

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Industry Commerce Transportation and Tourism Committee held at the Guildhall on Monday June 2nd 2008 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors R Austin (Chairman), R Bickford, P Clements D Holley, Mrs S Hooper, Mrs F Knight, B Reid, D Yates

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs M Small (Clerk to the Town Council)

APOLOGIES: Councillors G Ellison, M Gee, Mrs Lennox-Boyd, C Riches
Chamber of Commerce (meeting night)

15/08/09 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

(The Mayor took the Chair for this item)

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor Austin be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

16/08/09 **BUS SERVICE**

Mrs P Cunnington handed a letter in regarding the bus service at Back Hill. Councillor Austin stated that Back Hill is a problem for the big buses. The Council is trying to get a one way system to Back Hill, which would help this problem. Councillor Mrs Hooper stated that she agreed with the letter, in that people living in Burraton Coombe and Forder have now become virtually isolated, as there is no service at the weekends and week days it finishes at 3:15pm.

It was **AGREED** that a copy of the letter is sent to First National prior to their attendance at the Town Council Meeting this month, with a covering letter informing First that the Council support the views stated, as Burraton and Forder are becoming isolated and asking them to respond at the Town Council Meeting. Any action by the Council will be deferred until the Town Council Meeting.

17/08/09 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Yates declared a personal interest in minute number 22/08/09 (b) regarding a possible new Trematon/Saltash bus service, as he lives at Trematon.

Councillor Bickford declared a personal interest in minute number 24/08/09 as he is Secretary of Saltash Rail Users Group (SRUG).

18/08/09 **RURAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**

As Miss Cleeve was not present, it was **AGREED** that she is given a fifteen to twenty minute slot at the next meeting. In the meantime, Miss Cleeve to be asked if there is any funding for buses, if not Mr Nicholson from the County to be invited to the meeting as he had indicated that there could be some match funding available for rural transport.

19/08/09 **WELCOME PACK**

The Clerk reported that a letter now needs to be prepared by the Mayor and the list of organisations needs to be finished. It was **AGREED** that these are ready by the June meeting of the Committee.

20/08/09 **INDUSTRIAL ESTATES**

- (a) Councillor Reid reported that a very successful meeting had been held with all agencies regarding the problems of parking at Gilston Road. Sergeant Dunstan is arranging a further meeting with the District Council and will report back on the next stage.
- (b) Councillor Reid reported that he had met with County Councillor Preston and Mr S Ewing the Divisional Surveyor, regarding yellow lines by the post box on Avery Way. The Council had requested double yellow lines on one side of the road but it was now felt that it would be better for restricted parking from say 8am to 6pm. Additionally, Waitrose could be prepared to re-site the post boxes within their new car park.

It was **AGREED** that a letter is sent to Waitrose asking if they would re-site the post box within their new car park.

- (c) Councillor Austin reported that a sign suitable to hold the name of businesses, to be placed on the land owned by Spar, is approximately £1209 and therefore each business would be asked to contribute £30. The current signs would then be taken down. Councillor Reid asked whether Lidl would be prepared to donate a sign for Gilston Road showing the businesses there. Questions were asked as to who would own the signs. It was **AGREED** that:
 - (i) The Town Clerk will obtain a quotation from Park Signs (as discussed by Councillor Austin) for a sign with twelve slots.
 - (ii) Councillors Austin and Reid will speak with Mr Sticker as to whether businesses could go direct to him for their name to be put on the board and whether he could take down the appropriate sign and put it up again. If so, a quotation to be obtained.
 - (iii) Enquiries to be made as to whether the sign would need planning permission
 - (iv) A letter to be sent to Mr Masters enquiring whether the sign can be provided by the District Council. In the meantime, Councillor Austin will speak informally to Mr Masters.
 - (v) If the Council provide a sign, there should be an annual review of the information upon it.
- (d) There were no other issues regarding the Industrial Estates.

21/08/09

MEETING WITH COUNTY COUNCILLOR PRESTON/DIVISIONAL SURVEYOR

Councillor Reid reported that he had met with County Councillor Preston and Mr S Ewing Divisional Surveyor and discussed various issues regarding Highways in Saltash.

- (i) County Councillor Preston will report back at the next meeting, when the roads in Pillmere will be adopted.
- (ii) in the meantime, the Town Council to ask Coftens if they are prepared to give the land for the bus turning bay.
- (iii) the moving of the bus and taxis bays in Fore Street will not be undertaken in the current Financial Year but has been put on a Reserve List, as there is no funding available at the current time. It was **AGREED** to obtain a proposed date when funding would be available.
- (iv) The addition of reflectors and painting of the curbs on the new boat park under the Tamar Bridge will be undertaken.
- (v) Yellow lines at the new flats in St Stephens are being looked into and County Councillor Preston will report back.
- (vi) Mr Ewing is looking at the proposed one-way system at Barkers Hill. A discussion had been held on restrictive speed signs and the County had stated that a sign would be in the region of £10,000. The Clerk had obtained a quotation for movable signs, which were in the region of £2,000 -3,000 but one company had quoted that the movement of the signs after five moves would be the equivalent of a new sign.

It was **AGREED** to ask the County Council if the Town Council purchased a moveable sign, whether they would be prepared to move it a few times a year.

