

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 20 OCTOBER 2005

COMMITTEE ROOMS 2 & 3
BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

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

PART ONE

ACTION

81. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

81A Declarations of Substitutes

81.1 Substitute Councillor For Councillor
There were none.

81B Declarations of Interest

81.2 Councillor Wrighton declared a personal interest in item 89, Garden Waste Collections, as the co-ordinator of waste was an acquaintance.

81C Exclusion of Press and Public

81.3 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.

81.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 98.

82. MINUTES

82.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 8

September 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair.

83. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

83.1 Chair informed the meeting that the council had been awarded £1.5 million over the next three years to make Brighton & Hove a European centre of excellence for cycling.

83.2 Chair informed the meeting that enforcement officers were issuing warning letters, and following up with £50 fines, clamping down on the city's black bag problem. The letters informed residents of the day their rubbish would be collected, warning them that putting out black bags on the wrong day would lead to enforcement action being taken against them. If the letters were ignored legal action would begin. So far 194 warning letters have been sent out, and 21 fines imposed

83.3 Chair noted a letter of thanks from the residents of Leach Court and Patching Lodge in respect of the committee's approval of a crossing near their homes.

84. CALLOVER

84.1 **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, Deputations, Petitions and letters.

85. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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| 85.1 Question from | Response from |
| Mr Murray (plus supplementary) | Councillor Mitchell |

86. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

86.1 There were none.

87. PETITIONS / NOTICES OF MOTION /DEPUTATIONS

87.1 It was noted that any Petitions, Notices of Motion or Deputations received at Council on 13 October would be presented to the December meeting.

*88. PROGRESS ON BRIGHTON & HOVE'S SPORTS STRATEGY

88.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Progress on Brighton & Hove's Sports Strategy (for copy see minute book).

88.2 **RESOLVED** That (1) the draft Action Plan (Appendix 1) as amended following the Sports Symposium and ongoing

discussion with Sport England and Sussex County Sports Partnership during the summer be noted.

- (2) That the Terms of Reference for and membership of the Sports Forum (Appendix 4) be approved with two amendments [i.e. (1) that 4 of the 40 representatives mentioned at section 3 be Councillors and (2) that the reference to the Chief Executive appointing the Chair at section 6 be deleted] and that Policy & Resources Committee be recommended to approve the creation of the forum on adoption of the Sports Strategy.
- (3) That Brighton & Hove City Council maximises opportunities to be part of London 2012 as set out in paragraph 9 of the report.
- (4) That the Draft Action Plan and formation of the Sports Forum, and proposals on Brighton & Hove City Council's role in the London 2012 Olympics, be referred to the Culture and Tourism Sub-Committee and to the Children, Families & School Committee for comment and consideration.
- (5) That the Sports Strategy and Action Plan be recommended to Policy & Resources Committee for formal adoption on 25 January 2006, following formal consultation with sports organisations across the City.

***89. GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS – STANMER ORGANICS**

89.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Garden Waste Collections – Stanmer Organics (for copy see minute book). It was reported that Stanmer Organics had been notified that its application for CRED funding had been successful. It was agreed that there would be a report on progress in 12 months.

89.2 RESOLVED -

- (1) That, in principle, the business plan submitted by BCCC, to develop a chargeable garden waste collection service for residents in Brighton & Hove be approved.
- (2) That it be noted that the detail of the partnership, in the form of Terms of Reference has yet to be finalised.
- (3) That it be noted that application for CRED funding is subject to the support of Brighton & Hove City Council.
- (4) That the Director of Environment be authorised, if satisfactory terms can be negotiated, to waive the requirements of Contract Standing Orders and enter into an agreement with BCCC for the proposed service, for an initial trial period of 2 years and for a subsequent extended period at the discretion

of the Director.

90. VARIOUS WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS IN BRIGHTON & HOVE

90.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Various Waiting and loading Restrictions in Brighton & Hove (for copy see minute book).

90.2 **RESOLVED** - That having taken account of all duly made representations and objections, The Controlled Parking Zone (Area Q) (Prestonville) Traffic Regulation Order 2004 Amending No * Order 200* (Upper Hamilton Road) be made as advertised for the reasons set out in this report.

