

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways, Roads and Transport Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at the Council Offices, Station House, Station Road, Padstow at 7.40 pm

Present: Councillors K Freeman, (Chairman), M Evans, R Higman, M Rickard, D N Vivian, Mrs T Walter and C Watson-Smyth

In Attendance: Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk), Mrs S Daly (Support Officer and Minute Taker), Councillor J O'Keefe and 7 members of the public.

HRT2019/51 Apologies for Absence: There were no apologies for absence.

HRT2019/52 Announcements: There were no announcements.

HRT2019/53 Declarations of Interest: Councillors Mrs T Walter and C Watson-Smyth declared an interest in agenda item 7 i) Park and Ride Operation.

HRT2019/54 Public Participation: One member of the public addressed committee in respect of agenda item 7 i) Park and Ride Operation comments included:

- Wished to see the balance between the Park and Ride (P&R) operation, local residents and the environment redressed;
- Neither they nor the residents who signed the P&R petition had an issue with a large car park on outskirts of town to reduce car journeys to town centre;
- Concerns relate to means by which members of the public currently move from car park to town and back;
- Central government and Cornwall Council (CC) emphasise encouraging healthier lifestyles to improve health and reduce costs to NHS;
- Current operation began following the introduction of a "Park and Walk" facility by rival operator, consider this is how overflow parking should be in small town;
- Current expansion of the Treceus housing development means many people now live beyond the P&R field and days of P&R being on outskirts of town dwindling;
- Vehicles used by P&R old, dirty and noisy, residents advised only ones available, however believe quieter more fuel-efficient vehicles available if operator pays more for the hire;
- Consider double-decker buses are not needed, visitors spend the whole day in Padstow so buses are empty during the day with only 2-4 people onboard;
- Appreciate some people need assistance e.g elderly, disabled and very young but consider operating 3 buses throughout the summer, every 10 minutes 8 hours a day, 7 days a week is unacceptable. Also consider goes against current environmental concerns;

- Residents unable to sit in garden as people on bus constantly looking down on them, which is an invasion of privacy. Effect on residents awful;
- Wished to address final remarks to operators:
 - The service won't survive, why not be an "outrider" first improving environment and cutting down pollution;
 - Could be first P&R service to capture spirit of the time, encouraging customers to walk and only providing transport to those who need it in clean technology buses.

One member of the public spoke to request support in respect of agenda item 7 ii) Alteration to Road Traffic Order, comments included:

- Property had been subject to a number of accidents caused by lorries making daily deliveries to adjacent shops and businesses, last time had caught the lorry driver;
- Not asking to remove the space, but reposition it with disabled bay and seeking support of Town Council in their request to Cornwall Council;
- Felt change would be better for lorry drivers as consider they need a space they can drive in and out of instead of reverse into, when lorries reverse in the loads shift and the doors hit the listed building;
- In summer, increased number of pedestrians in the area, consider reversing is dangerous.

HRT2019/55 **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 3 December 2019** be signed as a true record of the meeting.

HRT2019/56 **Clerks Report:** The Clerk's report was noted for information. Comment was made by the Chairman that the Roadway to Camel Trail works could utilise the revised Cornwall Council Street Scene Design Guide, this would also see if the guide worked.

HRT2019/57 **Correspondence: Councillors Mrs T Walter and C Watson-Smyth left the room.**
i) Park and Ride Operation: The Chairman referred members to the agenda report which detailed a letter from a Padstow resident and appended petition signed by 128 residents in respect of the Park and Ride (P&R). It was noted that one idea could be to hear from the public regarding the petition and then the Committee Chairman and Town Clerk could meet with operators as they had done in previous years.

One member stated that they understood the concern of the residents but thought the issue related to a problem for Highways and Cornwall Council because the Town Council

had no mandate with regard to running any sort of bus service or vehicles used for the same. They did however feel that the Town Council could support efforts to make it a cleaner service and that it could perhaps facilitate discussions with Cornwall Council and the operator as to the way it operates. Comment was made that pedestrian access from town was "awful" and that adequate pedestrian and cyclist connection was a continuing issue with the expansion of the Treceus development. Sympathy was expressed to the residents who have buses driving past.

