

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 27 MAY 2004

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Mitchell (Chair); Councillors; Turton (Deputy Chair), Elgood, Fitch, Kemble (OS), Morgan, Mrs. Norman, Peltzer Dunn, Pennington, Smith (Culture & Recreation OS) and Wrighton.

PART ONE

ACTION

1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

1A. Declarations of Substitutes

1.1 Substitute Councillor For Councillor

Mrs Norman	Norman
Pennington	Battle

1B. Declarations of Interest

1.2 Councillor Elgood declared an interest in item 18 'Area M Resident Parking Scheme – Proposed Changes' as a resident in the area.

1C. Exclusion of Press and Public

1.3 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.

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

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2004

2.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2004 be approved and signed by the Chair.

2A. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2004

2.2 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2004 be approved and signed by the Chair.

3. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Chair welcomed new and returning Members to the first meeting of the civic year.

3.2 Four items were tabled for information. Chair was keen to keep the committee informed of developments and hoped they would appreciate the additional updates. Committee noted the updates on i) Alterations to the Regional Planning Guidance, South East Regional Waste Management Strategy, ii) Consultation to proposed changes to the draft Regional Transport Strategy, iii) Stanmer Park Consultation & 'Protecting Stanmer Park' flyer and iv) an update of major events in the City over the coming months.

3.3 The results of air quality monitoring would be presented to a future meeting of the Environment Committee. These had been slightly delayed by the need to verify the initial results against some anomalies produced by the modelling/monitoring of parts of the data.

4. CALLOVER

4.1 **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 Petitions and letters.

5. LETTER: REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES

5.1 The Committee considered a letter from the Green Group concerning the continuing problems in the city with the refuse and recycling services undertaken by CityClean (for copy see minute book).

5.2 Statements in response to the letter were read by Councillor Mitchell and Councillor Kemble. Councillor Elgood was invited to comment and responded in kind.

5.3 **RESOLVED** - That the letter from the Green Group be noted

6. LETTER: PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 The Committee considered a letter from Councillor Mrs Theobald concerning planning matters (for copy see minute book).

6.2 **RESOLVED** - That the letter from Councillor Mrs Theobald be noted.

7. PETITION: GLETON AVENUE

7.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 29 people, presented at Council on 11 March 2004 by Councillor Fitch:

"Residents of Gleton Avenue. Do you feel, as I do, that the grass verges have become a disgrace? The road is not wide enough for parking on both sides, as it would seem inevitable that the grass verges will have to be filled. If you agree would you sign below."

7.2 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

8. PETITION: RESIDENTS GATE – FARMAN STREET

8.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 30 people, presented at Council on 11 March 2004 by Councillor Elgood:

"We, the undersigned, hereby petition for a Residents Gate at the Western Road end of Farman Street, Hove."

8.2 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

9. PETITION: DISABLED BAY – LOWER MARKET STREET

9.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 23 people, presented at Council on 22 April 2004 by Councillor Elgood:

"We, the undersigned, petition the Brighton and Hove Council to authorise the installation of a disabled bay near the top of Lower Market Street, Hove. (At the back of the market buildings)."

9.2 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

10. PETITION: BEVENDEAN

10.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 624 people, presented at Council on 22 April 2004 by Councillor Tonks:

"We, the undersigned, want the road humps and cushions in Bevendean to be dealt with as follows: removed (486), smaller (75), either (63)."

10.2 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

11. PETITION: BLAKERS PARK

11.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 125 people, presented at Council on 22 April 2004 by Councillor McCaffery:

"We, the parents of children who live around Blakers Park, are concerned about the continued closure of the café. We urge the council to take steps to re-open it as soon as possible in time for the 2004 season."

11.2 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

12. PETITION: HIGHVIEW AVENUE/LADIES MILE ROAD

12.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 76 people, presented at Council on 22 January 2004 by Councillor Pidgeon:

"The recent road works at the Highview Ave./Ladies Mile Road crossroads whilst aiming at more safety for school children have created fresh hazards for road traffic. This is due to the combination of road narrowing with more acute angles for turning traffic to negotiate – all at the blind crest of the hill on Ladies Mile Rd. As residents who have to use the junction we are concerned that serious accidents will occur and feel the Council need to be made aware of our views on this before such accidents occur."

12.2 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

***13. SITE VISIT PROTOCOL – EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS) SUB-COMMITTEE**

13.1 The Committee considered an extract from the minutes of the Planning (Applications) Sub-Committee held on 25 February 2004 in respect of the protocol for site visits (for copy see minute book).

13.2 The following amendment was moved by Councillor Elgood and seconded by Councillor Fitch

13.3 Following the third bullet point in 1.1 of appendix 2 the following wording be inserted *'Both applicant and objector shall be treated equally during the site visit, and where the applicant has direct access to committee members, he /she shall only respond to factual questions put by members of the committee.'*

13.4 The amendment was carried and therefore became the substantive motion

13.5 The motion was carried.

13.6 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Environment Committee **RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL** the amendments (as amended) made to the protocol for site visits.

