

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 4 SEPTEMBER 2003

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Mitchell (Chair); Councillors Battle (Deputy Chair), Allen, Mrs Drake (OS), Forester, Kemble, Kielty, Smith, Mrs Theobald, Watkins and Wrighton.

PART ONE

ACTION

41. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

41A. Declarations of Substitutes

41.1 <u>Substitute Councillor</u>	<u>For Councillor</u>
Allen	Morgan
Kielty	Fitch
Watkins	Elgood

41B. Declarations of Interest

41.2 Councillor Drake declared a personal interest in item 46 'Prestonville Controlled Parking' as her daughter lived in the vicinity.

41C. Exclusion of Press and Public

41.3 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.

41.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items on the agenda.

42. MINUTES

42.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2003 be approved and signed by the Chair.

43. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

43.1 Chair requested that those members wishing to attend the visit to the marina site on 22 September make themselves known.

44. CALLOVER

44.1 **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.

***45. WESTBOURNE CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE**

45.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment addressing objections to the draft traffic regulation orders and seeking approval for a Westbourne South controlled parking zone (Zone R) to be implemented but to hold on the proposed scheme in the Poets Corner area. The report also included an update on the financial implications (for copy see minute book).

45.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the traffic regulation orders as advertised for Westbourne South be approved.

(2) That this scheme should proceed to implementation.

(3) That the Poets Corner area should not proceed to implementation at the current time.

(4) That approval be given to Modena Road being considered as part of the scheme and these proposals are progressed to detailed design and that the Traffic Regulation Order is advertised as part of a six month review of the Westbourne South scheme (Zone R).

46. PRESTONVILLE CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE

46.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the possible exclusion of Highcroft Villas, an update on the financial implications covering the scheme development and a technical evaluation of the informal consultation conducted in the Prestonville area (for copy see minute book).

[Councillor Drake declared a personal interest in item 33 'Prestonville Controlled Parking' as her daughter lived in the vicinity.]

46.2 Councillor Smith proposed that recommendation 2.1 be amended to read 'That approval be given for the Prestonville CPZ

proposals identified in this report to be progressed to detailed design and the Traffic Regulation Order advertised *with the exception of Highcroft Villas*'.

46.3 Seconded by Councillor Kemble.

46.4	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstention</u>	<u>Motion</u>
	Four	Six	One	Failed

46.5 The Committee voted on the recommendations as per the report.

46.6	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstention</u>	<u>Motion</u>
	Seven	Zero	Four	Carried

46.7 **RESOLVED** - (1) That approval be given for the Prestonville CPZ proposals identified in this report to be progressed to detailed design and the Traffic Regulation Order advertised.

(2) That the proposal for a pelican crossing on Old Shoreham Road and the junction modifications to Exeter Street/Upper Hamilton Road not being progressed as part of the CPZ proposals and being subject to further review be approved.

(3) That approval be given for double yellow line restrictions (24 hour waiting restriction) to be applied as the overriding kerbside regulation, for the proposed scheme.

(4) That approval be given for an order being placed for all required pay and display equipment to ensure no delays in the implementation of the proposed Prestonville CPZ. If the proposed scheme is delayed or not implemented following statutory consultation, equipment ordered will be used in other schemes in the City.

47. CLARENCE SQUARE AND CANNON PLACE – PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION AMENDMENTS

47.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment detailing objections received to proposed parking amendments in Clarence Square and seeking approval for the proposals to be implemented (for copy see minute book).

47.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That approval be given for the order as advertised, which is the relocation of residents parking bays and shortening of the motorcycle parking bay to allow for additional disabled bays.

(2) That approval also be given for the order amending the hours of operation of the no waiting parking restrictions to prevent cases

of obstruction during weekends and evenings, as well as the provision of a loading bay in Cannon Place and prohibition of loading in parts of Cannon Place and Clarence Square. It also revokes items from existing traffic orders that were never implemented on the ground.

***48. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTION – FRESHFIELD WAY, BRIGHTON**

48.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment responding to a letter presented to the meeting on 12 June 2003 by Councillor Simon Burgess requesting that consideration be given to implementing 'No Waiting at any Time' restrictions on the southern side of Freshfield Way, Brighton (for copy see minute book).

48.2 **RESOLVED** - That the proposal to introduce 'No Waiting at any Time' restrictions on the southern side of Freshfield Way, Brighton be noted.

***49. BID FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT'S SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL DEMONSTRATION TOWN INITIATIVE**

49.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the Department of Transport's Sustainable Travel Demonstration Town Initiative which would allow local authorities to bid for £7.5 million over five years to develop and implement a package of physical (eg parking controls) and 'soft' (eg travel plans and awareness campaigns) measures to promote walking, cycling and buses (for copy see minute book).

