

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

10.00AM- 12 JUNE 2003

HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Mitchell (Chair); Councillors Battle (Deputy Chair), Mrs Drake (OS), Elgood, Fitch, Forester, Kemble, Morgan, Peltzer Dunn, Smith and Wrighton.

PART ONE

ACTION

1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

1A. Declarations of Substitutes

1.1 Substitute Councillor For Councillor

none

1B. Declarations of Interest

1.2 There were none.

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 items on the agenda.

2. MINUTES

2.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2003 be approved and signed by the Chair.

3. CHAIRS COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Chair welcomed Members to the inaugural meeting of the

new Environment Committee. Chair apologised for the change of date and thanked Members for their forbearance.

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 Notices of Motion and Petitions.

***5. ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN APRIL 2003/OCTOBER 2004**

5.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment seeking approval of the Directorate Development Plan April 2003/October 2004 (for copy see minute book).

5.2 **RESOLVED** - That the Directorate Development Plan be approved.

***6. ESTABLISHMENT OF DESIGN PANEL**

6.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment recommending the setting up of a new design panel to give officers independent external advice on the design merits of new developments. The report also recommended that the existing Conservation Areas Advisory Group (CAAG) and the Architects Panel be replaced by the new panel (for copy see minute book).

6.2 **RESOLVED** – That the report be deferred to afford officers more time to consult with amenity groups and stakeholders.

***7. ANTI-VICTIMISATION INITIATIVE**

7.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the continuation of the Anti-Victimisation Initiative and the establishment of the Partnership Community Safety Team (for copy see minute book).

7.2 **RESOLVED** - That information about the arrangements to continue the work of the Anti-Victimisation Initiative and to establish a new Partnership Community Safety Team be received.

***8. WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY**

8.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment presenting a draft Walking Strategy for approval for public consultation. The report also described the results of public consultation on the draft Cycling Strategy and recommended the adoption of an appropriately amended version (for copy see minute book). In view of the continuing discussions on the

hierarchies of road users it was agreed that recommendation 2.3 be amended to reflect this.

8.4 **RESOLVED** - (1) That approval be given to relevant council staff and selected stakeholders being consulted on the draft Walking Strategy and that the Chair be authorised to agree the recommended modified version.

(2) That following the Chair's agreement as described above, approval be given to the general public being consulted on the modified draft Walking Strategy.

(3) That the amended Cycling Strategy be approved subject to the deletion of paragraph 2.11 and the amendment of Policy 3 to refer to hierarchies of road users to be adopted by the council; and that the current Highways and Transportation Policy Statement no. HP5/2 be modified appropriately.

(4) That consultation take place on draft hierarchies of road-users on different classes of road.

***9. PRESTON BARRACKS DEVELOPMENT BRIEF AND SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE**

9.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the draft Development Brief, Supplementary Planning Guidance and timetable for securing a preferred developer for Preston Barracks (for copy see minute book).

9.2 Councillor Edmond-Smith (as Convenor of the Sustainability Commission) suggested that there be reference within the supplementary planning guidance to the provision of a car club as part of the redevelopment of Preston Barracks. This was supported by the Committee

9.3 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the contents of the Preston Barracks Development Brief be noted.

(2) That the Supplementary Planning Guidance note be approved.

(3) Agree the addition of a reference within the Supplementary Planning Guidance regarding the potential provision of a car club as part of the redevelopment of the Preston Barracks site.

10. BRIGHTON MARINA TO RIVER ADUR COAST DEFENCE STRATEGY PLAN

10.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment giving details of a strategy study that had been completed into the defence of the coast west of the Marina and for

the findings to be adopted as Council policy for the defence of that part of the coast (for copy see minute book).

10.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the findings of the strategy be accepted.

(2) That officers be authorised to submit the study to the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) for agreement.

11. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON THE WEST SUSSEX WASTE LOCAL PLAN (DEPOSIT DRAFT)

11.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment outlining the key contents of the West Sussex Waste Local Plan Deposit Draft (WSWLPDD), highlighting matters of particular relevance to this authority and recommending a response to the consultation (for copy see minute book).

