

## ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

### TRANSPORT FORUM

**MINUTES** of a meeting held in Committee Rooms A & B, Civic Offices, Elstree Way Borehamwood on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr C Butchins (Chairman in the Chair)  
Cllr S Rubner (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr E Butler  
Cllr Mrs S Parnell (Mayor)

In attendance: Cllr Mrs P Strack  
Cllr Mrs F Turner

In total there were 18 attendees. Those signing the attendance record included:

HCC Cllr A Plancey  
J Cartledge (London Travelwatch)  
D Sullivan (Sullivan Buses)  
S Simmonds (Sullivan Buses)  
J Berkowitz (Student/Resident)  
HBC Cllr Mrs H David  
M Blake (Resident)  
C Blake (Resident)  
C Lesser (BDIA)  
S Alford (Resident)  
J Brown (Pensioners' Rights)  
H Jones (Town Clerk)

### 21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr Ms S Maughan (Sick), P Bradley (TfL) and A Scott Norman (Local Resident).

### 22. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

## **23. TRANSPORT FORUM MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Special meeting of the Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

## **24. URBAN TRANSPORT PLAN**

The Forum considered a report prepared for the Hertsmere Highways Joint Member Panel (prepared by R Thacker – Hertfordshire County Council) dated 31 January 2012. The report provided an update of the forthcoming review and sought to agree the makeup of a steering group.

It was noted that the implementation of the plan would have a great impact for road users in the area and, therefore, Members felt that the Transport Forum should be afforded an opportunity to be informed of significant updates relating to the plan and be able to contribute towards the proposals. It was noted that the Chairman of the Forum was considered the most appropriate person to be the Town Council's representative.

**It was AGREED that:**

- (i) representations be made to seek to include (in addition to the Transport Forum Chairman) one additional Transport Forum Member on the Urban Transport Plan Steering Group; and**
- (ii) a request for close co-operation between the Steering Group and the Transport Forum be made.**

## **25. TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT STIRLING CORNER (BY MORRISONS)**

The Forum welcomed the news from Transport for London (TfL) that work to improve the road markings at Stirling Corner Roundabout was scheduled to commence on 19 March 2012. However, it was also noted that at the 7 December 2011 Special Meeting, Forum Members were assured that the work was scheduled to commence before this time.

Some Members were concerned that TfL had not responded to the questions raised about the 2004 Proposed Scheme insofar as to whether this was 'on hold' or whether it had been abandoned. A clear statement from TfL on this matter was called for.

In addition, Members felt that TfL should provide a clear statement on the result and options arising from the most recent site survey that had been undertaken.

Other issues of concern included overnight parking problems near the BMW garage and the snack van(s) operating in the vicinity which caused perceived congestion by way of articulated lorries using the area as a stop off point. Some Members felt that Lorry Drivers had adequate provision in this regard by way of the Service Station at the M25/A1 junction (South Mimms).

Concerns were also raised that the slip road joining the Northbound A1 (Ripon Way) was extremely dangerous in view of the speed of the traffic travelling up from the Roundabout.

Members also felt that the support of Barnet Councillors would be advantageous.

**It was AGREED that:**

**representations be made to TfL seeking a response/update to the concerns raised by the Transport Forum concerning possible improvements to the Roundabout at Stirling Corner.**

## **26. ELSTREE CROSSROADS**

Members considered a report produced by Hertfordshire Highways concerning Elstree Cross Roads – Proposed Highways Improvements dated 13 February 2012. It was noted that a series of public exhibitions had been arranged in order to encourage public participation and comments on the initiative. In essence, the plan was to ban the right turn from Elstree Hill South in to Barnet Lane to increase capacity through the junction.

**It was AGREED that:**

**representations be made to Hertfordshire Highways seeking assurances that, should the scheme proceed, adequate signage and road markings would be put in place to alert drivers to the altered route together with some initial control/supervision by Police Officers in the early stages of the change.**

## **27. OPEN SESSION**

Updating the Forum on railway issues since the previous meeting, J Cartledge commented that the rail fare increase was confirmed at 6% rather than the 8% previously envisaged. In addition, despite representations made, the poster map at Borehamwood station required updating (being the 2009 version).

The Forum discussed a number of matters surrounding the removal of subsidies for school children on local buses.

A number of locations where improved road markings could be made were highlighted; including, the No Entry Sign at the Brook Road Car Park and the identification of speed cushions/humps on Aycliffe Road.

In addition, several anecdotal incidents of irregular parking on double yellow lines and at junction corners were identified (especially in and around Chandos Road). It was felt that these issues should be referred to Hertsmere Traffic Police and also raised at Community Safety Partnership Meetings. Some Members were also concerned about poor parking on Barton Way and Croxsdale Road.

**It was AGREED that:**

**in addition to PCSO Messetter, a representative from Hertsmere Traffic Police be invited to Transport Forum meetings.**

## **28. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7.00 pm, Hertsmere Civic Offices.

## **29. CLOSURE**

The Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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