49.2 The report set out the reasons for the initiative, the requirements that bidders needed to fulfil and the principles that would be included in a bid for the city.

49.3 **RESOLVED** - (1) That support be given to the submission of an expression of interest in the Department of Transport's sustainable travel demonstration town initiative.

(2) That the Acting Director of Environment finalises the expression of interest submission in consultation with the Chair prior to the deadline of 30 September.

(3) That the report be presented to the Sustainability Commission.

50. WEST HILL AREA TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME

50.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the progress of the traffic calming scheme for the West Hill area and seeking approval to implement the scheme, including the advertising of the necessary traffic regulation orders and notices (for copy see minute book).

50.2 Councillor Wrighton proposed that the scheme be deferred whilst alternative forms of traffic calming were investigated. This proposal was withdrawn following debate.

50.3 **RESOLVED** - (1) That approval be given to the advertising of the traffic regulation orders and notices for the West Hill Area Traffic Calming Scheme.

(2) That approval be given to the implementation of the Scheme, subject to the resolution of any objections to the orders or notices.

51. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE NOTES

51.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment seeking approval for the latest three Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes following the period of public consultation (for copy see minute book).

51.2 **RESOLVED** – That the Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes on the following subjects for the purposes of development control be adopted;

- i) SPGBH7 Satellite Dishes
- ii) SPGBH11 Listed Building Interiors
- iii) SPGBH13 Listed Buildings – General Advice

52. PROPOSED CHANGES TO PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE NOTE 3 – HOUSING

52.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment summarising a recent Ministerial Statement and two Consultation Papers on proposed changes to Planning Policy Guidance Note 3 on Housing and noting the Minister's statement and endorsing the response to the consultation papers proposed (for copy see minute book).

52.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the Minister's statement on planning for housing and proposed changes to PPG3: Housing be noted.

(2) That the recommended response to the two consultation documents set out in Section 4 be endorsed.

53. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDANCE, SOUTH EAST 'ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY' – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FROM SEERA

53.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the recent consultation from the South East

England Regional Assembly (SEERA) relating to the proposed alteration to Regional Planning Guidance (RPG9) in respect of 'Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy' (for copy see minute book).

53.2 **RESOLVED** - That the officer comments sent on behalf of this Council to SEERA in response to the consultation on the proposed alterations to RPG in respect of energy efficiency and renewable energy be endorsed.

54. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDANCE, SOUTH EAST – TOURISM AND RELATED SPORT AND RECREATION

54.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the content and implications of the proposed alterations to Regional Planning Guidance, South East (RPG9) for Tourism and Related Sport and Recreation policies (for copy see minute book).

54.2 **RESOLVED** - That the officer's response to SEERA be endorsed.

55. STRATEGY FOR THE CONSERVATION OF BRIGHTON & HOVE'S HISTORIC BUILT ENVIRONMENT

55.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the public response to the draft Strategy for the Conservation of the Historic Built Environment of Brighton & Hove (Conservation Strategy) (for copy see minute book).

55.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the responses to the draft Conservation Strategy be noted.

(2) That the amended Conservation Strategy and its publication and implementation be approved *With the one exception of paragraph 3.10 (page 135) to be reworded by Officers, following debate at the Committee.*

56. STANMER ESTATE HISTORIC LANDSCAPE SURVEY AND RESTORATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

56.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the results of the draft study and seeking approval for the management and restoration plan for Stanmer Park and for making further applications to relevant grant authorities for funding to implement the plan (for copy see minute book).

56.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That approval be given to the second draft of the plan and to delegate authority to the Acting Director to approve the final draft, following the results of further consultations.

(2) That authorisation be given to the Assistant Director to submit applications for grants towards the implementation of the recommendations of the Management Plan.

(3) That the Assistant Director of Environment, together with the Director of Corporate Services be instructed to review the management of the Stanmer Estate and to submit a report making recommendations on how its management can be improved and

integrated.

57. STANMER PARK SECURITY

57.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the increasing problems experienced in Stanmer Park over recent years with travellers, joy riders and thefts (for copy see minute book).

57.2 RESOLVED - That approval be given for officers to carry out detailed research into the financial and legal issues and to consult more widely on the conclusions from the report, that is:

- i) parking be restricted to the car parks at the main entrance to the park and that a nominal charge be made;
- ii) a 24-hour security and parking service be provided at the main entrance to the park;
- iii) a commitment be made to continue to provide the 78 bus and the shuttle bus daily.

58. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF LEISURE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT – IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

58.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment detailing the progress made towards the implementation plan which came out of the Best Value Review (for copy see minute book).

58.2 **RESOLVED** - That the contents of the report be noted.

59. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE – IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

59.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment detailing the progress made towards the implementation plan which came out of the Best Value Review (for copy see minute book).

59.2 **RESOLVED** - That the contents of the report be noted.

