

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 2 SEPTEMBER 2004

**BRIGHTON TOWN HALL
ROOMS 2 & 3**

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Mitchell (Chair); Councillors Turton (Deputy Chair), Battle, Mrs Brown, Fitch, Kemble (OS), Morgan, K Norman, Smith (Culture & Recreation OS) Watkins and Wrighton.

PART ONE

ACTION

50. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

50A. Declarations of Substitutes

50.1 Substitute Councillor For Councillor

Mrs Brown
Watkins

Peltzer Dunn
Elgood

50B. Declarations of Interest

50.2 Councillor Mrs Brown declared a personal interest in item 71 as a resident of the area and as Chair of the Goldstone Valley Residents Association.

50C. Exclusion of Press and Public

50.3 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.

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

51. MINUTES

51.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2004 be approved and signed by the Chair.

52. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

52.1 Chair informed the committee that Councillor Battle had been appointed as the lead Councillor for Sport.

53. CALLOVER

53.1 **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.

54. LETTER: TRAFFIC CALMING, WILSON AVENUE

54.1 The Committee considered a letter from Councillor Morgan concerning traffic calming in Wilson Avenue (for copy see minute book).

54.2 **RESOLVED** – That the letter from Councillor Morgan be noted.

55. LETTER: STORAGE OF COMMERCIAL REFUSE

55.1 The Committee considered a letter from Councillor Pennington concerning the storage of commercial refuse in the city centre (for copy see minute book).

55.2 **RESOLVED** – That the letter from Councillor Pennington be noted.

56. LETTER: 'NOTTINGHAM DECLARATION'

56.1 The Committee considered a letter from Councillor Edmond-Smith concerning the 'Nottingham Declaration' on Climate Change (for copy see minute book).

56.2 **RESOLVED** – That the letter from Councillor Edmond-Smith be noted and the issue be referred to the Sustainability Commission.

57. LETTER: PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

57.1 The Committee considered a letter from Councillor G. Theobald concerning the proposed Traffic Regulation Order in Patcham Village (for copy see minute book).

57.2 **RESOLVED** – That the letter from Councillor Theobald be noted.

58. NOTICE OF MOTION: STORAGE OF COMMERCIAL REFUSE

58.1 The Committee considered the following Notice of Motion submitted to Council on 15 July 2004 by Councillors Paskins and Randall:

"This Council notes that it is becoming more and more common - especially in central areas - for commercial waste to be stored on public pavements and highways. Eurobins, and slightly smaller wheelie-bins are to be found on many of the city's narrow pavements, their owners often claiming that they have permission from the Environment Directorate for such positioning.

Domestic rubbish would not be allowed to be permanently stored this way.

These bins are unsightly, often smelly, dangerous for the partially sighted and cause difficulties for wheelchair users and pushchairs.

Therefore this council resolves:

- To grant no more permissions for the storage of commercial waste outside of the envelope of a commercial site and especially not on the public pavement or highway.
- That where rubbish is currently being stored this way without permission for such storage, then enforcement action will be instigated to stop this practice and efforts be made to ensure rubbish is stored within the envelope of the site concerned."

58.2 **RESOLVED** - That the Notice of Motion be noted.

59. NOTICE OF MOTION: 'NOTTINGHAM DECLARATION' ON CLIMATE CHANGE

59.1 The Committee considered the following Notice of Motion submitted to Council on 15 July 2004 by Councillors Mallender and Wrighton:

"This council notes:

- a) Evidence continues to mount that climate change is occurring.
- b) Climate change will have far reaching effects on the UK's economy, society and environment.

We welcome the:

- Social, economic and environmental benefits which will come from combating climate change.
- Recognition by many sectors, especially government and

business, of the need for change.

