



Meeting (No) **TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE (3)**
Time & Date **5pm on 13 July 2021**
Place **Neston Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllr Townsend (Chair), Mr J Allcock, Cllrs Hinks and Wastell

In attendance: Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager)

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

9 Election of Chairman

The Mayor opened the meeting and called for nominations.

RESOLVED to elect Cllr Townsend as Chairman of the Transport Sub-committee to serve until the first meeting of the Transport Sub-committee in the new Council year.

Cllr Townsend chaired the remainder of the meeting.

10 Questions and comments from residents

There were no questions or comments.

11 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence. The absence of Cllr Samuel was noted.

12 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

13 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Transport Sub-committee meeting held on 18.05.21. The Chair signed the minutes.

14 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Sub-committee received the Governance & Operations Manager's report (paper T3/14).

15 Rail update

Mr Allcock (WBRUA Chair) provided an update on rail developments relating to Neston. It was noted in particular that:

- there were ongoing problems establishing meaningful communication with Transport for Wales and concern about the level of customer communication and the current reliability of service provision;
- the commitment remained that from December the last service would be reinstated and also that there would be a move to two trains per hour, although the necessary infrastructure to facilitate the increase to two trains per hour was not yet in place.

RESOLVED to email CWaC's Transport Officer asking him to contact TfW about reinstating the last service and progressing the franchise commitment to install a ticket machine at Neston station along with the necessary wi-fi and CCTV. Mr Allcock to liaise with the G&O Manager on the wording of this email.

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16 Climate emergency priorities

The Sub-committee agreed that future Transport Sub-committee projects should be linked with CWaC's priorities in terms of responding to the climate emergency, especially in relation to the Low Emission Strategy. It was agreed that active travel was a priority.

17 Terms of reference

The Sub-committee considered a strategy for developing constructive two-way communication with Highways – terms of reference, paragraph 1. It was agreed that Sub-committee members would pursue options for holding regular surgeries for residents.

18 Highways safety – identifying local issues

The Sub-committee considered options for how the Town Council could best identify and respond to local road safety issues. It was agreed that a multi-pronged approach was needed via social media and in person in order to reach the widest audience. Councillors agreed to explore the possibility of having a regular market stall to engage with residents.

19 Highways safety – speed management

- a The Sub-committee noted comments made by the Community & Environment Committee to Highways about proposed speed limit changes and considered the responses received.
- b A guide outlining CWaC's current approach to speed management and speed limits was noted.
- c It was agreed that the proposed site meeting with the Road Safety Engineer would focus on the issue of pedestrian safety on the A540.
- d No additional comments were suggested for consideration by ChALC relating to the problems of speeding in Cheshire.
- e The Sub-committee considered whether there are any issues relating to enforcement of speed limits that needed to be raised with the Police & Crime Commissioner. It was agreed that this issue was being progressed by ChALC.

20 Highways safety – pavement parking

- a The Sub-committee received an oral report from the Chair on issues raised by residents about the problems caused by cars parking on pavements and blocking roads.
- b The Sub-committee agreed that it would be useful for a PCSO to walk along some of the streets around the town centre in the company of a wheelchair user to identify issues currently being faced by wheelchair users.

21 Concessionary bus passes

- a It was noted that CWaC follows the English National Concessionary Bus Pass Scheme for Disabled and Older Persons.
- b **RESOLVED** to ask ChALC to talk to other local councils and, depending on the outcome, to consider submitting a collective request that CWaC should reduce the bus pass qualification age to 60 for all Cheshire West and Chester residents.

Chair's initials and date: *OF9 9/10/21*

22 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting would be at 5pm on Tuesday 5 October.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.

Signed Prof. R. F. 9 Date 5/10/21