



SALISBURY TRANSPORTATION PLAN JOINT COMMITTEE



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MINUTES of a MEETING held at THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BOURNE HILL,
SALISBURY on WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2006.

Present

Miss MF de Rhé-Philippe (Chairman)
Mr BE Dalton
Mr IC West
Mr KC Wren
Mr DW Brown
Mr ER Draper
Mr PD Edge
Mr SR Fear
Ms S Mallory (substituting for Mr CR Vincent)
Mrs SA Willan

Representing

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The following Members also attended:-

Mr JM Collier
Mr PVH Paisey
Mrs SA Warrander
Mr JM Walsh

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- Membership Changes** There were none other than the substitution as indicated above.
 - Election of Chairman**
Resolved: To elect Miss MF de Rhé-Philippe Chairman of the Joint Committee for the remaining municipal year.
 - Election of Vice-Chairman**
Resolved: To elect Mr DW Brown Vice- Chairman of the Joint Committee for the remaining municipal year.
 - Attendance of Non-Members of the Joint Committee** As shown above.

5. **Apologies** An apology for absence was received from Mr JP Johnson, Wiltshire County Council.

6. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved: subject to the deletion of the following words from Minute 7 "During discussion, some concern was raised at the level of charging proposed for Park and Ride sites on Sundays", to confirm and sign the minutes of the Joint Committee meeting held on 14 February 2005.

7. **Chairman's Announcements** The Chairman made the following announcements:-

Harnham Relief Road and Brunel Link

In response to the question put by Mr Brown on behalf of the Cabinet at Salisbury District Council relating to the appearance of the proposed Harnham Relief Road and Brunel Link on the Regional List, as determined by the South West Regional Assembly, the Chairman replied as set out in Appendix A (attached to these minutes).

Salisbury: St Mark's Area –Road Hazards

The Chairman assured Councillor Mrs Warrander and other elected representatives of the St Mark's Ward that the Transportation Joint Committee was fully aware of the problems experienced by residents in the St Mark's area as a result of commuter parking. The Committee was also aware that this problem was not a singular occurrence within Salisbury as similar problems existed in the St Paul's, Harnham and Milford areas. Whilst the Committee was sympathetic to the problems experienced as a result of commuter parking, it must be pointed out that residents living within the roads most affected by commuter parking were offered the opportunity to be included within Residents Parking Zone H in 2001, which in turn would have stopped these problems from occurring. At that time residents were warned if they chose not to be included within the residents' parking scheme they might suffer parking problems as a result of commuter parking being displaced from other roads within the zone, as has unfortunately happened.

The Joint Transportation Team's proposed work programme for 2006-07 (as detailed under Agenda Item 12, previously circulated) includes work to introduce an extension to the existing Residents' Parking Zone H boundary to resolve the problem of commuter parking. This work will be undertaken in conjunction with the locally elected representatives of the St Mark's ward.

8. **Members' Interest** Mr Dalton declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Wilton Park and Site since he worked opposite the site.

9. **Public Participation**

- (1) Mrs M Willmott made a statement in relation to the lack of safe cycle access into the city from outlying suburbs and from nearby communities such as Wilton and Alderbury. There was also a lack of safe north/south or east/west cycle routes across the city centre and safe access to the railway centre.

The Chairman replied that the Integrated Transport Manager was willing to meet with Mrs Willmott and representatives from the Cycling Liaison Panel to consider ways of taking this matter forward.

- (2) Mr J Walsh (Salisbury District Council) made a statement regarding the state of the road between St John's Church and the school at Lower Bemerton. Following the substantial works undertaken to Skew Bridge, the road through Lower Bemerton had suffered as a result of the increase in traffic. Most of the road had been resurfaced and residents were happy with its improved condition, but there remained a small section that still required resurfacing.

The Chairman replied that she would raise this matter with the appropriate County Officers.

10. **Salisbury District Transportation Joint Committee- Terms of Reference** Consideration was given to the Terms of Reference as revised by the County and District Councils.

During consideration of this item, Mr Dalton stated that the City Area Committee had a budget of approximately £10,000 for bus shelters. He asked if this budget would be used in the City or the District.

The Head of Forward Planning and Transportation replied that if this budget was part of the City precept, the money must be spent within the City of Salisbury. He would look into this matter and inform Mr Dalton and Mr Fear accordingly.

Resolved: To note the Terms of Reference of the Salisbury District Transportation Joint Committee.