11.2 **RESOLVED** - To make the following representations to West Sussex County Council (WSCC):

- (1) Support the general approach to the preparation of the Waste Local Plan for West Sussex incorporating the principles of sustainable development, a commitment to self-sufficiency and the identification of sites for waste development.
- (2) Note the allocation of Site G: Brighton Road, Shoreham for a permanent built waste facility for the collection, sorting, transfer and treatment of waste. Advise WSCC that if an application were submitted for a facility in this location, the City Council would object unless it is demonstrated that the proposal would not result in a significant increase in traffic pressure in the area. The allocation of this site is also contrary to the Shoreham Maritime Vision to which WSCC is a signatory.
- (3) No objection, in principle, to the allocation of (Site K) the former Shoreham Cement Works, Upper Beeding for a permanent built waste facility and an energy from waste (EfW) facility, although recognising the major policy issues that would need to be overcome for the site to be brought into such a use.

12. SOUTH EAST REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (CONSULTATION DRAFT)

12.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment outlining the key contents of the South East Regional Waste Management Strategy (Consultation Draft) (RWMS) and recommending a response to the draft Strategy (for copy see minute book).

12.1 **RESOLVED** - (1) To support Option 1 of the draft Strategy to deal with the region's waste.

(2) To support the policies proposed in the draft Strategy.

***13. FUTURE OF REGIONAL PLANNING**

13.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning proposed changes to the strategic planning framework following the introduction of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill in December 2002 and recent Government planning guidance (for copy see minute book).

13.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) To welcome supplementary planning guidance on Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS) published by the Government in April 2003, which provides further guidance on the development of the RSS and transitional working arrangements for strategic planning.

(2) To inform the South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) that sub-regional planning for the area should be based on the Brighton & Hove to London corridor, including Crawley /Gatwick and another sub-region for the Sussex coastal towns.

(3) To authorise officers to progress work on sub-regional studies with adjacent strategic planning authorities pending introduction of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act.

***14. A23 STC HIGHWAYS**

14.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the A23 Sustainable Transport Corridor and detailing an objection to the Appropriation of Land from Preston Manor which had been received from The Preston & Old Patcham Society (for copy see minute book).

14.2 **RESOLVED** - That the scheme be approved.

***15. WOODLAND DRIVE TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME – PHASES 1 AND 2**

15.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment detailing the results of the 'Before & After' Study for Phase 1 of the Woodland Drive Traffic Calming Scheme and seeking approval of the design changes for Phase 2 and to authorise the advertising of Traffic Regulation Orders and notices for Phase 2 (for copy see minute book).

15.2 Members discussed the revised layout and considered making the northern spur one way between Woodland Drive and Dyke Road to enable better traffic flow.

15.3 The Committee agreed the amendment.

15.4 - **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Woodland Drive Traffic Calming Scheme – Phase 1 'Before & After' Study Report, together with the consultant's recommendations be noted.

(2) That the revised layout of the 2nd phase of the Woodland Drive Traffic Calming Scheme as shown on plan no. 258290/027/1 be approved in principle. *With the northern spur being made one way between Woodland Drive and Dyke Road.*

(3) That authority be given to advertise the necessary traffic regulation orders and notices required for the implementation of Phase 2.

***16. SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL – PATCHAM INFANT, JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOLS**

16.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment presenting the final report for the consultation carried out on the various proposals for the 'Safer Routes to School' scheme to improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists on route to and from Patcham Infant, Junior and High Schools (for copy see minute book).

16.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the Safer Routes to School Scheme for Patcham Infant, Patcham Junior and Patcham High Schools be approved.

(2) That the preferred scheme be approved and implemented over two years.

(3) That authority be given for the advertising of the necessary traffic regulation orders and notices required for the implementation of the proposals.

***17. MADEIRA DRIVE**

17.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment seeking approval to further temporary and permanent measures to manage and restrict vehicular access to Madeira Drive. Approval to the proposals was sought in order to address a unique set of circumstances and reduce risks and increase the safety of pedestrians and road users in Madeira Drive during the daytime, evening and for night-time users (for copy see minute book).

