

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 31 JULY 2003

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Mitchell (Chair); Councillors Battle (Deputy Chair), Mrs Drake (OS), Elgood, Forester, Kemble, Meadows, Morgan, Peltzer Dunn, Smith and Wrighton.

PART ONE

ACTION

24. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

24A. Declarations of Substitutes

24.1	<u>Substitute Councillor</u>	<u>For Councillor</u>
	Meadows	Fitch

24B. Declarations of Interest

24.2 Councillor Drake declared a personal interest in item 33 'Prestonville Controlled Parking' as her daughter lived in the vicinity.

24C. Exclusion of Press and Public

24.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

24.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items on the agenda.

25. MINUTES

25.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2003 be approved and signed by the Chair.

26. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 26.1 Chair invited Members to a tour of the Ovingdean Gap Coastal Protection Scheme and the cliff face near the Marina on the 22nd September.
- 26.2 Chair offered to organise a tour of Preston Park for Members, should they express an interest.

27. CALLOVER

27.1 **RESOLVED** – That, with the exception of the items reserved (and marked with an asterisk), the recommendations and resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted without debate, excepting Notices of Motion and Petitions.

***28. PRESTON PARK PROJECT**

28.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment advising of the result of the public consultation and seeking approval to approach the Heritage Lottery Fund for a change of approved purposes (to use all remaining funds on works to the retaining wall at Preston Manor and at the south end of the park) and meet other requirements of the grant condition (for copy see minute book).

28.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That officers be authorised to seek Heritage Lottery Fund approval for the overall proposals for the Park.

(2) That officers be authorised to seek a change to the approved purposes for the remainder of the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the next phase of works comprising repair of the Manor Garden retaining wall and works at the South end of the Park.

(3) That the condition of the grant which requires the maintenance of the works for a period of 10 years be noted.

29. CONSERVATION AREA EXTENSIONS

29.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning a significant alteration to the boundary of the Stanmer conservation area, pre-dating the Unitary Authority, which had not been formally advertised and seeking approval to advertise the amendment (for copy see minute book).

29.2 **RESOLVED** - That approval be given to the formal advertisement of the extension of the Stanmer Conservation Area approved on 28 June 1988.

***30. WITHDEAN 2000 FOOTBALL CLUB**

30.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the future use of Withdean Stadium as an amateur football venue and its use by Withdean 2000 Football Club from 2005 (for copy see minute book).

30.2 Committee agreed an amendment to the recommendation in that they be subject to discussions between Brighton & Hove Women's Football Club.

30.3 **RESOLVED** - That the future use of Withdean Stadium as an amateur football venue be confirmed and approval be given to the granting of hire agreements to Brighton & Hove Women's FC and Withdean 2000 FC, subject to discussions between Brighton & Hove Women's FC and the Council.

***31. DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH (BRIGHTON 37C) FROM NEVILL ROAD TO A259, MARINE DRIVE, ROTTINGDEAN (SHEEP WALK)**

31.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning an application made on 16 May 2003 by CDC2020 plc to divert a public footpath, Brighton 37C (Sheep Walk). The report also summarised the powers of the Council under the Highways Act 1980 Section 119 and sought recommendation for an Order to divert the footpath (for copy see minute book).

31.2 The Committee considered that the proposed diversion was in the interests of CDC 2020 plc, the owner of the land and of the public.

31.3 **RESOLVED** - That the public footpath be diverted along the proposed route and that a Public Path Diversion Order be made, advertised and confirmed subject to the receipt of any representations or objections duly made.

***32. POLICY STATEMENT FOR VEHICLE CROSSINGS**

32.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment seeking approval of a policy for vehicle crossings (for copy see minute book).

32.2 **RESOLVED** - That the policy for vehicle crossings be approved.

***33. PRESTONVILLE CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE**

33.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the Prestonville Controlled Parking Zone scheme development and the technical evaluation of the informal consultation conducted in the Prestonville area (for copy see minute book). [Councillor Drake declared a personal interest in this item]

33.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the decision be deferred and the report be re-considered at the following meeting in respect of the financial implications and with the costs associated with a smaller scheme, excluding those areas where there had been no support.

***34. WESTBOURNE CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE**

34.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment addressing the objections to the draft traffic regulation orders and seeking approval for a Westbourne South Controlled Parking Zone (Zone R) to be implemented but to hold on the proposed scheme in the Poets Corner area (for copy see minute book).

34.2 **RESOLVED** - That the decision be deferred and the report be re-considered at the following meeting in respect of the financial implications.

***35. CLOSURE OF RICHMOND ROAD AT JUNCTION WITH MAYO ROAD**

35.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment summarising the representations received to the experimental road closure introduced in Richmond Road, Brighton in February 2003 and seeking approval to make this road closure permanent (for copy see minute book).

35.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That approval be given to the existing experimental road closure in Richmond Road at its junction with Mayo Road, Brighton, being made permanent.

(2) That authority be given to the Acting Director of Environment in discussion with the Chair of Environment Committee to consider any further objections received up until 17 August 2003, the end of the period for such objections.

***36. EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDER FOR COMMUNAL REFUSE CONTAINER TRIAL**

36.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment detailing the requirement for an experimental traffic order to support the Communal Refuse Container Trial (for copy see minute book).

36.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the making of an experimental Traffic Order to site Communal Refuse Containers on the highway, subject to consultation with residents be approved.

(2) That the approach for siting Communal Refuse Containers be approved.

***37. RESPONSE TO PATCHAM PLACE PAVILION SCRUTINY PANEL**

37.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment updating Members on the progress made in respect of recommendations from the Patcham Place Pavilion Scrutiny Panel (March 2003) – *“That Patcham Place be retained as an important sports venue in the city and the sports pavilion be reinstated according to the proposed plans”*.

37.2 **RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.

38. LETTERS**38A. CONSULTATION ON IMPLEMENTING A CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE**

38.1 The Committee considered a letter from Councillor Taylor regarding the possibility of introducing a residents' parking scheme in an area bounded by Ditchling Road, Viaduct Road, Beaconsfield Road and Springfield Road.

38.2 **RESOLVED** - That a report be bought to a future meeting in response to the issues raised by Councillor Taylors' letter.

38B. REVIEW OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE TRAVELLERS STRATEGY

38.3 The Committee considered a letter from Councillor Taylor requesting a review of the Travellers Strategy.

38.4 **RESOLVED** - That a report be bought to a future meeting in response to the issues raised by Councillor Taylors' letter.

38C. TRAIN HORN NOISE NUISANCE ENFORCEMENT

38.5 The Committee considered a letter from Councillor Williams drawing attention to the City Council's slow response to the well-publicised problem of the new train horns which have caused distress to many people who live near to the railway lines.

38.6 **RESOLVED** - That a report be brought to a future meeting to update members on action taken.

39. PETITIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

39.1 There were none.

40. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

40.1 **RESOLVED** – There were no items referred to Council.

The meeting concluded at 7.00 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2003