- (vii) With reference to the A1 Boards that are being put out in Fore Street, it was **AGREED** that a letter is sent within the next two weeks to be delivered by Councillors Austin and Reid, advising businesses that the County will take action to remove the boards if they are causing an obstruction.

22/08/09

BUSES

- (a) The possible turning circle at Pillmere is reliant upon the adoption of roads, as discussed in the report from the meeting with County Councillor Preston.
- (b) With reference to a possible new bus service between Trematon and Saltash, it was **AGREED** to ask Mr Nicholson to attend a meeting.
- (c) A request is being made from the County Council on the timescale of the alteration of bus and taxi bays in Fore Street.

(d) Councillor Austin read a reply from First National to the various issues he had raised with them.

(i) There is now no bus to take the children to and from school at Saltash.net, Bishop Cornish and St Stephens Schools. First National has looked into this but at the current time they do not have a vehicle available to operate the journey. They have been in discussion with the County Council and there is a number of school bus tenders that serve Saltash College that are up for renewable and start in September. First National think that one or two of these journeys could be diverted via Latchbrook to provide the missing link and they will continue to discuss this with them. The 33 and 33A service, needs to start earlier at 8am for use of commuters. First National currently do not have a vehicle available to operate the journey and suggest that a meeting should be made with the County Council to see if there could be any movement around, to provide the additional journey.

It was **AGREED** that this will be raised with Mr Nicholson, if he attends the next meeting.

(ii) Discussion on whether the 33 and 33A could cover the Latchbrook area. Similarly, there is no bus available to serve Latchbrook, without dropping another section of the route out. First feel that it is unlikely that it would be able to provide this service commercially but it would be worthwhile discussing with Mr Nicholson. It was **AGREED** that this issue is also raised at the next meeting.

(iii) The possibility of a new bus stop in Glebe Avenue, will be investigated at a site meeting.

(iv) There is a longer term requirement for disabled access on the 33 and 33A. First state, that the vehicle required for this route would be a slimline Optare Solo and these have been in construction for the past five years, at a cost of around £80,000 each. First suggest that a good way of obtaining funding for a new vehicle, could be via Section 106 agreements from new developments. If half of the capital expenditure for a new bus could be obtained through this arrangement; it may possibly be viable.

(v) To increase the area of the 33 and 33A, First would need to be certain they can get a bus around this route.

(e) Councillor Yates referred to the delay in bus and taxis bays being altered and it was **AGREED** to raise with First at the Town Council Meeting whether they can alter the queuing.

23/08/09 **PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

It was noted that the new Parking Enforcement Officers would work approximately six hours a week in Saltash. It was **AGREED** that the Council assess any complaints at the next Council Meeting, in order that they may be raised with Kate Dickson, the Principle Engineer who will be attending the next meeting.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk obtains when the next meeting between the County District and Police takes place and to ask if it is possible for the Mayor to attend.

24/08/09 **TOURISM**

(a) Councillor Bickford stated that the leaflets are being distributed well through the schools. The Clerk stated that the distribution of the SRUG leaflet and the latest leaflet to Latchbrook and Pillmere, had not yet taken place as the Messenger was not complete but hoped that this would be by the end of this week and then would be printed.

(b) Councillor Bickford reported that there were three broken arms on the Tourism Signpost. It was **AGREED** that he will supply the information required on the arms to the Town Clerk who will get prices for replacement in aluminium and steel and report back to the next meeting,

A County Council sign at the gardens outside the old learning shop needs refurbishment and re-alignment. It was **AGREED** that with the permission of the County Council, the Caretakers' are asked if they could undertake this work.

(c) Councillor Bickford reported that he had seen in other areas, sticker signs on lamp posts which showed direction to Station, Town Centre etc and asked the Town Council if this was something they would support, if SRUG provided the stickers. It was unanimously **AGREED** that this would be an excellent idea and gave their support to SRUG.

(d) Councillor Bickford reported that in speaking with the Caretakers, it was felt that a removable sign/leaflet dispenser would be good idea outside the Guildhall door. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Bickford and the Town Clerk discuss the proposal and report back.

25/08/09 **WATER TAP BY THE PONTOON**

It was noted that the Chamber of Commerce is making some enquiries and therefore this item will be carried forward to the next meeting.

26/08/09 **GREEN DRAGON MOSAIC**

Councillor Reid reported that permission had been obtained to replace the green dragon mosaic in the Co-op alleyway.

27/08/09

FAIR TRADE

It was **AGREED** to carry forward this item until the next meeting to consider including a letter from Reverend I Souter.

28/08/09

SUNDAY CLOSURE OF CHEMIST SHOP

It was noted that a response is awaited.

29/08/09

NOTICE BOARD - FORE STREET

The Clerk reported that the insurance company will only pay the lowest quotation and it was **AGREED** to meet the difference in cost.

30/08/09

CULVER ROAD

Consultation was received from the County Council regarding proposed footway and No Waiting at any Time Restrictions at Culver Road. It was **AGREED** to respond that proposed new no waiting at any time restrictions from the Baptist Church to No. 40 Culver Road are not required. The proposed widening of the existing footway on the north side of Culver Road is not required from gate at the entrance to the station to No. 39 Culver Road and the yellow lines should stay. It is believed that the alterations will save unnecessary expenditure.

31/08/09

PRESS RELEASES

It was **AGREED** that no press releases were required.

32 /08/09

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 23rd June 2008 at 6.30 pm