17.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) To note that following consultation with the police, an additional Experimental Traffic Order (in accordance with the provisions of Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984) is to be published to amend the existing Order to enable a gate to be sited in Madeira Drive at the Colonnade. The current arrangements and

siting of the temporary barrier at the Aquarium Roundabout will continue until the new Order comes into force. A gate is to be installed at Dukes Mound imminently, replacing the temporary barrier. These actions will enable the continuing restriction of vehicular access to Madeira Drive and assist in the prevention of 'cruises' and related anti-social behaviour.

(2) To note that a report will be presented before the end of the eighteen month period of the Experimental Traffic Order (i.e. by December 2003) which is likely to recommend approval of a permanent traffic order and which restricts vehicular access in certain circumstances. The report will also deal with any objections or representations received in respect of either or both Experimental Traffic Orders.

(3) That following full consultation on a range of longer term and more permanent proposals, approval be given to the following two proposals:

- (i) The siting of speed cushions at approximately 75 metre intervals
- (ii) The provision of additional lighting between Peter Pans and Dukes Mound.

(4) To note that a bid has been made within the process for re-allocated SCA monies for 2002/2003 to meet the assessed capital costs of £90,000 for the two proposals. Should the bid be approved, then money could be available in October this year.

(5) To note that some revenue costs will be incurred in order to temporarily remove and replace speed cushions to allow up to ten events each year to take place. These revenue costs are £18,000 per year. Approval in principle to be given to these costs being met from income from parking, should they be incurred.

(6) To note that should resources for these two proposals be identified then in accordance with the provisions of the Highways Act 1980, it will be necessary to advertise our intention to site the speed cushions.

18 PETITION STREET LIGHTING IN WOODINGDEAN

18.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 24 people, presented at Council on 3 April 2003 by Councillor Wells:

'We, the undersigned ask Brighton & Hove Council to erect an additional street light on the south side of the section of Cowley Drive, Woodingdean between Crescent Drive North and Bexhill Road. For too long this section of road has been plagued by meaningless vandalism because of the poor lighting. Residents living

in this area are in fear for their safety and the safety of their property after dark.'

18.2 Committee noted a hand drawn map from Councillor Wells tabled at the meeting and correspondence from the Traffic Officer.

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

19. PETITION: TOAD'S HOLE VALLEY

19.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 215 people, presented at Council on 3 April 2003 by Councillor Wade:

'We the undersigned call upon Brighton & Hove City Council and Sussex Police to take immediate action to prevent the continuing use of Toad's Hole Valley by unauthorised motorbike and scooter riders.'

19.2 Chair noted correspondence from Councillor Willows.

19.3 **RESOLVED** - That the petition be noted.

20. PETITION: PARKING – WESTMOUNT FLATS

20.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 48 people, presented at Council on 3 April 2003 by Councillor Edmond-Smith:

'We the undersigned request that Brighton & Hove City Council provide double yellow lines or the appropriate measure to deter illegal parking at the entrance of the driveways to Westmount flats.'

20.2 Committee noted correspondence from the Traffic Technician.

20.3 **RESOLVED** - That the petition be noted.

21. PETITION: TRAFFIC CALMING – HANGLETON ROAD

21.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 99 people, presented at Council on 3 April 2003 by Councillor Kielty:

'... Requesting Traffic Calming measures in Hangleton Road near the junction of Stapley Road and Old Shoreham Road ...'

21.2 Committee noted correspondence from the Principal Traffic Engineer.

21.3 **RESOLVED** - That the petition be noted.

22 Letters**22A. FRESHFIELD WAY**

22.1 The Committee considered a letter from Councillor Burgess requesting an assessment as to whether introducing a short section of double yellow lines on the southern side of Freshfield Way, at the junction of Freshfield Road, would meet a number of important objectives.

22.2 Councillor Burgess attended the meeting and spoke to the letter.

22.3 **RESOLVED** – That a report be bought to a future meeting addressing the concerns raised in Councillor Burgess' letter.

22B. CARLTON HILL

22.3 The Committee considered a letter from Councillor Burgess requesting traffic calming measures in Carlton Hill.

22.4 Councillor Burgess attended the meeting and spoke to the

letter.

22.5 **RESOLVED** – That the letter be noted.

23. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

23.1 **RESOLVED** – There were no items referred to Council.

The meeting concluded at 11.45 am

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2003