



Nottinghamshire County Council

minutes

Meeting	Communities and Place Committee
Date	5th March 2020 (commencing at 10:30 am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Cottee (Chairman)
Phil Rostance (Vice-Chairman)
John Handley (Vice-Chairman)

Pauline Allan
Glynn Gilfoyle
Kevin Greaves
Tom Hollis

Vaughan Hopewell (Items 4-14)
John Knight
Bruce Laughton
John Ogle

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

None.

OTHER COUNTY COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Creamer
Maureen Dobson
Sybil Fielding
John Longdon
Gordon Wheeler
Martin Wright

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Barrett	-	VIA
Doug Coutts	-	VIA
David Hennigan	-	Chief Executive's
Sally Gill	-	Place Department
Derek Higton	-	Place Department
Sue Jaques	-	Place Department
Pete Mathieson	-	Place Department
Kevin Sharman	-	Place Department
Adrian Smith	-	Place Department
Mark Walker	-	Place Department

Gary Wood - Place Department

Noel McMenamin - Chief Executive's Department

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2020, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor John Ogle declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in item 4 - 'Via East Midlands – Update and 2019-2020 Overview' as a Council-appointed member of the Via Board, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

4. VIA EAST MIDLANDS – UPDATE AND 2019-2020 OVERVIEW

The Committee received a detailed presentation, highlighting safety, health and environmental performance, quality assurance, governance, external clients and consultancy, operational service delivery and staff engagement and development.

RESOLVED 2020/018

That, having considered the report and presentation by Via East Midlands Ltd, no further actions arose or were identified.

5. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SECTION 19 REPORTS

The Committee put on record its appreciation for the huge amount of work undertaken by officers, both on the ground and in preparing the statutory Section 19 reports, arising from serious flooding incidents in Nottinghamshire in November 2019.

The Committee expressed frustration at the slow pace of delivery of capital projects aimed at alleviating flooding risk. The Chair agreed to discuss with the Leader of the Council the most appropriate means to lobby central government for greater local authority control for funding flood alleviation capital projects, and to report back to a future Committee meeting.

The Committee requested that a senior official of the Environment Agency be invited to a future meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED 2020/019

That:

- 1) the publication of the Section 19 report Appendices A-J in accordance with Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and with the County Council's Lead Local Flood Authority responsibilities be approved;
- 2) the work outlined in the report be endorsed;
- 3) all relevant agencies involved be encouraged to seek and implement suitable measures to alleviate funding as soon as reasonably possible;
- 4) updates be provided to Committee from all relevant agencies on progress with alleviation measures as part of the regular Flood Risk Management updates.

6. CHARGES FOR HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SERVICES 2020-2021

Gary Wood, Group Manager, Highway Planning, Access and Commissioning, introduced the report, and Councillor John Cottey moved a motion in terms of resolution 2020/20 below, which was seconded by Councillor Phil Rostance.

Councillor Tom Hollis moved an amendment which is set out in Appendix A to the minutes, which was seconded by Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle.

The Committee adjourned from 11.45am to 11.55am to consider the amendment, and the Motion and amendments were then debated.

Following the debate, the amendment was put to the meeting. Five Members voted **For** the amendment and six Members voted **Against** the amendment. No Members **Abstained** from the vote.

The Chairman declared that the amendment was lost.

The Committee then debated the original Motion. Following the debate, the amendment was put to the meeting. Six Members voted **For** the Motion and five Members voted **Against** the amendment. No Members **Abstained** from the vote.

The Chairman declared that the Motion was carried and it was:

RESOLVED 2020/020

To:

- 1) Approve the proposed charges for highways and transport services, documents and data for the financial year commencing 1 April 2020 as detailed in the Appendix to the report;
- 2) Keep under annual review all charges for highways services, and also as may be required consequent on any change in circumstances.

7. TRANSPORT REVIEW UPDATE

RESOLVED 2020/021

That:

- 1) the Colston Bassett Taxi/bus trial, detailed at paragraphs 17 and 18 of the report, be approved;
- 2) delegated authority be given to the Service Director for Place and Communities to agree the National Bus Strategy bids and associated financial commitments, in conjunction with the Group Manager for Highways and Transport;
- 3) no further actions were required, having considered the issues raised within the report.

