03.2018 30.04.2018	01.05.2018 30.06.2018	01.07.2018 31.08.2018	01.09.2018 31.10.2018	01.11.2018 31.12.2018	01.01.2019 28.02.2019	Totals
Elstree	2	3	2	3	4	0	14
Brookmeadow	0	1	0	3	0	0	4
Cowley Hill	0	3	4	1	2	1	11
Hillside	3	7	7	2	3	4	26
Kenilworth	1	3	1	4	4	0	13
Totals	6	17	14	13	13	5	68

Ward	01.03.2019 30.04.2019	01.05.2019 30.06.2019					
Elstree	2	2					
Brookmeadow	2	4					
Cowley Hill	3	2					
Hillside	4	3					
Kenilworth	3	3					
Totals	14	14					

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Ward	01.03.2016 30.04.2016	01.05.2016 30.06.2016	01.07.2016 31.08.2016	01.09.2016 31.10.2016	01.11.2016 31.12.2016	01.01.2017 28.02.2017	Totals
Elstree	5	9	5	8	8	2	37
Brookmeadow	3	4	7	3	9	8	34
Cowley Hill	5	7	3	1	4	3	23
Hillside	11	11	11	10	11	15	69
Kenilworth	6	7	8	11	11	7	50
Totals	30	38	34	33	43	35	213

Ward	01.03.2017 30.04.2017	01.05.2017 30.06.2017	01.07.2017 31.08.2017	01.09.2017 31.10.2017	01.11.2017 31.12.2017	01.01.2018 28.02.2018	Totals
Elstree	3	5	3	4	5	7	27
Brookmeadow	8	9	3	6	6	3	35
Cowley Hill	2	10	4	9	4	3	32
Hillside	16	10	11	13	13	10	73
Kenilworth	13	7	9	3	6	6	44
Totals	42	41	30	35	34	29	211

Ward	01.03.2018 30.04.2018	01.05.2018 30.06.2018	01.07.2018 31.08.2018	01.09.2018 31.10.2018	01.11.2018 31.12.2018	01.01.2019 28.02.2019	Totals
Elstree	9	10	3	9	8	2	41
Brookmeadow	9	3	2	3	4	10	31
Cowley Hill	2	8	3	5	6	5	29
Hillside	7	8	5	5	10	15	50
Kenilworth	4	6	8	6	9	8	41
Totals	31	35	21	28	37	40	192

Ward	01.03.2019 30.04.2019	01.05.2019 30.06.2019					
Elstree	2	3					
Brookmeadow	5	9					
Cowley Hill	3	5					
Hillside	12	9					
Kenilworth	3	7					
Totals	25	33					

Vehicle Nuisance Or Inappropriate Use

Ward	01.03.2016 30.04.2016	01.05.2016 30.06.2016	01.07.2016 31.08.2016	01.09.2016 31.10.2016	01.11.2016 31.12.2016	01.01.2017 28.02.2017	Totals
Elstree	3	2	4	3	5	3	20
Brookmeadow	7	8	14	7	6	14	56
Cowley Hill	12	14	6	5	7	7	51
Hillside	23	19	11	21	13	19	106
Kenilworth	10	11	7	8	5	7	48
Totals	55	54	42	44	36	50	281

Ward	01.03.2017 30.04.2017	01.05.2017 30.06.2017	01.07.2017 31.08.2017	01.09.2017 31.10.2017	01.11.2017 31.12.2017	01.01.2018 28.02.2018	Totals
Elstree	4	2	2	2	1	4	15
Brookmeadow	10	20	8	7	7	9	61
Cowley Hill	12	14	17	9	8	7	67
Hillside	26	24	15	10	13	19	107
Kenilworth	9	10	4	0	8	8	39
Totals	61	70	46	28	37	47	289

Ward	01.03.2018 30.04.2018	01.05.2018 30.06.2018	01.07.2018 31.08.2018	01.09.2018 31.10.2018	01.11.2018 31.12.2018	01.01.2019 28.02.2019	Totals
Elstree	2	0	4	0	0	2	8
Brookmeadow	5	20	1	1	4	3	34
Cowley Hill	6	4	1	8	3	3	25
Hillside	7	15	6	8	2	2	40
Kenilworth	3	3	11	4	3	5	29
Totals	23	42	23	21	12	15	136

Ward	01.03.2019 30.04.2019	01.05.2019 30.06.2019					
Elstree	2	0					
Brookmeadow	5	2					
Cowley Hill	3	8					
Hillside	7	14					
Kenilworth	4	2					
Totals	21	26					