

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL (EBTC)

TRANSPORT FORUM

MINUTES of a meeting held at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT on Wednesday 4 July 2018 at 7.00pm

Present:

- Cllr C Butchins (Transport Forum Chairman - EBTC)
- Cllr V Eni (EBTC)
- D Sullivan (Sullivan Buses)
- PCSO 6344 T J Hainsworth
- J Cartledge (Resident)
- N Clark (Resident)
- R Redman (Elstree Screen Heritage)
- A de Swarte (Resident)
- T Malton (Deputy Town Clerk)

[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 S Rubner (EBTC). Cllr G Silver (EBTC), L Heyman (GTR), H Matereke (GTR – Elstree and Borehamwood Station Manager) and S Simmonds (Sullivan Buses).

02. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

03. TRANSPORT FORUM MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 9 May 2018 were approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

04. BUS SERVICES IN ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD

D Sullivan (Sullivan Buses) reported some minor timetable changes to the 306 from the 1st week in September. The 398 between Borehamwood and Watford via Radlett hat was originally put on as a back-up for problems in Elstree, although a useful route is not attracting as many customers as expected to make it sustainable so it is to be withdrawn during off peak hours. However, the 398 will still run on Mondays to Saturdays between Borehamwood and Potters Bar. It was noted that Sullivan Buses were in talks with the services at South Mims and are looking to enhance the evening frequency of the 398 depending on funding.

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 gave an update on the road and traffic situation since his last attendance at the February Transport Forum Meeting. **(See attached Appendix A)** PC J Hainsworth was able to give a year on year report beginning from March 2016 to March 2017 with the following results:

March 2016 – March 2017

- an 18% reduction in road traffic collision where there was damage only;
- a 15% reductions in road traffic collision where there were suspected injury;
- a 0% change in road offences; and
- a small increase in vehicle nuisance or inappropriate use.

February 2018 – June 2018

PC Hainsworth further reported on traffic and road conditions from February 2018 to June 2018 in comparison with the same four months in the previous year with the following results:

- an 41% increase in road traffic collision where there was damage only (it was noted that PC J Hainsworth has now been transferred to Elstree ward where the increase in road traffic collision damage only had risen by 200%) so looking at the two month period between 30 March 2018 and 30 June 2018 there had been three times as many road traffic collisions in Elstree as there had been in the same four months a year before. PC J Hainsworth further reported that the number one concern voiced by the majority of residents living in Elstree was about speeding traffic and drivers using their mobile phones whilst driving along Watling Street, Elstree Hill North, the High Street and over the hill onto the Elstree Hill South;
- there had been no change in road traffic collision where there were suspected injury;
- a 20% increase in road offences; and
- a 50% decrease in vehicle nuisance or inappropriate use.

PC J Hainsworth said that this has highlighted the areas where work needs to be done to try and reduce the ‘damage only’ incidences and try to ascertain why they are happening. John Cartlidge agreed that these data were a useful indicator of the overall pattern and distribution of incidents, but felt that in order to target remedial interventions effectively, it was important to analyse such variables as location, time of day, age of drivers and victims, speed and type of vehicle, whether pedestrians were involved, etc. Clustering of incidents at particular sites for example, could give clues so such contributory factors as poor sightlines, irresponsible parking and damaged or missing road signs and markings. Such analyses had in the past been undertaken by road safety team at Herts CC, allowing sites with particularly poor records to be identified and treated.

06. TRAIN SERVICES

In the absence of Larry Hayman (GTR), Cllr C Butchins presented members with a report produced by Katherine Cox (GTR). **(See attached Appendix B)**. Cllr Butchins reported that as the report was very long members were advised to read the report at their own leisure.

Mr Redman reported that works to remodel the station building were to begin in September 2018 and were due to be finalised in March 2019. The ticket hall and shop would be enlarged by extending them onto the forecourt, the café would be incorporated into the main building, and the cycle rack would be enclosed in a glazed shelter. It was recognised that renovations would cause some temporary disruptions to passengers, but the intention was to equip the station to handle the increased flow of passengers more effectively, e.g. by increasing the number of ticket gates. The reduction from two to one in the number of ticket windows reflected the general movement towards on-line or

automated ticket sales, but unlike most GTR stations Elstree and Borehamwood was to retain a staffed ticket office.

Arising from a recent fatality at the station it was noted that there were on average five suicides a week on the National Rail network. This causes great trauma to train drivers and huge disruption to passengers. It was further noted that station staff were receiving training in order to identify patterns of behaviour associated with suicides. **(See attached Appendix C Post meeting Suicide Report 2017/18).**

07. OPEN SESSION

It was noted that so far there had been no reply from TFL regarding the outcome of its consultation on the proposed cyclist and pedestrian crossing on A1 Stirling Corner.

It was noted that Cllr S Rubner would be taking over as Chair at and from the meeting of 24 October 2018.

Members expressed their thanks and gratitude to Cllr C Butchins for his past commitment and hard work during his time as Chairman of the Transport Forum.

08. CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 24 October 2018 at 7.00pm at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT.

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