



Meeting (No) **TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE (4)**
Time & Date **5pm on 5 October 2021**
Place **Neston Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllr Townsend (Chair), Mr J Allcock, Cllr Samuel & Cllr Smith (substitute for Cllr Wastell)

In attendance: Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager), PCSO Harwood and one resident

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

23 Questions and comments from residents

The G&O Manager read out a comment submitted by a Quarry Road resident in relation to agenda item 29. The resident was a founder member of the Quarry Road Action Group which in turn joined with others to create Action54Zero representing those with a shared interest in local road safety. The resident was pleased that funding had been secured to establish traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing at the Raby Park Road crossroads and to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order limiting access to Quarry Road from the A540. The resident was keen to gain clarity about the implementation plan to understand the time targets for further actions.

A resident spoke in relation to agenda item 29. The resident stated that he was also a member of the Quarry Road Action Group and was very concerned about the safety of this road which was not designed for the current volume of traffic (3,000 cars were recorded in one day during a safety audit). The resident explained that there had been many accidents and highlighted the fact that recently a cyclist had been severely injured after a collision with a car on a blind bend. The resident felt that safety over convenience was a must and that the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order should be implemented as soon as possible.

24 Apologies for absence

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

The absence of Cllr Hinks was noted.

25 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

26 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Transport Sub-committee meeting held on 13.07.21. The Chair signed the minutes.

27 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Committee received the Governance & Operations Manager's report and noted that a motion about concessionary bus passes would be tabled at the ChALC AGM.

The resident left the meeting.

28 Rail update

- a An oral update on rail developments relating to Neston was provided by Mr Allcock:
 - two trains per hour on the Wrexham to Bidston line were planned for May 2022

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and, although a number of stations south of Shotton will not be served by some services, all services will call at Neston, Heswall and Upton;

- the new schedule would include an early train from Neston arriving in Wrexham before 7am which had the potential to improve connectivity for London and Cardiff journeys;
- the proposed new schedule would not result in a consistent metro service due to lack of new signals;
- Deeside Parkway now in the design phase with a potential to open in 2024; the North Wales main line services will include hourly Bangor to Manchester Airport and hourly Liverpool to Llandudno from December 2023. With these services both calling at Shotton, this will improve connection times and make the Neston to Chester train journey a more viable option.

- b The Committee considered report T4/28b which detailed the TfW response regarding service provision and franchise commitments. Transport for Wales (TfW) had confirmed that late evening trains would be reinstated in December 2021.

In addition to report T4/28b, the G&O Manager was able to provide a further update from the TfW Community Engagement Officer (Borders) regarding franchise commitments. It was reported that the TfW Station Improvements Team had begun considering improvements for the North Wales Metro programme which would include Neston station. This was in the early stages of development and Welsh Government funding was not yet guaranteed. The Community Engagement Officer had offered to attend a future Transport Sub-committee meeting to discuss the Metro programme when more details were available.

- c It was agreed to invite the Community Engagement Officer to a future meeting when he was in a position to provide more details of the Metro programme.

It was agreed to contact CWaC's Transport Officer again about CCTV/wi-fi/ticket machine at Neston station as TfW had originally indicated that implementation would be imminent.

29 Highways

It was noted that the A540 site meeting planned for 1 October had been postponed.

30 Terms of reference – forward planning and reporting

Consideration of the current status and agreement of a process for forward planning and reporting. This item was deferred to a future meeting.

31 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting would be at 5pm on Tuesday 11 January 2022.

The meeting closed at 5.55pm.

Signed  Date 11/01/22