***91. NEW ROAD, ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS**

91.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the New Road, Environmental Enhancements (for copy see minute book).

91.2 **RESOLVED** - That the full public consultation be carried out on the preferred scheme as shown in appendix 2 of the report

***92. RATIONALISATION OF CAR PARKING, STANMER PARK**

92.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Rationalisation of Car Parking, Stanmer Park (for copy see minute book). A proposal by Councillor Kemble, seconded by Cllr Peltzer Dunn to defer the report failed. A proposal by Cllr Elgood, seconded by Cllr Turton to bring any proposals relating to parking arrangements back to the committee was agreed. A further proposal by Cllr Wrighton, seconded by Cllr Mitchell to instruct officers to continue work with bus companies, to identify safer routes for pedestrians and cyclists and to examine sustainable access to the Park was agreed.

92.2 **RESOLVED** - That the Committee approve:

- (1) The Rationalisation of the formal car parking areas in Stanmer Park.
- (2) That the Installation of a combination of wooden bollards and earth bunding to restrict motor vehicles to the roads and car parks in Stanmer Park.
- (3) That officers be instructed to bring forward proposals for introducing a small car parking charge to off-set the capital cost of the works and to cover the cost of dedicated staff to oversee the parking arrangements and other duties in Stanmer Park.

- (4) That officers be instructed to continue to work with local bus companies and to identify opportunities to secure safer cycle and pedestrian routes, and cycle parking, for better sustainable access to the Park from all parts of the City
- (5) That meetings should continue with Stanmer Park stakeholders, including the Friends of Stanmer Park, to discuss progress on parking matters and further improvements to Stanmer Park.
- (6) That proposals relating to any parking arrangements in Stanmer Park are brought before the Environment Committee for decision.

***93. EXPERIMENTAL CLOSURE OF NATAL ROAD**

93.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Experimental Closure of Natal Road (for copy see minute book).

93.2 **RESOLVED** - That, having taken account of all duly made representations and objections received, the Brighton & Hove (Natal Road) Experimental (Prohibition of Driving) Order 2004, be made permanent, for the reasons set out in the report.

***94. FARM DIVERSIFICATION PLANNING ADVICE NOTE**

94.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Farm Diversification Planning Advice Note (for copy see minute book).

94.2 **RESOLVED** - That the Planning Advice Note on Farm Diversification, for use by Development Control and Planning Policy officers be adopted.

***95.SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT - TREES AND DEVELOPMENT SITES**

95.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Supplementary Planning Document in respect of trees and development sites (for copy see minute book).

95.2 **RESOLVED** - That (1) the draft Supplementary Planning Document on Trees and Development Sites be approved for consultation.

(2) That the Director (in consultation with the Chair) be delegated authority to make minor alterations to the text and illustrations of the SPD prior to consultation to reflect revisions included in the recently revised BS5837 British Standard Guide for Trees in Relation to

Construction (2005).

96. REVIEW OF CONSERVATION AREAS

96.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Review of Conservation Areas (for copy see minute book).

96.2 RESOLVED -

- (1) That the character statements for the Conservation Areas as outlined in the report, be approved.
- (2) That the Clifton Hill Conservation Area be re-named the Montpelier and Clifton Hill Conservation Area.
- (3) That the extension of the Regency Square Conservation Area to include numbers 29 to 93 Western Road (Brighton), 1 to 6 Sillwood Terrace, the north side of Stone Street, and numbers 21 to 47 Clarence Square, be approved.
- (4) That the boundaries of the Clifton Hill, Round Hill, Preston Park, Preston Village and West Hill conservation areas remain unchanged.

PART TWO

***98. OUTDOOR EVENTS – CHARGING POLICY (EXEMPT CATEGORIES 7 & 9)**

98.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning Outdoor Events – Charging Policy.

98.2 **RESOLVED** – That the guidelines and factors determining the range of fees and charges applied to outdoor events as detailed in paragraphs 3.7 and 3.8 of the report be agreed.

99. ITEMS TO REMAIN EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

99.1 **RESOLVED** - That item 98 remain exempt from disclosure to the press and public.

The meeting concluded at 6.40 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2005