

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 26 JANUARY 2006

**COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3
BRIGHTON TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Mitchell (Chair); Councillors Turton (Deputy Chair), Battle, Elgood, Kemble (OS), Lepper, Meegan, Norman, Mrs Norman, Smith (Culture & Recreation OS) and Wrighton.

PART ONE

ACTION

123. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

123A Declarations of Substitutes

123.1 Substitute Councillor For Councillor

Lepper
Mrs Norman

Fitch
Peltzer Dunn

123B Declarations of Interest

123.2 Councillors Mr & Mrs Norman and Councillor Battle declared personal interests in Item 136 (Use of Carden Avenue as a Park & Ride Site for Brighton & Hove Albion Home Games) as season ticket holders.

123C Exclusion of Press and Public

123.3 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.

123.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting during consideration of items.

124. MINUTES

124.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair.

125. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

125.1 There were none.

126. CALLOVER

126.1 **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, Deputations, Petitions and letters.

127. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

127.1 There were none (Note: Chair exercised discretion to allow a member of the public to ask a question in relation to item 134, during the debate on that item).

128. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLOR PENNINGTON

128.1 The Committee considered a letter submitted by Councillor Pennington concerning the restoration of the sea front Band Stand opposite Bedford Square.

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

129. LETTER FROM COUNCILLOR PENNINGTON

129.1 The Committee considered a letter submitted by Councillor Pennington concerning trade waste bins, which had been targeted in *Lewes Buildings*.

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

130. PETITIONS / NOTICE OF MOTION / DEPUTATIONS

130.1 There were none.

***131. EXTRACT FROM POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH DECEMBER 2005**

131.1 The Committee considered an extract from Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on the 7th December 2005 detailing the performance of the Environment Directorate (for copy see minute book).

131.2 **RESOLVED** - That (1) the 2005/06 Quarter 2 results for all

indicators be noted.

(2) That it be noted targets have been set by each directorate in discussion with elected members and aim to achieve continuous improvement;

(3) That the introduction of a 'harder test' by the government with the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA), 2005 be noted;

(4) That it be noted if the Performance Indicator detailed in the report relies on population figures, it has been updated using the 2003 mid-year estimates.

***132. BRUNSWICK ESTATE REPAINTING- NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE HOVE BOROUGH COUNCIL ACT 1976**

132.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning Brunswick Estate repainting scheme, in particular non-compliance with the Hove Borough Council Act 1976 (for copy see minute book).

132.2 **RESOLVED** - That (1) the issuing and serving of notices under Section 3 of the Hove Borough Council Act 1976 in relation to those properties in Brunswick Terrace, Brunswick Square and that part of Brunswick Place south of Western Road, where external decoration of the street fronts has yet to commence or is not being brought to a conclusion, be approved.

(2) That the initiation of prosecution proceedings in the event of non-compliance with any of the requirements of any notice served, subject to the Head of Law being satisfied that such proceedings are appropriate in each case, be approved.

(3) That a review of the repainting cycle be approved, and a further report following consultation with the RIBA, community groups and other interested parties be presented to committee.

133. AREA J RESIDENT PARKING SCHEME - PROPOSED CHANGES

133.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the implementation of the Area J Resident Parking Scheme - Proposed Changes (for copy see minute book).

133.2 **RESOLVED** - That the following parking proposals for Area J be developed in detail and advertised as a draft traffic order:

(a) Change any voucher or free bays into resident permit bays or exclusive / shared pay & display parking bays.

(b) Only allow disabled badge holders with a resident permit to park in bays that are reserved for permit holders only. The permit

would be available at a nominal fee to cover administrative costs.

- (c) Change the hours of operation of the permit and shared bays to finish at 8pm instead of 7pm as at present.
- (d) Change some extra bay designations in individual streets as identified in Appendix A - Table 1 of the report.

***134. VARIOUS WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN BRIGHTON & HOVE**

134.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning various waiting restrictions in Brighton & Hove (for copy see minute book). Chair invited a member of the public to pose a question in relation to Lincoln Road. The Chair proposed an amendment to the report, seconded by Councillor Turton to delete Lincoln Road from the proposals, the committee approved the amendment.

