

SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Minutes of the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board held on
15 June 2010 commencing at 7 pm

Present: Chairman: Mr Brazier
Vice-Chairman: Cllr. London (James)
District Councillors: Dibsdall, Underwood and Waller
County Councillors: Brookbank, Chard, Gough, London (John) and Parry.
The representative from the Kent Association of Parish Councils: Cllr. Robson
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs Davison, Mr Lake and Cllr. Williamson.
Officers: Messrs. Ash (KCC), Aspinall (KCC), Burton (KCC), Connor (SDC) and Keatley (SDC).
Cllrs. Mrs Clark and Walshe, and members of the public to speak on Minute Items 4, 6 and 13.

1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR (Item No. 3)

Resolved: That Mr Brazier be elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing municipal year.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON 16 MARCH 2010 (Item No. 1)

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board held on 16 March 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item No. 2)

None.

4. MATTERS ARISING/UPDATES (INCLUDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS) (Report No. 5)

a) Actions from Previous Meetings

ACTION 3 – Railway Bridge at B2026 – Malpit Hill, Edenbridge (22/09/09) A Member of the Board noted that the centre line under the bridge had been repainted, but it was still off-centre in relation to the true arch of the bridge. However the ‘build outs’ on the road were accurate. Officers explained that they were currently investigating the signage in the area and would have the height of the bridge checked. A site

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meeting would be set up with officers and the local County Council Member.

Update report on Cold Arbor Road (15/12/10) The Board noted that no request had been made for a pedestrian crossing on this stretch of road and agreed to update the action list accordingly. Local residents addressed the Board explaining that they were still waiting for a full report to be brought forward on a traffic calming scheme along this stretch of road. Officers explained that investigations were on-going into the installation of footway, however it was thought at present this could only be achieved along sections on the road. A site meeting would be set up with Officers, residents and the local County Council Member.

5. TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR (ITEM NO. 4)

Resolved: That Cllr. London (James) be elected Vice-Chairman of the Board for the ensuing municipal year.

6. PETITION CALLING FOR RESURFACING OF REDHILL WOOD, NEW ASH GREEN (Item No. 6)

Officers explained that Kent Highway Services (KHS) has received 59 identical letters and 6 additional letters on this issue and asked the Board to consider the item as a petition. The letters had outlined that there were a number of large potholes in the road and residents had safety concerns. It was noted that Redhill Wood was not part of the 2010/11 or 2011/12 resurfacing programme and the only way for the road to be resurfaced would be to remove another road off the list with a higher priority. The KHS 'Find and Fix' had carried out repairs to all potholes in the road and the Chairman confirmed that he had visited the site.

A local resident addressed the Board and explained that the road had been adopted by the highway authority approximately 30 years ago and to his knowledge had not been fully resurfaced since its adoption. It was noted that there were 88 large houses, many with 2 or 3 cars, on the road and a nearby road with less houses had been resurfaced recently.

The local District Council Member addressed the Board and asked officers to investigate the potential to have the road added to the resurfacing schedule for 2011/12. Officers noted that this could be difficult due to the lower priority of the road. It was proposed that Officers would undertake a site visit to consider if any other treatments were suitable for the road but no guarantees could be given that any further work would be carried out.

Resolved: That Members note receipt of the petition and report.

7. PETITION REQUESTING A NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING POINT IN CROCKHAM HILL (Report No. 7)

Officers noted that work was being undertaken to install more warning signs at the site and further investigation was on-going in relation to a pedestrian crossing. Members suggested that work could be done to consider if a School Crossing Warden was appropriate for the site.

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Resolved:

- a) That Members note the progress made on the investigation into this matter; and
- b) Endorse the officers' proposed strategy for taking the matter forward.

8. REQUEST FOR PARKING ON A25 BRADBOURNE VALE ROAD, BAT & BALL (Report No. 8)

It was explained that local residents had requested a section of the A25 on Bradbourne Vale Road be set aside for nearby residents to park on street. The issue had arisen as the Town Council had withdrawn permission for local residents to park in the car park at the Town Hall, as they wished for parking to be prioritised for people hiring the hall for functions, and it was noted that there was limited scope to renew this informal agreement with the Town Council.

A Member of the Board explained that the area was already an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and to narrow the road for parking could potentially make this issue worse. It was noted that it did not fall under the remit of the highway authority to provide parking for local residents, however work could be undertaken to review the accessibility of the nearby Bat and Ball junction for pedestrians crossing here

Resolved:

- a) That Members note the progress made on the investigation into this matter; and
- b) Note the officers' proposed strategy for taking the matter forward.

9. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PROGRESS REPORT (Item No. 9)

Members noted that the scheme for Croydon Road/High St. Junction would no longer report to the Board. All other schemes were still in progress.

10. ON STREET PARKING ENFORCEMENT – OPERATION REVIEW (Report No. 10)

Members noted that the report proposed no new changes to previous practises in relation to parking enforcement. Instead the report highlighted the current arrangements in use by the County Council and 12 District Authorities in Kent.

11. REPORT ON POTHOLES (Item No. 11)

It was explained that additional funding had been allocated to fixing potholes after the severe weather in late 2009 and early 2010. In the Sevenoaks District there were now five gangs working to fix potholes and this had increased from three previously. Across Kent the budget in this area had increased to approximately £3 million from £1 million. Officers circulated information to Members listing the areas where work had been completed and where work was still due to take place. It was acknowledged that works did not always take place as quickly as the public would

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like to see, but it was considered more important that the repairs should be proper and long lasting. The Chairman noted that he had received positive feedback from residents on the repair works undertaken.

In response to a query Officers explained that there were currently two streams of work being undertaken. Firstly through the additional funds allocated to fix the damaged areas after the severe weather and secondly day to day intervention work, where new repair techniques were currently being tested.

A Member of the Board highlighted an issue where roads had re-lining work undertaken and then were resurfaced shortly after this. Officers noted that they were aware of such problems.

12. WINTER SERVICE CONSULATION REPORT 2009/10 (Item No. 12)

The Board noted that Officers were willing to take any question on this matter by email.

13. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENT HIGHWAYS AND WASTE POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCURTINY COMMITTEE REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION (Report No. 13)

A Member of the Sevenoaks Cycle Forum addressed the Board and explained that the report on 'Cycle Kent 2010' should help form the basis for the development of a Sevenoaks Cycle Strategy. It was noted that the Sevenoaks District had been highlighted as 'under-developed', in relation to cycling, and it was hoped that the final version of the Sevenoaks Transport Strategy would include the need for a cycle strategy. Officers noted that all this issue had been included in the amended Strategy and would be progressed upon its publication.

A Member of the Board noted that due to the proposed cuts by Central Government 'The Transportation and Safety Package Programme 2010/11' would have to be reviewed.

A Member of the Board noted that the County Council should petition for the full restoration of the Railway Service to London Cannon Street Station.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 8:01 P.M.

Chairman