



BIGGLESWADE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 JULY 2019

AT CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL, ROOM 14, PRIORY HOUSE, MONKS WALK, CHICKSANDS, SHEFFORD SG17 5TQ

PRESENT

CBC Members

Cllr S Watkins (Chairman)
Cllr M Foster, CBC
Cllr I Bond, CBC
Cllr T Stock, CBC

BTC Members

Cllr H Ramsay, BTC
Cllr F Foster, BTC
Cllr M North, BTC

CBC Officers

Marcel Coiffait, Director of Community Services
Georgina Stanton AD Service Development
Paul Salmon, CBC Team Leader Traffic Management
Ms S Hughes CBC Community Engagement Manager

BTC Officers

Mr S Newton, BTC TCOM
Mrs J Durn, Administrator

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr M Russell

2. **MEMBERS INTERESTS**

To receive from members any declarations and the nature in relation to:

- (a) Disposable Pecuniary interest in any agenda item – None
- (b) Non-Pecuniary interests in any agenda item – None

3. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

Members received and approved the Minutes of the BJC Meeting held on 22 May 2019.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

From the Minutes of the BJC Meeting held on 22 May 2019 there were no matters arising.

5. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of public

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

There were no announcements

THE CHAIRMAN REQUESTED THAT ITEMS 9 AND 10 WERE MOVED FORWARD. THESE ITEMS WERE TAKEN NEXT;

9. **PARKING**

Mr Paul Salmon, CBC Traffic Manager, gave an update:

- **Capacity**

Marcel Coiffait reported that the latest survey has indicated that there is no issue with capacity. Efforts are ongoing to find an alternative site for parking in Biggleswade. The recent changes in BTC parking have addressed the need to make more spaces available. The issue of parking outside the station will be covered in item 8, HIF bid, later in the Agenda.

Due to illness of both Mr Salmon and Mr McGregor, the planned walk-about to look at signage, numbering issues, etc. has had to be postponed. This will be rearranged at a later date.

Cllr F Foster said that although the implementation of the new regulations had freed up space, the reality is that people are now parking irresponsibly in order to avoid the payments and penalties.

- Bonds Lane: BTC Councillors pointed out that the Bonds Lane tenancy is up for renewal in less than two years' time and that this must be taken into consideration. The Chairman asked for this to be **NOTED**.

10. **HIGHWAYS**

- **Update on local schemes**

Birds Estate: The irresponsible parking is causing considerable problems and concerns were raised regarding the narrow roads, making it impossible for emergency vehicles to get through.

Teal Road: Still waiting for a review to take place. Once this has been done Mr Salmon will be better placed to take appropriate actions.

- **Eagle Farm Road:**

Concerns that what has been proposed is not appropriate, for example the lack of room for the school coaches to turn safely. Members questioned why this proposal did not come to the BJC? Mr Salmon said that he did meet with the school, and that Consultation is still in progress. Mr Coiffait said that it is important to receive feedback and that comments can be added to the document on "traffic.consultation@centralbedforshire.gov.uk"
Mr Salmon distributed a list of Section 106 Schemes and gave an update on their and status.

Cllr F Foster asked if the road surface around Havelock/Lawrence Road can be addressed as this is in an exceptionally bad state of repair. The Chairman will check to see if this is included in the programme.

Following this item Mr Salmon left the meeting

The meeting then continued with Item 7.

7. BIGGLESWADE JOINT COMMITTEE – WORK PLAN

Members considered the draft work plan attached to the agenda and noted the content.

8. GROWTH AND REGENERATION

Ingrid Hooley, CBC Regeneration Business Team: Gave an overview for new Members followed by updates on:

HIF bid: The bid went to the Investment Panel at the end of May and a decision by Ministers is now awaited.

Garden Communities: A paper was circulated for information, giving a brief of the key points and the background covering the Garden Communities offer. The Paper gives reference to the websites for both the Garden Communities Programme and UK Regeneration which contain further detailed information.

Future High Street Fund: The Town Council have registered an interest in putting a bid forward to the Future High Street Fund. A meeting has taken place with the CBC Regeneration Team to look at opportunities for joint working. Biggleswade can make a very good case for High Street Funding, and the Regeneration Team is working hard to take this forward.

(Items 9 & 10 having been taken previously the Agenda continued with item 11)

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Members received a comprehensive report on progress to date (circulated with the Agenda). Additional information will be found on the Council website during the process of Plan development.

Cllr Bond informed the Members that a Public Engagement day is planned for Wednesday 17 July at the Orchard Centre. He will circulate details. Cllr North said that the public response from the survey has been excellent, with many offers of help received from people with specialist experience, which have been welcomed.

12. EXEMPT

There were no exempt items to discuss.

Close of meeting