134.2 **RESOLVED** – That (1) having taken account of all duly made representations and objections, the making of the Brighton & Hove (Waiting & Loading/Unloading Restrictions and Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2001 Amendment No * Order 200* be agreed with the amendments set out in Sections 3 and 4 of the report and paragraph (2) below, but otherwise as advertised for the reasons set out in the report.

(2) That proposals for Waiting & Loading/Unloading Restrictions and Parking Places in Lincoln Road be deleted.

***135. NEW ROAD ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT**

135.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the implementation of the New Road Environmental Enhancement (for copy see minute book).

135.2 **RESOLVED** - That the preferred scheme be implemented, using an experimental traffic order.

136. USE OF CARDEN AVENUE AS A PARK & RIDE SITE FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION HOME GAMES

136.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning use of Carden Avenue as a park & ride site for Brighton & Hove Albion home games (for copy see minute book).

136.2 **RESOLVED** - That (1) the reasons for the suspension of Carden Avenue as an additional Park & Ride site for Brighton & Hove Albion FC home games be noted.

(2) That the Director of Environment work with the football club, local members, businesses and other stakeholders to review the Park and Ride scheme and consider alternative measures which would satisfy the football club's planning obligations in respect of the use of Withdean stadium.

(3) That a report on the progress made in relation to the above is

considered at a future meeting of this Committee.

***137. SPECIAL EVENTS, MADEIRA DRIVE CLOSURES 2006**

137.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning special events to be held on Madeira Drive in 2006 (for copy see minute book).

137.2 **RESOLVED** – That (1) the 2006 programme for Special Events on Madeira Drive and the associated road closures as listed in the report be approved.

(2) That officers be authorised to enter into formal agreements with event organisers to determine conditions and fees as appropriate, within the charging policy agreed at Environment Committee on 20th October 2005.

***138. REVIEW OF OUTDOOR EVENTS 2005**

138.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning a review of outdoor events held in 2005 (for copy see minute book).

138.2 **RESOLVED** That the report be noted.

Councillor Wrighton wished it recorded that she abstained from voting on this item.

***139. EVENTS IN PARKS & OPEN SPACES 2006**

139.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning events in parks & open spaces planned for 2006 (for copy see minute book).

139.2 **RESOLVED** That (1) consent for the events listed in Appendix A of the report be granted.

(2) That officers be authorised to enter into formal agreements with event organisers to determine conditions and fees as appropriate within the charging policy as agreed at Environment Committee of 20th October 2005.

Councillor Wrighton wished it recorded that she abstained from voting on this item.

***140. PROVISION OF TREE MANAGEMENT**

140.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the provision of tree management (for copy see minute book).

140.2 **RESOLVED** That (1) an in house tree maintenance team be kept to carry out the majority of tree maintenance and this be supplemented by short-term contracts principally for street tree maintenance.

(2) That these arrangements be reviewed in 2010 along with Grounds Maintenance contract arrangements.

***141. EVALUATION OF GEORGE STREET FARMERS' MARKET**

141.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the evaluation of George Street Farmers' Market (for copy see minute book).

141.2 **RESOLVED** That the George Street Farmers' Market in Hove be established as a regular monthly market.

***142. CAR PARK CHARGES, STANMER PARK**

142.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning car park charges at Stanmer Park (for copy see minute book). Councillor Kemble, seconded by Councillor Mrs Norman proposed that implementation of any charges be deferred until after works had commenced on the Falmer site. This motion failed. Councillors Kemble, Norman, Mrs. Norman and Smith supported the amendment.

142.2 **RESOLVED** That (1) the introduction of a car parking charge, to off-set the capital cost of works and to cover the cost of staff overseeing the parking arrangements and other duties in Stanmer Park, be approved.

(2) That the following be noted; (a) the outcome of the Falmer Stadium Inquiry, and (b) that if planning permission is implemented, the proposed route of the link road to Sussex University will cut through part of Dukes car park thereby reducing the proposed number of parking spaces by approximately 20.

(3) That officers be instructed to approach the University of Sussex regarding the potential use of their car park adjacent to Stanmer Park by visitors to Stanmer Park during holidays and on non-match days (when Falmer stadium becomes operational).

Councillors Kemble, Norman, Mrs. Norman and Smith wished it recorded that they voted against the recommendations.

PART TWO

143. ITEMS TO REMAIN EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

143.1 **RESOLVED** - That no items remain exempt from disclosure to the press and public.

The meeting concluded at 6.40 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2006