11. **Salisbury Transportation Plan 2005-06: Programme Review** Consideration was given to a report by the officers that updated members on progress in implementing the 2005-06 scheme programme.

Resolved: To note the contents of the report.

12. **Salisbury District Area: Proposed Scheme Programme 2006-07**
The Joint Committee considered a report by the officers which set out the proposed programme of schemes in the Salisbury District area for the financial year 2006-07.

Resolved:

- (1) *To approve the proposed programme of schemes in Salisbury District area for the financial year 2006-7.*
- (2) *That the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Economic Development (Wiltshire County Council) be recommended to endorse the scheme as indicated in Appendix B of the previously circulated report for development and implementation in the financial year 2006-07.*

13. **Salisbury: Off-Street Car Parking Charge Adjustments 2006/07**
Consideration was given to a report by the officers which recommended adjustments to car parking charges from 3rd April 2006.

Resolved:

- (1) *To note that the Cabinet (Salisbury District Council) supported the recommendations contained within the report and these would be considered by the Full Council (Salisbury District Council) at its next meeting on 20th February 2006.*

14. **Salisbury: Blue Boar Row – Bus Stop Provision**

The Joint Committee considered the letter received from Mrs King together with the response from the Joint Transportation Team.

The Integrated Transport Manager informed Members that following recent discussions with Wilts and Dorset Bus Company, proposed changes were to be made to the bus service from Bemerton Heath to Salisbury District Hospital. The proposed increase in service provision would result in changes being made to the location of bus stops in Blue Boar Row and it was hoped that these changes would address the concerns raised by Mrs King.

15. **Date of Next Meeting**

Resolved: *To hold the next meeting of the Joint Committee on Tuesday 25 April 2006 starting at 10.30am. (Venue to be confirmed)*

(Duration of meeting: 10.30am – 12.10pm)

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Harnham Relief Road and Brunel Link

Current Situation

1. A revised planning application for the scheme was submitted in April 2005. Clarification of aspects of the application is ongoing.
2. The District Council Environment and Transport Scrutiny Panel has reviewed the scheme and recommended that it be dropped. In addition, the District Council has commissioned further work by consultants and the Rural Development Agency concerning the long-term future of the Churchfields Industrial Estate.
3. The District Council is reconsidering its support for the scheme at its Full Council meeting on 20th February.
4. The Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) and the supporting Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) have been under development by the South West Regional Assembly (SWRA) over the last couple of years.
5. In July the Government published "Regional Funding Allocations (RFA) – Guidance on preparing advice". This provided indicative allocations for several funding streams covering the period up to 2015-16:
 - Transport
 - Housing
 - Economy

The Guidance defines the use of the transport block as follows:

***Transport** – capital funding projected for major schemes under the Local Transport Plan system and major Highways Agency schemes, other than on those roads of the greatest strategic national and international importance;*

The Guidance states:

*The Government is asking for advice on the regions' priorities in transport, housing and economic development to enhance regional input into Government policy development, showing how such priorities relate to each other to form a coherent credible and strategic vision for improving the economic performance of regions; and how these priorities are aligned to resources. Advice is sought as an input into Government policy development in advance of the next Budget. This suggests that regions should aim to submit advice to the Government by **the end of January 2006**.*

Previously, major transport schemes (over £5million) for local authorities, such as the Brunel and Harnham Link, were funded by allocations direct from the Department for Transport (DfT) following bids through the Local Transport Plan process. Highways Agency schemes, such as the A303 Stonehenge scheme, were funded from a national budget.

6. The SWRA meeting on 27th January considered the regions' priorities in transport as its response to the RFA. The Harnham Relief Road and Brunel Link has been categorised as follows in the advice which has now been submitted to Government:-

Schemes where the degree of work done at present does not allow a confident judgement on the value of the schemes or whether they could be delivered within the RFA period but which the region would want to include in the later part of the RFA programme in the light of further work.

7. The Brunel/Harnham scheme has previously been "provisionally accepted" by DfT for funding. The regions' 'advice' appears to be more equivocal. It is not clear how DfT will react to this apparent conundrum.

Next Steps

8. The Planning Application process for the scheme will continue for the time being.
9. Over the next few weeks the County Council will seek clarification from DfT about the status of the scheme and realistic prospects for funding. This, in turn, will inform consideration of the future progress of the scheme.
10. Clearly, future decisions by the District Council will have a bearing on these considerations.

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Cabinet Members for Environment, Transport & Economic Development

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1st February 2006