

DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

MINUTES of the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board held on Tuesday 11 June 2019 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT Councillor B Garden (Chairman)

Mr David Butler
Mrs P Cole
Mr J Kite MBE
Mr Peter Harman
Mr J Ozog

Councillor Mrs S P Butterfill
Councillor M J Davis
Councillor K J Grehan
Councillor Mrs J A Ozog
Councillor L J Reynolds

Also

Present: Mr S Hymers and Ms D Sutton (Both KCC) Mrs Teresa Ryszkowska (Head of Regeneration) and Mr Martin Smith (Enforcement Manager). Both Dartford Borough Council.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Ann Allen and Councillor Wells.

The Board noted the appointment of Councillor Davis as a substitute for Councillor Wells

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DARTFORD JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD HELD ON 5 MARCH 2019

That the minutes of the Joint Transportation Board held on 5 March 2019 were confirmed as a correct record of that Meeting.

4. URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman reported that there were no Urgent Items for the Board to consider.

5. PETITION : PARKING CHARGES SPRINGVALE CAR PARK

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The Board received a petition from local residents and users of the adjoining Gudwara, requesting that the Council shorten the operational hours of the Car Park in Spring Vale. Additionally the Board received a deputation from the petitioners supporting their request.

It was noted that the operating hours of the car park had been extended from 6.30 in the evening so that the charging period now ran up to 8.30pm.

It was claimed that the extension had impacted heavily on users to the extent that the car park was now severely under - utilised during evening times.

Having considered the petition and representations it was agreed that

1. A report be prepared for the Cabinet detailing usage levels and revenues generated by Town Centre car parks generally, if possible broken down to indicated specific time periods,
2. Arising from consideration of this report the Cabinet would review charging periods and possibly reduce charging periods if justified by the usage levels, and;
3. The Board receive an update on this matter in due course.

6. REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

The Clerk to the Board reported that there were no matters referred to the Board for consideration.

7. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported that, having reviewed the current format of this item, he intended to amend future reports so that Members could be informed when updates on specific issues could be expected, and where possible when items were originally considered.

Additionally it was noted that a number of issues had become redundant and therefore the Board reviewed the content of the report to remove such issues, and agreed that it be amended as set out below

Item	Action
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| 1. | Fast Track – Future Developments. An ongoing matter which should be retained |
| 2. | Sensible Street Lighting: This matter is now closed. |

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| 3. | Bob Dunn Way: This matter is now closed. |
| 4. | Removal of Redundant Lamp columns and Stumps: This matter is now closed. |
| 5. | Parking Issues Ingress Park: Yellow lines are to be installed by Crest Nicholson but the matter of TRO and enforcement needs to be addressed. |
| 6. | Misuse of Busways by Motorists: The Board received an update on a trial of CCTV at the Ingress Park busway and noted that a full report would be presented to the Board in due course. |
| 7. | Parking Control Issues: Common Lane Wilmington: This matter is now closed. |
| 8. | Traffic Congestion arising from the Dartford Crossing: This is still an ongoing matter and Highways England are to be invited to the September meeting to report on issues. |
| 9. | Pedestrian Safety Fastrack Routes: This issue related to a number of incidents which took place on busways after passengers had alighted from vehicles. Mr Hymers has agreed to look into this and report back to the Board. |
| 10. | Maiden Lane Dartford: Traffic / Parking Issues. Enforcement statistics indicate that this matter has been resolved, and the matter is now closed. |
| 11. | Leigh Technical College area, Parking Issues: Enforcement statistics indicate that this matter has been resolved, and the matter is now closed. |
| 12. | Feedback on various traffic regulation issues: This matter is now closed. |
| 13. | Access Gate between Fastrack and Darenth Road: This matter is now closed. |
| 14. | Increased Pavement Provision for A225 Dartford Road at Sutton at Hone and Hawley: The implementation of a scheme has been halted as more pressing matters have emerged that have greater priority. |
| 15. | Dropped Kerbs / Amendments to TRO: A report on this was to be presented to the Cabinet but the lack of a suitably qualified Officer has delayed matters. |

8. **FASTRACK**

The Chairman introduced Mr Shane Hymers the Fastrack Development Manager who reported verbally on the trial of Electric vehicles on the Fastrack routes, and on a draft report profiling the passenger population on the Fastrack catchment.

