

HENLEY ON THAMES TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT
STRATEGY GROUP HELD ON
MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2017
AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, TOWN HALL
HENLEY ON THAMES.

Present: The Chairman, Councillor David Nimmo Smith
The Deputy Chairman, Councillor Will Hamilton
Councillor S Gawrysiak
Councillor I Reissmann
Councillor Jane Smewing
Councillor K George
Councillor T Wright
Mr D McEwen
Mr P Fleming
The Mayor - Councillor Julian Brookes

In Attendance: Mrs J Wheeler - Town Clerk
Ms C Adams- Committee Administrator / Minute Taker

Also Present: 1 Member of the Press

39. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Smith and J Halsall.

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

41. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

42. MINUTES

The Minutes were received, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting of the Transport Strategy Group on 12 December 2016.

43. UPDATE ON BUS WORKING GROUP

Members updated the Group on the progress made in the last meeting of the Bus Working Group. A phased approach was being adopted and it had been agreed to promote the existing service as a first phase. Quotes for preparation of a business plan for the buses were to be reviewed by a sub group of the Bus Working Group on Wednesday 25 January. Additions to routes would be investigated including the possibility of adding services to the station, Tesco, hospital and rugby club. An extra 75 passengers were needed per day to make the existing service commercially viable. A free week is planned for March and will need publicity. The need for investment in an ongoing service was highlighted.

44. REVIEW QUOTATION RECEIVED FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORK

The quotation received from consultants for community engagement work with regard to the consultation on the draft Transport Strategy document was reviewed. A cost for the work was not available at this stage. Discussion revolved around the need for external consultants and whether, rather than consulting with residents at the current time, it would be preferable to engage with OCC and SODC regarding the possible measures and to update residents on the proposed measures. Consultation could take place once achievable measures had been selected. The need for early engagement with OCC and SODC was highlighted. A Member felt that OCC and SODC were more open to 20mph limits and Clean Air Zones than had previously been the case.

The list of priorities for the Transport Strategy is:

1. Congestion:
 - i) Removal of most or all of the traffic furniture
 - ii) 20 mph speed limit
2. Air Quality:
 - i) Kill your engine not your neighbour
 - ii) Clean Air Zone
3. Heavy Goods Vehicles:
 - i) Restriction of HGVs
 - ii) Weight Restriction
4. Transport Alternatives:
 - i) Parking strategy - particularly free parking for eco-vehicles
 - ii) Low emission car club
 - iii) Public transport including buses

A Member is to review the notes from a previous meeting with SODC on air quality to identify where there is room for negotiation. Another member suggested that for each item, the Group needs to know i) whether SODC/OCC would support with advice and/or funding; ii) whether it would be possible, but the Group would have to progress on their own, or iii) whether the item was not achievable. The need to tackle items that can be progressed independently was stressed - these could be a kill your engine campaign, cycling, walking and travel planning.

Action: *The Chairman to contact SODC/OCC regarding appropriate officers to meet.*

Action: Councillor S Gawrysiak to review notes from previous meeting with SODC and discuss with Mr P Fleming and Councillor Miss L M Hillier.

Action: Mr P Fleming to discuss a leaflet for distribution to residents with the Town Clerk. Councillor Reissmann to assist.

45. REVIEW TIMETABLE FOR TRANSPORT STRATEGY

It was agreed to revisit the proposed timetable for the Transport Strategy after meetings with SODC and OCC.

46. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled after dates are arranged for the meetings with SODC and OCC.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm.

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Chairman