

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BIGGLESWADE JOINT COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE 2014 at 10.00am
PRIORY HOUSE, MONKS WALK, CHICKSANDS
IN ROOM 15**

Present:	Cllr M Jones	Deputy Leader CBC
	Cllr Mrs W Smith	Cllr BTC
	Cllr T Woodward	Cllr CBC
	Cllr Mrs J Lawrence	Cllr CBC
	Cllr D Lawrence	Cllr CBC
	Mr R McGregor	BTC Town Clerk
	Cllr G Wilson	Cllr BTC
	Mr S Caldbeck	Projects Manager CBC
	Mr B King	CBC
	Mr P Fraser	HOP&CE, CBC
	Cllr I Bond	Cllr BTC
	Mr G Lawrence	Town Plan Steering Group
	Cllr M Russell	Cllr BTC
	Cllr H Ramsay	Cllr BTC
	Mr K Macan-Lind	MOP
	Mr A Porter	Biggleswade Chamber of Trade
	Jan Durn	Minute taker

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies

2. MEMBERS INTERESTS

Members were asked to declare any interests and their nature in relation to any Personal interests on the agenda and any Personal and Prejudicial interests in any agenda item.

None were declared

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The list of attendees had not printed out. Please reinstate and print for the file. Item 11 to be amended to read "New Inn" instead of Market Inn.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

Cllr M Russell thanked the Chairman for his help in resolving the bus situation in Hitchin Street.

5. **ELECTION OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE**

No new members

6. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Ivel Medical Centre – work is ongoing and the Chairman will keep the meeting informed of progress.

7. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

Nothing to report

8. **NETWORK RAIL CROSSING CLOSURE PROGRAMME**

A presentation has been received from Network Rail. It was requested that a meeting be held at BTC to discuss this.

Action: The Chairman will send copies of this presentation to BTC and Councillors.

9. **TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE – Update by Mr B King**

More information is awaited before a complete survey is in hand. There are still some issues to be resolved, and there is no indication yet as to when the Method Statement can be signed. Mr King will give a further update at the next meeting.

10. **PARKING STRATEGY – Report by Mr S Caldbeck**

A summary of the parking strategy was circulated and discussed.

Information will be sent to Councillors/BTC, and a meeting/walk round arranged with Mr McGregor in two weeks' time.

Action: Mr S Caldbeck/Mr R McGregor

11. **SUN STREET/ST JOHN'S STREET TRIANGLE – Report by Mr P Mason**

A report by Paul Mason, Head of Highways was circulated for information and discussion.

It was agreed that the Chairman will take this to the next level as soon as possible

Action: Chairman to take this forward

12. BUSINESS BREAKFAST

A proposed agenda was circulated for the next business meeting planned for 24th July.

It was agreed to expand the invitees to Industry as well as Town Centre Business.

13. BIGGLESWADE POLICE STATION

Mr P Fraser circulated a letter addressed to Andrew Selous MP from Olly Martins, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire, giving an update on the Bedfordshire Police Estates Strategy and the local impact.

Invitations to attend the meeting have previously been issued to the Police, but as yet no-one has attended.