8. UPDATE ON KEY TRADING STANDARDS AND COMMUNITIES MATTERS

RESOLVED 2020/022

To:

- 1) endorse the updates provided regarding trading standards and communities matters;
- 2) endorse the updates provided regarding fireworks, retail value of illicit tobacco and Local Improvement Scheme outcomes
- 3) approve the proposed charging approach for 2020-2021; and
- 4) approve the Food and Feed Law Enforcement Service Plan for 2020-2021.

9. BUS LANE ENFORCEMENT – NUTHALL BUS GATE

RESOLVED 2020/023

- 1) not to proceed with the proposal to modify the existing permanent Traffic Regulation Order relating to the Bus Gate on Nottingham Road in Nuthall, and that the current restrictions remain unchanged.

10. THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ASSARTS ROAD, DRUMMOND DRIVE AND TEMPLE DRIVE, NUTHALL(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2019 (5073)

RESOLVED 2020/024

- 1) that the Nottinghamshire County Council Assarts Road, Drummond Drive and Temple Drive, Nuthall (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2019 (5273) be made as advertised and the objectors be informed accordingly.

11. CAMERA ENFORCEMENT – STOKE LANE BUS PLUG

RESOLVED 2020/025

- 1) that approval be given to introduce camera enforcement of the Stoke Lane Bus Plug.

12. OBJECTIONS TO PERMANENT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS AND BUS STOP CLEARWAYS – UPDATE ON GROUP MANAGER APPROVALS

RESOLVED 2020/026

- 1) that the decisions made by officers in quarters 2,3 and 4 of 2018-2019 and quarters 1 and 2 of 2019-2020 be endorsed, and that a further report be submitted for consideration to a future meeting with decisions for quarters 3 and 4 of 2019-2020.

13. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED 2020/027

- 1) that the proposed actions in respect of petitions be approved, and the lead petitioners be informed accordingly;
- 2) that the outcome of Committee's consideration be reported to Full Council.

14. WORK PROGRAMME

It was agreed that a senior official from the Environment Agency be invited to future meeting, to be determined.

RESOLVED 2020/028

That the Committee's work programme be agreed.

The meeting concluded at 12.39pm

Chairman

AMENDMENT TO ITEM 6 OF THE COMMUNITIES AND PLACE COMMITTEE – 05.03.20.

PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR TOM HOLLIS



SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN GILFOYLE



Approval be given for the proposed charges for highways and transport services, documents and data for the financial year commencing 1 April 2020 as detailed in the Appendix to the report, subject to the following changes:

Charges for Highway's Services – applicable from 1st April 2020:

CATEGORY: Services:

(1) Residents Parking Permits: To retain the current charge of £25 and not increase to £35 as proposed.

CATEGORY: Public Transport Charges:

(2) Faith bus pass scheme: To retain the current charge of £350 per annum and not increase to £410 as proposed.

(3) Catchment bus pass scheme: To retain the current charge of £100 per term and not increase to £117 as proposed.

(4) Post 16 bus pass scheme: To retain the current charge of £140 per annum and not increase to £164 as proposed.

Approval be given to request a contingency allocation from Finance & Major Contracts Management Committee to offset the £145,000 reduced income.

Financial Comments on Proposed Amendment (KP 04/03/2020)

Residents and Visitors Parking Permits

Highways issue circa 9,500 Resident or Visitor parking permits per annum. The proposed amendment would reduce the budgeted income for 2020/21 by £95,000.

Public Transport Charges

The charges for Faith bus passes, Catchment bus passes and Post 16 bus passes were approved by Communities and Place Committee on 6 June 2019. The amounts shown as 19/20 are those for the current academic year, with the increased amounts to take effect for the 2020/21 Academic year. This increase was estimated to generate an additional £50,000 per annum.

The combined impact of the proposed amendments will be to reduce the income for 2020/21 by £145,000.