

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL (EBTC)

TRANSPORT FORUM

MINUTES of a meeting held at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT on Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 7.00pm

Present:

- Cllr C Butchins (Transport Forum Chairman - EBTC)
- Cllr S Rubner (EBTC)
- D Sullivan (Sullivan Buses)
- S Simmonds (Sullivan Buses)
- PCSO 6344 T J Hainsworth (Hertfordshire Constabulary)
- L Heyman (GTR)
- H Matereke (GTR - Elstree and Borehamwood Station Manager)
- J Cartledge (Resident)
- S Alford (EBRA)
- L Stack (EBRA)
- B Redman (Elstree Screen Heritage)
- A de Swarte (Resident)
- M Myers (Resident)
- 2 other residents
- T Malton (Deputy Town Clerk)

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

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr G Franklin (EBTC), A Dismore (Assembly Member), Cllr A Plancey (Hertfordshire County Council), G Brigden (Hertfordshire County Council), C Izzard (Metroliner) and N Clark (Resident).

21. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

22. TRANSPORT FORUM MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 25 October 2017 were approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

23. HERTFORDSHIRE'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT DATA REPORT 2017

The Transport Forum received a traffic and transport data report based on 2016 data and Hertfordshire road casualty facts based on 2016 data. (Report attached at **APPENDIX A**).

The full report can be found at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ttdr

It was noted that repair to potholes and pavements continue to be a problem in Elstree and Borehamwood particularly on the railway bridge in Allum Lane. It was further noted that the pothole on the bridge had again been filled in as a temporary measure and Cllr C Clapper reported that Hertfordshire County Council were looking at improving conditions to the bridge from the 2018/19 budget.

It was AGREED that:

Continued correspondence with Cllr C Clapper regarding possible remedial works in this area to Elstree Bridge be noted and the Forum be kept informed of developments, as appropriate.

24. BUS SERVICES IN ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD

S Simmonds (Sullivan Buses) reported that traffic has increased in South Herts by 20%. Each 1% adds two minutes to the journey time. He indicated that some of the issues in 'Hertfordshire's Traffic and Transport Data Report' needed to be addressed with policies put in Place to encourage more use of public transport or cycling.

S Simmonds further reported that traffic congestion resulting from the recent closure of a the A1 south bound slip road at Rowley Lane, owing to a burst water main, had caused severe delays to routes 107 and 292, particularly during peak traffic hours, and the 398 service was being diverted via Shenley causing the route to run 30 minutes late. S Simmonds said that Sullivans Buses had put on extra services but were struggling to make this cost effective. It was note that there would be timetable changes to the Uno services 601, 658 and 615, but there would be no change in frequency.

It was noted that much of the traffic congestion was partly due to the burst water pipes. Traffic is unable to enter or exit the A1 via the flyover, or to enter or exit the Barnet section of Rowley Lane, and the diversion was causing extensive delays. Affinity Water has indicated that their permit may have to be increased beyond the specified date of 5 March 2018 as necessary works to the pipes were more extensive than originally thought.

D Sullivan (Sullivan Buses) reported that Hertfordshire County Council no longer sent reports to bus operators regarding future road works. Cllr C Butchins said that he had continued to receive road work plans via Roadworks.org and would forward the information to D Sullivan.

Some members of the Forum felt that Hertfordshire County Council's website could not be relied upon for information regarding current road conditions.

Information on new Bus Timetables could be found at:

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

25. TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY REPORT: HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Members the Forum received a report from PCSO 6344 T J Hainsworth (Hertfordshire Constabulary) (a copy of the report is appended to these Minutes at **APPENDIX B**).

Particular areas of concern included:

- Road traffic collisions - damage only: Overall 20% reduction (but increases in Elstree ward).
- Road traffic incident - suspected injury: Overall 20% reduction (but increases in Brookmeadow and Cowley Hill wards).
- Road offence – No overall year on year changes (but increases in Brookmeadow, Cowley Hill and Hillside wards).
- Vehicle nuisance or inappropriate use – No overall year on year change (but increases in Brookmeadow and Cowley Hill wards).

It was noted that instances of nuisance or inappropriate use included motorcycles, and J Hainsworth reported that sanctions were now in place to deter this.

Some members of the forum reported their concerns regarding recent instances of youths jumping in front of moving buses and throwing stones at the bus windows. The particular area of concern was Leeming road in Borehamwood. J Ainsworth assured members of the forum that Hertfordshire constabulary was taking action against those responsible.

26. TRAIN SERVICES

The Forum received a report from L Heyman (GTR) (copy of slides attached at **APPENDIX C**). (Includes Stakeholder Newsletter - Period 11 – 12 from Phil Hutchinson **APPENDIX D**).

Matters raised in response to the report included:

- Operation of station ticket gates during evening peak period;
- Absence of senior member of staff to cover station;
- Insufficient communication between senior staff and agency staff. (Agency staff not aware of protocols during an emergency);
- Ticket gates causing congestion during peak times; and
- Insufficient car park markings, in particular disabled parking bays.

H Matereke (GTR - Elstree and Borehamwood Station Manager) agreed to note the concerns raised by members of the forum and report back to colleagues, where appropriate.

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TIMETABLE NUMBERS

Timetable Numbers: TL9 (peak only), TL10, T11, T12.

The expanded Thameslink will offer a more consistent pattern and increased frequency at peak times, with more direct trains to St Pancras International, Farringdon (for Crossrail), City Thameslink, London Blackfriars, London Bridge and beyond to east Croydon, East Grinstead (peak only), Gatwick Airport, Brighton, Littlehampton (peaks).

New all-day Thameslink services introduced between Luton and south east London, Greenwich, Dartford and Medway Towns, offering an increased off peak frequency with six trains per hour instead of four, increased capacity and multiple interchange opportunities with improved connectivity.

27. 150 YEARS OF ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD RAILWAY STATION

The Transport Forum received an update report from R Redman on the 150th anniversary of the opening of the railway in Elstree and Borehamwood. Mr Redman reported that the museum exhibition, which had opened on the 23 January, was receiving favourable reviews.

It was noted that there would be a four page pull-out in the next edition of the Town Crier publication (Issue #29) including interviews with former railway staff and other interesting articles. (For further information a copy of the pull out is attached **APPENDIX E**).

28. 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 minute above].

Furzhill Road

A member of the forum raised concerns regarding excessive speed of traffic in Furzhill Road (**Minute 4**) and felt that some sort of speed monitoring device might in some way deter those responsible. It was noted that peak hour parking congestion on Furzhill Road continues to be a problem particularly around the Summerswood School site.

PCSO J Hainsworth reported that they were continuing to monitor the area on a regular basis and would seek to continue to do so.

General Matters to report to Hertfordshire County Council

- 1- Possibility of introducing an electronic speed monitor in Furzhill road*
- 2- Misaligned warning signs on the approach to mini-roundabouts*

29. STIRLING CORNER (Post Meeting Update)

Latest plans on Stirling Corner were received from Andrew Dismore (London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden) Question No; 2018/0681. To: Mayor and Commissioner:

“Andrew Dismore

What progress is being made with improved pedestrian and cyclist safety at Stirling Corner?

Written response from Mayor

Transport for London (TfL) is progressing well with the design of the new signalised crossing and will shortly be engaging with the community on these plans.

Subject to confirmation of available funding, TfL anticipate that the new crossing could be introduced by the end of 2019.”

30. CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 9 May 2018 at 7.00pm at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT.

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