- Emissions targets agreed by central government and the programme for delivering change as set out in the Climate Change - UK Programme.
- Opportunity for local government to lead the response at a local level and thereby play a major role in helping to deliver the national programme.
- Opportunity for us to encourage and help local residents and local businesses - to reduce their energy costs, to reduce congestion, to improve the local environment and to deal with fuel poverty in our communities.
- Additional powers to address the social, economic and environmental well-being of our communities contained within the Local Government Act 2000, which will assist in this process.
- Endorsement of this declaration by central government.

This council therefore resolves to:

- Work with central government to contribute, at a local level, to the delivery of the UK climate change programme.
- Recommend to the Environment Committee that a plan be prepared with our local communities, by July 2005, to address the causes and effects of climate change and to secure maximum benefit for our communities.
- Publicly declare, within the plan, the commitment to achieve a significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from our own authority's operations especially energy sourcing and use, travel and transport, waste production and disposal and the purchasing of goods and services.
- Encourage all sectors in the local community to take the opportunity to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions and to make public their commitment to action.
- Work with key providers, including the health community, businesses and development organisations, to assess the potential effects of climate change on our communities, and to identify ways in which we can adapt.
- Provide opportunities for the development of renewable energy generation within our area.
- Monitor the progress of our plan against the actions needed and publish the results."

59.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Notice of Motion be noted and (2) the issue be referred to the Sustainability Commission

60. PETITION: CLEANING DEPOT

60.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 1345 people, presented at Council on 15 July 2004 by Councillor Giebeler:

'We, the undersigned urgently request that action be taken to move the Cleaning Depot from our residential area to an industrial site further down the line or Lovers Walk Brighton Station which already has cleaning facilities and is NOT in a residential area.

We urge Brighton & Hove City Council to approve this request.'

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

61. PETITION: HOME ZONE IN COBDEN ROAD

61.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 49 people, presented at Council on 15 July 2004 by Councillor Wrighton:

'Petition against Home Zone in Cobden Road.'

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

62. PETITION: RESIDENTS PARKING IN REIGATE ROAD

62.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 62 people, presented at Council on 15 July 2004 by Councillor Norman:

'Support for Residents Parking in Reigate Road.'

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

63. PETITION: TRAFFIC RESTRICTION – WHITEWAY LANE

63.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 189 people, presented at Council on 15 July 2004 by Councillor Hyde:

'We, the undersigned would like Brighton & Hove City Council to introduce traffic restriction along the section of Whiteway Lane, North of the Whiteway Centre car park during school drop-off and collection times (8.30am - 9.00am & 3.00pm - 3.30pm).'

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

64. PETITION: PARKING PROBLEMS – LINKS ROAD, PORTSLADE

64.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 14 people, presented at Council on 15 July 2004 by Councillor Hamilton:

'The residents of Links Road Portslade are totally fed up with the

parking problems in this area ... It is getting impossible for the actual residents of Links Road to park here ... We therefore feel that making Links Road a Residents Parking Area (permit holders) between the hours of 12 (or 1.00pm) & 2.00pm would at least solve the problem of commuters and all day parkers leaving their vehicles here all day (& might deter others) but still allow access to the doctors surgery.'

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

65. PETITION: PORTLAND CARRIAGE COMPANY

65.1 The Committee received the following petition, signed by 308 people.

'We the undersigned ask Brighton & Hove City Council and other agencies to investigate the serious and damaging impact Portland Carriage Company is having on our community.'

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

66. DEPUTATION TO COUNCIL – HOVE RUGBY CLUB

66.1 The Committee a Deputation presented by Christopher Duncan concerning a Section 106 Agreement for the provision of parking bays on the eastern side of Hove Recreation Ground (for copy see minute book).

66.2 **RESOLVED** – To note that reports recommending how to progress the situation in regard to Hove Rugby Club are being submitted to Policy & Resources Committee on 15th September 2004 and Planning Applications (Sub-Committee) on 22nd September 2004.

***67. AIR QUALITY REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT 2004**

67.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Environment confirming that the Air Quality Review and Assessment 2004 had now been verified by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (defra) and comments received (for copy see minute book).