At the invitation of the Chairman a member of the public was invited to speak. They advised that they had approached the operator to see if the service could use an alternative route past the cemetery but the response received was that this was not possible. They were unclear as to the reason for this, noting that the double decker service bus from Newquay used this route, stopping on the footpath by the Link Road Car Park. It was suggested that this would provide a pleasant walk past the churchyard to visitors. It was felt that this would likely need permission from Highways. The member of public further added that this would be a safer drop off point, alleviating the problem of the bus swinging around the corner by the Harbour Hotel.

Generally, members agreed that the service should try to be more "friendly" to residents and the environment. The Chairman suggested that committee apply pressure to Highways to make better pathways into town.

Comment was made by the member of the public that the service at present was very invasive, with riders waving into residents' homes and residents not wishing to sit in their gardens. They stated that the service was "making residents lives a misery".

With regard to frequency, members suggested that the bus could run every 20 minutes instead of every 10 and that the need for double-deckers be reviewed. The member of the public further added that if the weather was sunny, people visit Padstow for the day and as such the first few buses were rammed but the rest were empty. They felt despite advertising every 10 minutes because there were always 3 buses used, the service was constant. Further, the buses used were double-deckers over 20 years old and therefore caused lots of noise pollution too.

RESOLVED to i) raise concerns with Highways through Cornwall Councillor Buscombe regarding poor footpath access to Padstow town; and ii) to arrange a meeting between the operators, Cornwall Councillor Buscombe, the Committee Chairman and the Town Clerk to; a) discuss halving the

number of buses operating and increasing wait times to 20 minutes; and b) requesting the operator review when double-decker buses are needed and possible vehicle alternatives.

Councillors Mrs T Walter and C Watson-Smyth returned to the meeting.

ii) Alteration To Road Traffic Order: Padstow: Members gave consideration to correspondence from a local resident seeking support for their request that Cornwall Council swap the Loading Bay outside their property with one of the disabled parking spaces in the square. Members were in agreement that a disabled bay would be better suited in this location given that it was level, as well as addressing the problems raised by the residents in both their letter and during public participation.

With permission of the Chairman a member of the public addressed committee stating they felt Highways may respond that in swapping the bays, the parking bay outside the residents' property may need to be extended and that this would make the bay too near to a corner. However, they felt that as the traffic system was one way that this would not be a problem.

RESOLVED to write to both Cornwall Councillor Buscombe and Cornwall Council Highways i) in support of a resident proposal that the loading bay in Lanadwell Street be swapped with one of the Disabled Parking Spaces in the square; and ii) suggesting that the loading bay outside Riggers also be swapped with one of the Disabled Parking Spaces in the square to provide the Disabled Space a level surface.

HRT2019/58

CC Parking Enforcement SLA: The Town Clerk provided an update on this item. Members were referred to the appended Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Cornwall Council (CC) in respect of additional on-street enforcement for last year. The agreement covered the period 1 July to 30 September 2019. It was noted that Council had agreed a budget of £5,000 for enforcement for the year 2020/21 and committee's views were now sought on the detail.

It was noted that last year CC were unable to offer the level of service that Padstow Town Council were prepared to pay for. The Town Clerk had contacted CC to ascertain whether they had appointed any more Officers to help in this regard but had been advised that CC were unlikely to be able to increase their offering. It was noted that confirmation of

costs was still awaited but these were also expected to be the same as last year.

Mention was made that enforcement officers were still not overly visible in the summer and the feeling was that during this time when car parks were full, they were likely to be patrolling their car parks instead of on-street. Comment was made that St Columb had recently appointed a Multi-Tasking Officer for the purpose of parking enforcement and dog fouling. Concern was expressed at a potential for increased dog fouling following the relaxing of dog bans. The Town Clerk advised that the Leisure Tourism and Open Spaces Committee were currently looking into the possibility of a Multi-Enforcement Officer in a joint approach with the Harbour Commissioner and CC. Members felt that it would be good to include enforcement within these investigations.