Mr Hymers reported that the trial of Electric buses on Fastrack in 2018 had proved very successful and demonstrated the way forward in public service transportation. He also explained that through partnership with Compaid, a trial of Kent's first fully electric minibus was imminent. Compaid operate

KCC's Dial - a - Ride services in West Kent (Kent Karrier), including Dartford.

Mr Hymers also informed the Board of a passenger survey undertaken by consultants analysing the characteristics of Fastrack passengers.

He apologised that the reports had not been included as part of the Agenda and undertook to ensure that copies were circulated to Board Members.

Mr Hymers also informed the Board that a report on a trial of the use of CCTV to enforce traffic regulations on the Fastrack routes was being compiled and would be presented to the Board as soon as possible. In general terms the trial had proved that Camera Enforcement was viable and that a strategy was being developed by KCC for issuing tickets to offending motorists.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hymers for his report.

9. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

The Chairman, Councillor Garden, had placed on the Agenda a question relating to traffic congestion arising from the Dartford Crossing.

While some general information was available on this issue, it was understood that a fuller picture would be available from Highways England.

Accordingly it was agreed that the Clerk to the Board should contact Highways England and request that a representative attends a future meeting to present a report on the matter.

In addition the Head of Regeneration, Teresa Ryszkowska, informed the Board that the Planning Application for the redevelopment of Howbury Park in Bexley to a Strategic Rail hub had been refused by the Planning Inspectorate.

The development if allowed would have placed an unacceptable strain on the local road infrastructure as heavy vehicles using the hub would have used local routes to access motorways and the Dartford Crossing.

10. MEMBERS ENQUIRY ITEMS

Councillor Matthew Davis asked how he could pursue issues with KCC once they had been reported to County Officers, if significant delays responding were encountered.

It was noted that it was possible to interrogate the KCC Highways web site if an enquiry reference number was available, but should this not be effective then matters could be raised through the Local County Councillor for them to chase.

Arising from, this Councillor Davis queried the length of time taken to respond to a matter of road safety at Holy Trinity School, Chatsworth Road which he had raised in January 2019. He believed that the school had doubled in size in the past 5 years and that there was almost no provision for parent parking, without causing road safety issues.

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Denise Sutton undertook to raise this matter with the safety team at KCC and report back to the Councillor direct as he was a substitute Member and would possibly not be at the next Board meeting.

With regard to matters relating to school road safety, it was reported that there were parking / traffic issues surrounding Brent Primary School in Stone.

The issues were related to parents stopping to drop children at the school and had been exacerbated recently by the School's decision to close the drop off point which had been previously available to parents.

While recognising the particular problems at the School, it was accepted that the prime reason for these issues was the parents themselves, and until a change in attitudes / habit was achieved then these problems will continue.

However in this particular case some relief from the problems may be accomplished if the "drop off" point were to be re - instated, although the co - operation of the School would be needed.

Teresa Ryszkowska undertook to check if the establishment of a drop off point was a condition imposed when the plans for the school were approved.

Mr Ozog asked if there was a plan which showed the ownership of all alleys, access ways and footpaths across the Borough as queries relating to these often arise.

Ms Sutton explained that no such a plan existed but that such matters can be resolved by raising a query with the KCC on line service. She further undertook to prepare a brief note explaining how this could be done for circulation to Board Members.

Councillor Grehan asked if the area surrounding Kingsley Avenue could be inspected as she had been informed that ambulances were having difficulty with access to the area.

The Councillor also introduced a briefing relating to a Government Road Safety Fund and suggested that as Dartford had a number of roads classified in the "Most Dangerous" statistics then it would be sensible if KCC were to lobby Government for funding to address matters.

Finally Mr Kite asked if the Board had received information relating to the major highways works in Dartford Town Centre. The Clerk informed Members that they had received an initial briefing in December 2018, and that a further report would be made to the September Board meeting.

11. ROAD WORKS IN THE BOROUGH OF DARTFORD

The Board received a report from KCC Highways which updated Members on roadworks which were underway or proposed to take place in Dartford.

12. KCC - ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT CABINET COMMITTEE

The Board received and noted the Minutes of the Kent County Council Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee held on 19 March 2019

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Councillor Brian Garden

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