

Minutes of the Transport Working Party

16 February 2012

-: Present :-

Councillor Ray Hill (Chairman), Councillor Nicole Amil, Councillor Darren Cowell, Councillor Ian Doggett, Councillor Alan Faulkner, Councillor Stephen Brooksbank and Councillor Pete Addis

(Also in attendance: Councillor Robert Excell, Sue Cheriton, Patrick Carney, Councillor Bobbie Davies and Councillor Mark Kingscote)

39. Apologies for absence

None.

40. Minutes of last meeting 5th January 2012

Item 29, Magdalene Road should read Councillor Brooksbank and not Councillor Broadbent. Following amendment, the minutes were agreed by all.

41. Brunswick Square, Torre - Presentation by Torre Action Group

- Mr Kevin Fannon from the Torre Action Group made presentation. Pedestrianisation of Brunswick Square has not worked. The footfall has not increased. Businesses are suffering and this will inevitably result in businesses closing. Survey results – 61 in favour and 51 against the re-opening of Brunswick Square to traffic.
- Mrs Bradford Torre Trader advised the TWP that they are losing traders. There only remains 4 shops and 1 café. The loss of footfall has resulted in businesses closing. PC considered consultation was fair. PC advised it would cost £3,000 for making shared space in Brunswick Square. Contribution requested from Community Partnership to help pay for the cost.
- PC raised issues of parking/loading requirement. Option loading for 20 minutes. Councillor Faulkner suggested 30 minutes.

Recommendation

Torre Action Group to progress – all were in favour with agreed contribution to cost from the Community Partnership if possible.

42. LSTF Executive Summary

- DW presented the report for the LSTF Bid Update.
- Bid to be submitted next Friday.

- July successful bids will be advised. Councillor Addis requested if annual operations were sustainable? Can ferries operate in most weather conditions? It was considered a reliable service for commuters – network is designed to work in with integrated bus services.
- Members requested officers to consider a future Paignton Service. Advised there will be a second phase with a Park and Ride Service.

Recommendation

That the LSTF bid is submitted. Councillor Cowell proposed and Councillor Faulkner seconded. All in favour/Councillor Addis abstained.

43. Shiphay Controlled Parking Zone Review

- PC presented report. Additional feedback from Community Partnership and Councillor Hernandez was raised.
- Shiphay and the Willows Community Partnership requested an extension of the CPZ to help deal with hospital parking/meters at Newton Road.
- Mr Edgehill/Councillor Kingscote spoke on behalf of Shiphay Partnership. Consider the three extra roads to be included in the scheme, Higher Cadewell Lane, Berkley Rise and Berkley Avenue.
- It was confirmed to include the three additional roads and Grosvenor Close to progress to implementation.
- Councillor Faulkner raised concerns the hospital have not sorted the parking out.
- Councillor Excell has tried to discuss issues with hospital.
- Members were advised Babbacombe area consultation being started the next month.

Recommendation

Proposal to change CPZ area as outlined in the report and implement Residents parking in Higher Cadewell Lane, Berkley Rise, Berkley Avenue and Grosvenor Avenue. Proposed by Councillor Faulkner, seconded by Councillor Addis. All in favour.

44. Coach Parking Review

- PC presented a report reviewing coach parking changes recommended in report.
- Car parks may lose parking space if coaches are brought in due to turning circles required.
- Agreed to introduce a "cars only" restriction to stop coaches parking on roads around Cary Park and to create new coach spaces elsewhere in the area to compensate.
- Councillor Doggett raised concern over the continental coach drop offs on right hand side so not disembarking into traffic.
- PC to consider UK coach drop off in the Torquay Town Hall area.
- PC to review how many cars use Shedden Hill (peak times) and affect on parking income. Feedback to TWP at a future meeting.

Recommendation

To introduce the changes outlined in the report except Shedden Hill Car Park. Councillor Cowell proposed, seconded by Councillor Addis. All in favour.

45. A380 South Devon Link Road - Update

- PC presented a report to update on SDLR progress.
- Gateway review required by DFT before they release the money. SDLR commencing onsite October 2012 opening 2015.

46. Proposed Loading Bay - Belgrave Road

 Introduce 12.5m section of loading bay 8am – 6pm. No informal objections have been received. Formal procedures to be commenced. Councillor Cowell registered interest.

Recommendation

That the loading bay be advertised and if no objections received, implemented. Councillor Addis proposed, seconded by Councillor Amil. All in favour.

47. Roundhill Road - Proposed Parking Restrictions

- Introduce 1 hour limited waiting outside shops at Roundhill Road between 8am
 6pm Monday Saturday.
- Councillor Amil in support of the proposal and will raise with the Community Partnership to ask for funding.

Recommendation

That the works be progressed if funding is identified. Councillor Addis proposed, seconded by Councillor Amil. All in favour.

48. Date of Next Meeting

29th March 2012, 4pm, Meadfoot Room, Town Hall, Torquay