RESOLVED i) to renew the Service Level Agreement with Cornwall Council in respect of additional on-street parking enforcement for 2020/21 and that this be on the same basis as the previous agreement; and ii) **TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the Leisure, Tourism and Open Spaces Committee be requested to include on-street parking enforcement within its current investigations into a possible Multi-Enforcement Officer, so that all areas of enforcement are captured as one issue.

HRT2019/59

2020 Off-Street Parking Order: The agenda report outlining Cornwall Council's proposed new off-street parking places order and amendments in respect of the Link Road Car Park were noted. A member noted the availability of annual season tickets in the Link Road Car Park and suggested these be promoted on the Town Council website. The Town Clerk thought this was already the case but would confirm.

RESOLVED not to respond to the notice in respect of The Cornwall Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2020.

HRT2019/60

Local Cornwall Councillor: Members were referred to the agenda report which outlined a request from Cornwall Councillor Buscombe for Committee's views on any areas within the Parish they felt required yellow lines in order for him to take the matter up with officers at CC.

The Chairman read aloud an email from a member of the public who made the following comments:

- Opposite the old school is a useful path leading from the old school road to the main road, access to which is often blocked by cars;
- This is particularly difficult for those with a pram or mobility issues;

- Suggest yellow lines across the entry would be beneficial to users.

Members were supportive of the need to address the problem in this area but felt that a hatched box may go further to keeping the area clear.

One member suggested that double yellow lines be placed at the bottom end of Tregirls Lane where it meets Fentonluna Lane. At present there was a single yellow line which does permit parking but is not practical and blocks access unless vehicles are parked partially on the pavement which is not permitted.

RESOLVED that in response to Cornwall Councillor Buscombe's request in respect of yellow lines within the Parish the following suggestions be made i) the area in front of the path opposite the old school leading from Old School Road to the main road be made a hatched box and ii) double yellow lines be placed at the bottom of Tregirls Lane where it meets Fentonluna Lane.

HRT2019/61

Updates: i) Lawn Car Park Works: The Town Clerk advised that further to the agenda report the Lawns Play Area had in fact been reopened because Council's Health & Safety advisor was satisfied with the temporary heras fencing erected by the contractors. It was noted that the new fence was expected in early March.

The Town Clerk advised that a recent site visit had highlighted that part of the car park tarmac was laid on soil. The contractors would therefore remove and replace the necessary section (approx. 5ft) with hardcore.

It was noted that a review of the budget would be taking place on Friday, when the Town Clerk would be meeting with the Project Manager. However, it was currently thought there was enough budget remaining to replace half of the wooden fencing behind the Core Building with anti-trap fencing. Committee noted this type of fencing would be a good future proofing measure in respect of upkeep and ongoing maintenance. It was proposed that the £5,000 contingency within the Lawns Car Park Budget be used for the remaining half of the fencing.

RESOLVED to replace the wooden fencing behind the Core Building with black powder coat anti-trap fencing and any shortfall in cost be taken from the £5,000 Lawns Car Park contingency budget.

ii) Coach Bay Signage: Consideration was given to the agenda report in respect of the new signage requesting

coaches turn off their engines. Committee were asked to consider whether they wished to take the opportunity to update all signage in this area given its poor state and provide any new signage with more robust fixings.

RESOLVED to install all 3 new signs as detailed on agenda pages 19 – 20 on the railings by the coach bays in the railway car park at a cost of £375.48 ex VAT to include clamp and bracket fixings. Further, that this be funded via the Highways, Roads and Transport Committee contingency budget.

HRT2019/62

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 17 March at 7.00 pm or on the rising of the Staffing Committee, whichever the latter.

HRT2019/63

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

HRT2019/64

Railway Car Park: Padstow Sand: Members were referred to the agenda report on this item which was noted. The Town Clerk updated that she had now spoken with the operator seeking further information on the matter. Once received she would bring the matter back to Committee for consideration

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm