



Meeting (No) **TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE (5)**
Time & Date **5pm on 11 January 2022**
Place **Neston Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllr Townsend (Chair), Mr Allcock (non-voting member), Cllr Hinks & Cllr Wastell

In attendance: Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager) & Mr R Ward (Chair of Neston Civic Society)

PART 1: Items considered in the presence of the press and public

32 Questions and comments from residents

There were no questions or comments from residents.

33 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Samuel (personal). **RESOLVED** to accept the reason for absence.

34 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

RESOLVED to temporarily suspend the meeting in order to allow discussion with Mr Ward regarding the Civic Society's concerns about parking in Neston. Following this discussion, the meeting resumed.

Item 39 was brought forward by common consent.

39 Parking in Neston

- a **RESOLVED** to work collaboratively with Neston Civic Society to formulate and implement a campaign to raise awareness of the consequences of pavement parking.
- b It was agreed that in the first instance Cllrs Hinks and Wastell would discuss the campaign with the PCSOs, would draft possible options in collaboration with the Civic Society/PCSOs and make recommendations to the next Transport Sub-committee meeting.

Mr Ward left the meeting.

35 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Transport Sub-committee meeting held on 05.10.21. The Chair signed the minutes.

36 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Governance & Operations Manager reported on the progress of decisions taken at previous meetings.

Concessionary bus passes (minute 27, 05.10.21)

Cllrs Hinks and Wastell attended the ChALC 2021 AGM to propose and second the following motion:

"This meeting calls upon the principal authorities in Cheshire to standardise the age requirement to apply for a concessionary bus pass from normal retirement age to 60."

The motion was carried.

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Meeting with Transport for Wales (minute 28c, 05.10.21)

Contact had been made the Community Engagement Officer (Borders) about attendance at a future Transport Sub-committee meeting. The Community Engagement Officer confirmed that he would make contact once the North Wales Metro projects were developed further and arrange to attend a Transport Sub-committee meeting.

Wi-Fi, CCTV and ticket machine at Neston station (minute 28c, 05.10.21)

A further request had been made to the Transport Officer at CWaC asking for any support he was able to give in progressing the installation of ticket machines, CCTV and Wi-Fi.

37 Rail update

- a An oral update on rail developments relating to Neston was provided by Mr Allcock (WBRUA Chair):
 - a reduced timetable was in operation due to the impact of COVID-19;
 - late evening services between Wrexham and Bidston had been reinstated;
 - no date had yet been published for the introduction of the new Class 230 trains;
 - WBRUA had attended recent briefings at which it was confirmed that Transport for Wales was aiming to make station improvements along the Wrexham to Bidston route including CCTV, cashless ticket vending machines, a help point and upgrading of the customer information screens, but it had not yet been confirmed whether Neston station would be included.
- b **RESOLVED** that Neston Town Council would not fund the provision of Wi-Fi or CCTV at the Neston railway station.
- c It was agreed to invite Cllr Gittins to the next Transport Sub-committee meeting to update on Growth Track 360 work.
- d The Sub-committee decided to take no further action.

38 Highways Safety

- a The Sub-committee received report T5/38a – notes of a site meeting with CWaC on 14.10.21 about the issue of pedestrian safety on the A540 (minute 29, 05.10.21).
- b The Sub-committee received report T5/38b - notes of an A540 briefing provided by CWaC on 01.12.21. CWaC had confirmed that construction work for the A540/Upper Raby Road junction improvement was currently on schedule to commence during 2022/23.

Item 39 was considered earlier after item 34.

40 Signage

- a The Sub-committee considered paper T5/40a including three possible options for a replacement footer plate for the new Chester Road car park sign to advertise both free parking and the provision of EV charging.
RESOLVED to amend the footer plate using option three (FREE PARKING in a single line and an EV charging logo).
- b **RESOLVED** to establish a task and finish group to investigate a scheme of future signage requirements for Neston, including funding implications/funding sources, and report findings/make recommendations to the Transport Sub-committee. It was agreed that this work would take place over the course of 22/23 with the aim of making any recommendations with financial implications in good time to be

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considered as part of the 23/24 budget setting process. The task and finish group to consist of Cllr Townsend (lead) and invitations to join the group to be sent to Cllr Samuel and the Civic Society Chair.

41 CWaC Integrated Sustainable Transport Taskforce (ISTT)

- a The CWaC ISTT terms of reference were received.

It was noted that the ISTT had a core membership but other interested parties could register to attend in an observer capacity.

- b Cllr Hinks provided an oral report of the first meeting of the ISTT. It was noted that the recently appointed Director had changed her title to Director of Transport and Highways (previously Highways and Transport) in order to emphasise the importance of transport. At the ISTT meeting the Director of Transport and Highways stated that one of her top priorities was sustainable transport, including the decarbonisation of transport, creating transport hubs and improving the connectivity and reliability of rural bus services.
- c **RESOLVED** that Cllr Hinks would register an interest to attend ISTT meetings in an observer capacity whenever the content was of relevance to the Neston area or the work of the Sub-committee. Cllr Hinks to report back any relevant information to the Transport Sub-committee.

42 Wirral & CWaC Borderlands Stations Improvements

- a **RESOLVED** that at the Transport for Wales briefing to be held on 12.01.21 the Sub-committee representatives would emphasise the need for Neston station to have CCTV, a help point, ticket machine, shelter improvements and improved seating on the Bidston-bound platform.
- b **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Hinks and Wastell would attend the briefing on 12.01.21 to share the comments/feedback agreed in minute 42a.

43 Terms of reference – forward planning and reporting

RESOLVED not to implement a structured process for forward planning or the measuring of outcomes.

The Sub-committee agreed to issue press releases as appropriate to highlight transport-related developments if the Sub-committee had been urging or liaising with the relevant authorities to implement such developments.

44 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting would be at 5pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.

Signed



Date

26th April 2022