60. RESPONSE TO PATCHAM PLACE PAVILION SCRUTINY PANEL

60.1 The Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment concerning the response to the eleven Recommendations made by the Patcham Place Pavilion Scrutiny Panel (for copy see minute book).

The Chair reported that should the Committee be in agreement and allow the start date to slip to early 2004, the required funding could be identified to fund works over the next two years. The Chair requested that officers liase with appropriate clubs to see Patcham Place bought back into use and that discussions take place with the

Youth Hostel regarding accessing temporary facilities.

The Committee welcomed the Chairs statement and agreed the proposal.

RESOLVED - (1) That the Patcham Place Pavilion Scrutiny Panel's Recommendations 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 be accepted and requests a further update on progress at its meeting on 24th January 2004.

(2) That officers be instructed to make further bids at the appropriate time to the Property Improvement Fund seeking additional funding to reinstate the pavilion at Patcham Place. (Patcham Place Scrutiny Panel Recommendation 1).

(3) That officers be further instructed to bid for an allocation of funding through all appropriate internal sources in order to support the Patcham Place Panel Recommendation 8.

(4) That the risk assessments suggested in Patcham Place Pavilion Scrutiny Panel Recommendation 11 be agreed, but recognise that the city's outdoor spaces provide for both sports use and events and therefore the City's open spaces that are also used for sport should continue to host appropriate events.

61. LETTERS TO THE CHAIR

61A. BEACH HUTS

61.1 The Committee considered a letter from Councillor Hyde regarding the beach huts at Rottingdean (for copy see minute book).

61.2 Chair reported that following discussion with the Assistant Director, the affected beach hut lessees would be credited £164.00 to their rental accounts.

Officers would also be instructed to analyse demand for beach huts across the City and instigate a rent review.

61.3 RESOLVED - That the letter from Councillor Hyde be noted.

62. PETITION: GOLDSMID SCHEME OF PERMIT PARKING

62.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 203 people, presented at Council on 17 July 2003 by Councillor Giebeler:

"We the undersigned residents of Goldstone Lane, Fonthill Road, Ranelagh Villas, Hartington Villas, New Town Road, Hove Park Villas,

Wilbury Gardens and Wilbury Avenue urgently request to be included in the GOLDSMID scheme of PERMIT PARKING which has already taken place in other areas of the Goldsmid Ward."

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

63. PETITION: SAFE CROSSING POINT

63.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 33 people, presented at Council on 17 July 2003 by Councillor Battle:

"We the undersigned call on Brighton & Hove City Council to introduce a safe crossing point for pedestrians on Old Shoreham Road at the junction of Fonthill Road and Goldstone Crescent. We express concern at the fact that this junction remains unsafe for local residents despite requests for safe access to and from Hove Park. There is never priority for pedestrians and poor visibility exists for both pedestrians and drivers."

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

64. PETITION: GRASS VERGE – HAYWARDS ROAD

64.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 47 people, presented at Council on 17 July 2003 by Councillor Pidgeon:

"We, the undersigned, residents of Haywards Road, Brighton, request that Brighton & Hove City Council give urgent and proper attention to the effective repair of the grass verge on the south side of this road by the use of tarmac to replace the now non-existent grass covering....."

64.2 **RESOLVED** - That a report be brought to a future meeting examining the general issue of parking on grass verges.

65. PETITION: AMERICAN MOTOR CYCLE WORKS

65.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 47 people, presented at Council on 17 July 2003 by Councillor Battle:

"We, the undersigned, wish to protest about the excessive noise created by the American Motor Cycle Works based at 96 Ethel Street, Hove who rev their motor cycles and test them around the immediate area causing a nuisance to the local residents."

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

66. PETITION: SAFER CROSSING

66.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 434 people, presented at Council on 17 July 2003 by Councillor Peltzer Dunn:

"We, the parents undersigned are all in favour for a safer crossing, other than the one we already have for our children attending West Hove Junior School, School Road."

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

67. PETITION: CARLTON HILL

67.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 150 people, presented at Council on 17 July 2003 by Councillor Burgess:

"I would like to petition about the number of vehicles that use Carlton Hill as a major road. The exit from Carlton Hill school is inadequate and anti child friendly. There should be some form of crossing or speed humps on the road at the entrance to Carlton Hill School. The road is used by everyone imaginable; they are unaware of the school entrance/exit and speed up and down the hill. There is no sign to let motorists know that there may be children crossing and that a school is there....."

67.2 **RESOLVED** - That a report be bought to a future meeting.

68. PETITION: LYNCHET CLOSE

68.1 The Committee received the following petition presented at Council on 17 July 2003 by Councillor Hawkes:

Petition for a traffic calming scheme in Lynchet Close.

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

69. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

69.1 **RESOLVED** - No reports were forwarded to Council.

The meeting concluded at 7.00 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2003