

Minutes of the meeting of the **DOVER JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Thursday, 12 December 2013 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor S C Manion

Councillors: B W Bano
T A Bond
P M Brivio
N J Collor
M R Eddy
G Lymer
E D Rowbotham
F J W Scales
J M Smith (In place of J H Goodwin)

Also Present: Mr K Gowland (KALC)
Mrs S Hooper (KALC)
Mr C Tough (Deal Town Council)
Mr B Scott (Sandwich Town Council)

Officers: Mr S Rivers (KCC Highways and Transportation)
Highways and Parking Team Leader
Corporate Estate and Coastal Engineer
Democratic Support Officer

386 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillors J H Goodwin and R S Walkden, County Councillor G Cowan and Mrs M Burnham (Deal Town Council).

387 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that, in accordance with Rule 4 of the Council Procedure Rules, Councillor J M Smith had been appointed as substitute Member for Councillor J H Goodwin.

388 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest.

389 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board held on 12 September 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to there being amended to take account of Mrs Burnham's apologies having been given and that Mr Tough was representing Deal Town Council.

In respect of Minute No 205, Mr Rivers advised that the investigation into the fatal accident on the A258 was ongoing, but that the Police had ruled out carriageway or signage defects. It was confirmed that the outcome of the Police investigation would be made public. Councillor B W Bano referred to anxieties amongst the cycling community surrounding the accident, and requested that information be

shared with them. In addition, he requested that consideration be given to making cycling a standing Dover Joint Transportation Board agenda item.

In respect of Minute No 204, and in response to concerns raised by Councillor T A Bond, Mr Rivers reiterated that there would be no further public consultation on the proposed route of the Sholden cycle path since it was being provided as part of the Planning process. It was agreed that Sally Benge (KCC Highways and Transportation) would contact Councillor Bond to discuss his concerns.

390 HIGH SPEED RAIL SERVICE FOR DEAL AND SANDWICH

Mr Rivers referred to a press release issued by Stephen Gasche, Kent County Council's Principal Rail Planner, in which it was stated that the high-speed rail service to Deal and Sandwich would operate beyond March 2014, and that KCC would continue to lobby the Department for Transport. Councillors Bano and M R Eddy expressed disappointment at the lack of detail given to Members, and sought clarification on whether KCC was pressing for a regular, weekday service and the likelihood of this being achieved. The service was crucial for the regeneration of the towns, and a break in continuity of service would lead to businesses and residents relocating elsewhere. Mr Rivers advised that, whilst negotiations were ongoing, it would not be appropriate to disclose further information. However, he agreed to pass on the request made by some Members that a confidential report be brought to the Board in due course.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report be noted.

391 PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - BEVAN CLOSE, DEAL

Mr Rivers presented the report which outlined proposals to implement traffic management measures at Bevan Close, funded by the developer. It was clarified that the proposed double yellow lines would also protect a dropped pedestrian crossing point. With regards to the plan at Appendix A of the report, Mr Tough referred to the broken line which indicated where there would be no parking restrictions. Cars were often badly parked there which sometimes forced passing vehicles, including emergency vehicles, to mount the opposite kerb. There were also a number of access points along this stretch which were likely to get blocked if parking restrictions were not imposed.

RESOLVED: That the proposal be deferred in order for Mr Heaps (KCC Highways and Transportation) to consider Mr Tough's concerns and, if appropriate, bring a revised proposal back to the Dover Joint Transportation Board.