67.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) To note the findings of the Brighton & Hove City Council Air Quality Detailed Assessment (dated April 2004).

(2) To approve the designation of an Air Quality Management Area. (AQMA)

(3) To delegate authority to the Director of Environment to settle the form of order and the precise boundaries of the AQMA to be designated.

(4) To authorise that the order be made in accordance with the Council's normal procedure for sealing.

(5) To delegate authority to the Director of Environment to prepare a further assessment and report as required by the legislation and to develop an Air Quality Action Plan to be reported to the Environment Committee.

***68. REGENERATION OF MADEIRA DRIVE: BANJO GROVNE TO PALACE PIER**

68.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Environment briefly outlining how officers intended to proceed with the development and marketing of the Peter Pan site for leisure related uses and to attract external investment (for copy see minute book).

68.2 Councillor Wrighton abstained from voting on the item.

68.3 **RESOLVED** - (1) To authorise officers to seek expressions of interest and external investment in relation to the marketing and development of the leisure element of this site.

(2) To agree in principle to reconfiguring part of the Volks Railway track to enable the development of new leisure facilities and ensure optimal use of the site.

(3) To authorise officers to submit the necessary planning applications and seek all necessary consents relating to this phase of the development.

***69. NEW OPPORTUNITIES FUND PE AND SPORT PROGRAMME, BOULDERING PROJECT**

69.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Environment concerning the second phase funding application to the New Opportunities Lottery Fund PE and Sport Programme (for copy see minute book).

69.2 **RESOLVED** - To agree to the siting of artificial climbing boulders in Hove Park and Tarnar Park should the application be successful.

70. SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK SCHEME FOR DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

70.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Environment concerning the scheme for delegation of decisions on planning applications (development control) proposed by the National Park Local Authority Members and Officers Group (NAPLAMOG) and the City Council's recommended response to the scheme (for copy see minute book).

70.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) To note the proposed scheme suggested by National Park Local Authority Members and Officers Group (NAPLAMOG) for dealing with planning applications within the National Park (Designation) Order area.

(2) To support the proposed scheme set out by NAPLAMOG, provided that the National Park Authority also supports the scheme and agrees that planning applications should be delegated back to the constituent local planning authorities for decision: and subject to addressing the detailed concerns set out in paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5.

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

71.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Environment detailing objections received to proposed parking amendments in Melbourne Street (Loading Bay), Old London Road and Church Hill (limited waiting), Islingword Road, Islingword Street, Albion Hill (revocation of no waiting at any time), Crown Road, Hogarth Road, Coleman Avenue, Mornington Crescent, New Church Road, St Keyna Avenue, Leahurst Court Road, Mile Oak Road, Queen Victoria Avenue and Woodland Avenue (implementation of no waiting at any time) and seeking approval for the proposals to be implemented (for copy see minute book).

[Councillor Mrs Brown declared a personal interest in the item as a resident of the area and Chair of the Goldstone Valley Residents

Association].

71.2 **RESOLVED** - Having taken account of all duly made representations and objections, to approve the making of the Brighton & Hove (Waiting & Loading/Unloading Restrictions and Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2001 amendment No * Order 200* as advertised, except that the proposal to remove a section of double yellow lines in Islingword Road between Coleman Street and Washington Street be omitted from the Order.

***72. COACH STRATEGY**

72.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Environment concerning the progress made in establishing the City Council's Coach Strategy (for copy see minute book).

72.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) To approve the City Council's emerging Coach Strategy.

(2) To authorise the continued search for a suitable site for a dedicated coach park.

(3) To ensure compatibility between the Coach Strategy and the Council's Tourism Strategy.

73. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

73.1 **RESOLVED** – There were none

PART TWO

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

74.1 **RESOLVED** – That no items remain exempt from disclosure to the press and public.

The meeting concluded 6.30 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2004

