



ELSTREE and BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

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ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL TRANSPORT & COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MINUTES of a meeting held in Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood on **Wednesday 21 February 2024** at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr P Kaza – Chair
Cllr R Butler
Cllr G Alexander

In attendance: T Malton – Town Clerk
G Martell – Deputy Town Clerk
J Simon – Admin

Cllr D Ozarow (EBTC)
Cllr A Kaza (HBC)
Cllr M Vince (HCC)
Youth Cllr Lucie
Youth Cllr Nathan
A Chillingsworth (Thameslink/Great Northern Railway)
J Pidgeon (Herts Fire and Rescue)
J Cartledge
R Redman
Eight members of the public

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr Collins (unwell), Cllr Mrs S Parnell (other business), HBC Cllr N Oakley, R Jarvis, Neighbourhood Watch (another meeting), D Sullivan, Sullivan Buses

36. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

37. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was RESOLVED that:

The Minutes of the Transport and Community Safety Forum held on 27 September 2023 were approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chair.

38. BUS SERVICES

Notes from HBC Cllr Nik Oakley were read out as she was unable to attend.

The B3 route is being taken over by Uno as part of the 361 route, extended from St Albans through Radlett to Organ Hall and Well End. It was noted that this is funded by St Albans and not HBC. There will be more buses per day but will not serve Tennyson Avenue or the Poets Estate. EBTC to ask HCC to consider incorporating this area into the new service.

The comments regarding congestion causing delays to the 107 and 292 were noted.

Hertsmere Hopper – planning stage at the moment, this bus service may cover areas not served at present.

Cllr Alexander said the emphasis should be on bus travel to ease congestion and reliance on cars.

39. TRAIN SERVICES

Andrew Chillingsworth gave an update:

Currently, Kentish Town is not connected to the Northern Line while works are ongoing.

Performance: figures were given for trains on time, for public feedback and for cancellations. All had improved. Social Media was used to provide public information

Cllr Ozarow said the defibrillator at the station, donated by EBTC through the Heart Foundation, had been out of action for 13 months and asked for repair to be expedited.

Member of the public asked about more police presence at the station.

Mr Cartledge said that the touch screen information was useful to those who understood technology, He said that bus and train indicators now give scheduled times and expected times which is an improvement. If incorrect information is given about a train arrival, the public lose confidence.

With regard to industrial action, the Government has passed legislation regarding minimum service which should mitigate strikes but is causing ill feeling.

He said there was no funding for a further footbridge

Nathan (YC) asked about more trains stopping at E & BW It was pointed out that the Bedford Trains are 12 coaches, Luton 8 – there are no plans to extend the platform to accommodate longer trains.

Revenue – the Travel Card was originally introduced for the Underground but was extended to the railway – however, the zone is restricted and moving stations in and out causes complaints.

40. POLICING

No report

41. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

No report

42. HERTS FIRE AND RESCUE

Three members of the Fire and Rescue Service attended – two from BW Fire Station one from Hemel Hempstead. Fire call outs were going down – the use of alarms was to be encouraged

Cllr Butler asked if the Elstree Way Corridor plans meant that the Fire Station would be moved and asked for the preferred relocation. All officers considered Elstree Way to be the best location – access to film studios, high rise housing, the A1 etc. The station may be modernised.

The YC Lucie asked that social media is used to engage with young people and encourage awareness. Mr Cartledge said that the range of services provided is not often known – for instance removal of tight jewellery. He asked about instances of electrical fires on trains caused by electric bikes and also fires in hallways – usually through using the wrong batteries. It was reported that some instances have occurred – not as many as in London – perhaps they should be banned on the underground. The Fire Service website has information on fire safety.

Cllr Ozarow asked about cladding on high rise flats – all buildings over 4 stories have been risk assessed.

43. COUNCIL REPORT

HBC There was no update other than that provided by Cllr Oakley.

HCC Cllr Butler (EBTC, HBC & HCC) reported on potholes. He felt that the repairs carried out were temporary and soon resulted in holes reappearing. Money was to be allocated. Cllr Vince gave a breakdown of the cost of repairing pathways in the town.

Cllr Butler said that the Town Council will cover some of the HCC work that gives rise to complaints when staff duties allow.

Cllr Vince asked about additional crossing at Theobald Street – Cllr Butler said that the cost was very high as it includes traffic survey, electric installation etc – not just the cost of black and white paint.

44. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Cartledge raised several issues.:

Fly tipping – HBC to be asked to sign the County agreement on fly tipping (Waste Partnership Fly Tipping Protocol) – agreed to refer to E&P

Give financial assistance to HCC to replace/repairs way signs indicating footpaths – agree to refer to GMC, supported by the YC to encourage walking.

Request that HBC discontinue the practice of putting the full colour Hertsmere Coat of Arms on street name signs – commemorating the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II – as an unnecessary expense – agreed to refer to E&P

Bus shelters – the shelter by HBC Offices was missing for over two years and replaced by an, apparently, second hand shelter from Essex in the wrong colour and with Essex timetable. The timetable has been replaced by a paper one which has slipped and is unreadable. No electric indicator board. This seems shoddy and does not give a good impression of the town.

It was agreed that EBTC write to HCC asking for all shelters in the town to be looked at and improved where necessary.

Cllr Vince asked that the public be allowed to use the Sky bus from the station to Well End – it was agreed that the Clerk would raise at the community meeting.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.28pm

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for **Wednesday 10 April 2024 – 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)**