392 WINTER SERVICE POLICY 2013/14

Mr Rivers presented a report that had gone to KCC's Environment, Highways and Waste Cabinet Committee on 3 October 2013, outlining proposed amendments to the Winter Service Policy for 2013/14 following a review.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

393 DOVER LOCAL WINTER SERVICE PLAN

Mr Rivers introduced the report which detailed some minor changes to Dover's Local Winter Service Plan. In response to Councillor P M Brivio, Mr Rivers advised

that a complete list of salt bin locations could be found on KCC's website. It was also clarified that a member of the public spreading salt would be unlikely, in the event of an accident, to be found liable if they had acted with good intentions and had not been deliberately negligent. Members were advised that there was a video on KCC's website which demonstrated how to spread salt correctly.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

394 HIGHWAY WORKS PROGRAMME 2013/14

Mr Rivers presented the report which updated Members on works that had been approved for construction in 2013/14. In respect of Appendix A, the Board was advised that resurfacing works at Allenby Avenue had been postponed to the following year as a result of a torrential downpour which had caused flooding. KCC was working with Southern Water to investigate the integrity of the sewers as, if not addressed, future flooding could damage the new surface. It was hoped to use a method of resurfacing known as road recycling. Funding for the Allenby Avenue works would be used at Spinney Lane, Aylesham.

In respect of Appendix B, Members were advised that works at Ratling Road, Aylesham had been reprogrammed for 28 January 2014. A typographical correction was made to Appendix C to amend all the tabled entries from January 2013 to January 2014, and to change Salisbury Avenue to Salisbury Road, Dover. Also in respect of Appendix C, it was reported that the lighting switch-off was being monitored and there had been no reported incidents to date. Mr Rivers undertook to investigate lighting problems at Victoria Park, Deal where several lights had been out for some time. It was confirmed that it was not part of the switch-off exercise and was likely to be a cable fault. In response to a query from Councillor Bond, Mr Rivers undertook to check when works to the A258 at Sholden were due to be completed.

In respect of Appendix H, it was clarified that numerous other Member Highway Fund projects were in progress but awaiting final approval, including projects supported by Councillors E D Rowbotham and Eddy who had committed all their funding for the current financial year. Mr Rivers undertook to ask Mr Heaps to contact Councillor Bano regarding real-time bus information and planned works to bus route 14. Councillor G Lymer praised culvert works at Meggett Lane, Alkham which had cured an ongoing problem.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

395 PROPOSED RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME

The Highways and Parking Team Leader introduced the report which outlined proposals for a residents' parking scheme at Bridgeside, Deal. Members were advised of two typographical errors in the report: references to Appendices 1 to 4 should read A to D and 64 not 65 properties had returned questionnaires.

RESOLVED: That it be recommended that the Residents' Parking Scheme detailed in the report be formally advertised and, in the event that no objections are received, be recommended for sealing by Kent County Council. (Any objections received to the formal advertisement will be referred back to a future meeting of the Dover Joint Transportation Board for further consideration prior to making any final recommendations.)

396 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That, under Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the business on the grounds that the item to be considered involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

397 APPLICATIONS FOR DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING BAYS

In response to queries, the Corporate Estate and Coastal Engineer clarified that the Higher Rate Mobility Allowance was due to be replaced by the Personal Independence Payment, but changes had not yet been rolled out to Dover district.

Members were advised that one letter of objection had been received with regard to Application A following informal consultation with neighbours. The objector's concerns had centred around a cluster of bays that had formed in one part of the street, but there were plans to remove at least one of these bays. In any case, with nearly 200 properties in the street, the 5% capacity threshold for disabled bays in this particular street had not been reached as it was closer to 10 bays rather than the 3 stated by the objector.

In respect of Applications B and C, the Board was advised that no letters of objection had been received following informal consultation with neighbours. Since the applicants met all the criteria, it was recommended that the applications be progressed to formal advertisement.

Item D of the report dealt with the removal of two disabled parking bays which were no longer needed. It was therefore recommended that these bays be formally advertised with the intention of removing them.

- RESOLVED: (a) That it be recommended that Applications A, B and C be formally advertised and, in the event that no objections are received, be recommended for sealing by Kent County Council (with any objections being referred back to a future meeting of the Dover Joint Transportation Board for further consideration).
- (b) That it be recommended that the two disabled parking bays detailed in Item D of the report be formally advertised with the intention of removing them and, in the event that no objections are received, be recommended for sealing by Kent County Council (with any objections being referred back to a future meeting of the Dover Joint Transportation Board for further consideration).

The meeting ended at 7.01 pm.