



Meeting (No) **TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE (1)**
Time & Date **4pm 26 January 2021**
Place **Remote meeting via Zoom**
Document **Minutes**

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

In attendance: Cllr Bolderson, Cllr Davies (Chair of Community & Environment Committee), Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager) and one resident (a Slow Ways volunteer)

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

1 Election of Chairman

The Chair of the Community & Environment Committee 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 took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2 Election of Vice Chair

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

3 Questions and comments from residents

There were no questions or comments.

4 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

5 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hinks declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 12 due to her living in the vicinity of Raby Park Road/A540.

RESOLVED to temporarily suspend the meeting for the purpose of discussing the Slow Ways project with a Slow Ways volunteer.

Following discussion, the meeting resumed and the Slow Ways volunteer left the meeting.

6 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Sub-committee received the report and noted in particular that the resurfacing of the Raby Park Road footpath had been completed.

7 Transport Sub-committee terms of reference

- a The Sub-committee noted terms of reference as approved by Community & Environment Committee on 13.10.20.
- b It was agreed that at its next meeting the Sub-committee would formulate its work priorities.

8 Sustainable Connectivity for Neston

The Council's position statement was considered and the Sub-committee agreed that the document remained accurate and relevant.

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9 Rail update

Mr Allcock reported that:

- COVID-19 had resulted in a temporary reduction in service on the Wrexham-Bidston line, including the first trains of the day in both directions which would impact work/school commuters;
- there was no confirmed date as yet for introduction of the new trains on the Wrexham-Bidston line;
- December 2021 remained the target date for introduction of a twice-hourly service although no additional signalling had been installed as yet;
- Deeside Parkway was in the design development phase with an aim of May 2024 which would result in a direct service from Neston to Deeside Industrial Park.

10 Neston Station Adopters

Cllr Wastell advised that there was a need for more volunteers to join the Station Adopters because two key members had recently left the group.

11 Highways service delivery consultation

There had been no Town Council representative available to attend the event held on 26.11.20 at which CWaC provided an update following the recent consultation on Highways service delivery. Presentation slides from the event had, however, been received and would be forwarded to Sub-committee members for information.

12 Highways – A540 safety

- a The Sub-committee received the presentation slides from a stakeholder update provided to the A540 Action Group on 24.11.20.
- b It was noted that in 2017 the Town Council had resolved to express support for linked lights installation at the junction of Raby Park Road/A540 (Places Committee, 28.11.17, minute 91 d(i)).
- c **RESOLVED** to request that Highways consider:
 - (a) a temporary speed reduction to 30mph for the section of road between the Five Ways traffic lights and the Hinderton Road traffic lights and to monitor and assess the impact (current speed limit impacts negatively on pedestrians - narrow footway and road and turbulence caused by high sided vehicles); and
 - (b) speed mitigation by introducing electronic speed warning vehicle activated signs and speed cameras (this to be considered regardless of whether Highways implement a temporary speed reduction).

13 Road safety

- a The Sub-committee considered report PL1/13 detailing accident statistics to March 2020. This report was originally provided to Places Committee on 07.07.20.
- b The Sub-committee decided not to take any further action.

14 Installation of electric car charging points in Neston

It was noted that a request had been sent to CWaC asking for an installation date for the town centre charging points as well as further details of the cost to be applied, size of the bays and charging speed.

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15 Slow Ways

- a The Sub-committee noted paper CE2/24 about the Slow Ways initiative which was considered by Community & Environment Committee on 01.12.20.
- b The Sub-committee noted the Community & Environment resolution to support the Slow Ways initiative by promoting it within Neston and encouraging individuals and groups to get involved.
- c The Sub-committee considered the Community & Environment Committee's request for the Transport Sub-committee to take the lead on this project and agreed to look for opportunities to encourage residents to become local Slow Ways volunteers – project to be promoted via noticeboards, websites/social media, community groups.

16 Date of next meeting

6pm on 30 March 2020.

The meeting closed at 5.05pm.

Signed _____ *S.H. Whittle* _____ Date *18/3/20* _____