***14. BRUNSWICK ESTATE REPAINTING 2005**

14.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment seeking approval for the continued use of the existing paint type and colour in the Brunswick Estate for the required external redecoration in the year 2005 (for copy see minute book).

14.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That under the terms of the Hove Borough Council Act 1976, Sandtex Classic Stone Gloss masonry paint, as manufactured by Akzo Nobel, shall continue to be the approved paint for use on the fronts of all properties in Brunswick Square, Brunswick Terrace and of 1-8 Brunswick Place.

(2) The specified colour of paint should remain unchanged.

(3) In conjunction with the approved paint company, owners and residents of the above properties and local paint contractors shall be notified of the legal requirement to repaint the front of the above properties in year 2005.

***15. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE: BRIGHTON & HOVE SUSTAINABILITY CHECKLIST**

15.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment seeking approval to adopt the Supplementary Planning Guidance: Brighton & Hove Sustainability Checklist following the period of public consultation (for copy see minute book).

15.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the comments made during the consultation period relating to proposed Supplementary Planning Guidance: Brighton and Hove Sustainability Checklist be noted.

(2) That the formal responses set out in Appendix 2 to the report be endorsed.

(3) That the recommended amendments to the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance be agreed.

(4) That the draft SPG as set out in Appendix 3 to the report should be adopted for the purposes of Development Control pursuant to policy SU2 of the Second Deposit Draft Local Plan.

16. PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 1 – THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE

16.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the content of the Government's draft Planning Policy Statement 1: Creating Sustainable Communities and seeking to secure endorsement of the response to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister set out in Appendix 2 and summarised in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.6 of the report (for copy see minute book).

16.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the aims and content of the Government's draft *Planning Policy Statement 1: Creating Sustainable Communities* be noted.

(2) That the response to the Government's draft Planning Policy Statement 1 as set out in Appendix 2 and as summarised in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.6 be endorsed.

(3) That the Environment Committee refer this report to the Planning Applications Sub-Committee for information.

***17. AREA N RESIDENT PARKING SCHEME – PROPOSED CHANGES**

17.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment addressing objections to the draft traffic regulation order and seeking approval for the scheme to be implemented (for copy see minute book).

17.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the resident parking scheme (Area N) Consolidation Order 2001 Amendment Order No * 2004 be made as advertised.

(2) That the amendments to the scheme proceed to implementation.

***18. AREA M RESIDENT PARKING SCHEME – PROPOSED CHANGES**

18.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment addressing objections to the draft traffic regulation order and seeking approval for the scheme to be implemented (for copy see minute book). [Councillor Elgood declared an interest in item 18 'Area M Resident Parking Scheme – Proposed Changes' as a resident in the area]

18.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the Brighton & Hove resident parking scheme (Area M) Traffic Regulation Order 2004 be made as advertised subject to the changes outlined in the report.

(2) That the amended scheme should proceed to implementation.

(3) That a further amendment order be drafted as soon as possible to incorporate a number of changes to the scheme as outlined in the report.

19. EXPERIMENTAL CLOSURE OF NATAL ROAD, BRIGHTON

19.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the outcome of the recent survey undertaken in Natal Road in conjunction with the police and requesting approval for an experimental traffic order to close Natal Road at its junction with Dewe Road (for copy see minute book).

19.2 **RESOLVED** - The experimental closure of Natal Road at its junction with Dewe Road for a period of up to 18 months with a review after six months be authorised.

***20. CONNAUGHT ROAD PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE**

20.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment seeking approval to a proposal to close the junction of Connaught Road with Church Road and to the advertising of the necessary traffic regulation order (for copy see minute book).

20.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) The proposal to close the junction of Connaught Road with Church Road be approved.

(2) The advertising of a draft traffic regulation order prohibiting motorised traffic, excluding emergency vehicles, from entering or leaving Connaught Road at its junction with Church Road be approved.

(3) The making of the traffic regulation order and the physical closure of the road (if no objections are received to the advertising of the draft order) be approved.

***21. ALLOCATION OF 2004/05 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN FUNDING**

21.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the continued funding of £5.712 million through the Government's Local Transport Plan (LTP) process and the allocation of the funding to individual schemes in 2004/05 (for copy see minute book).

21.2 **RESOLVED** - That the allocation of the £5.712million 2004/05 Local Transport Plan settlement to specific transport and highway schemes in Brighton and Hove as set out in Appendices A and B of the report, be approved.

***22. ROADWORKS – CONSTRUCTION TIMETABLE**

22.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment outlining the development of an annual construction timetable as agreed at the Policy and Resources Committee on 21 January 2004, as a measure to minimise congestion due to roadworks (for copy see minute book).

22.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the construction timetable of planned roadworks be approved.

(2) That a report on the forthcoming Traffic Management Act will be presented to a future meeting.

23. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

23.1 **RESOLVED** – There were no items.

PART TWO**24. ITEMS TO REMAIN EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

24.1 **RESOLVED** – That no items remain exempt from disclosure to the press and public.

The meeting concluded at 6.30 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2004