



Wivenhoe Town Council

MINUTES of the Transport and Travel Sub-Committee meeting held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 22 January 2025 at 7pm **Chair Approved**

Present: Cllr Andrew (Chair), Cllr Wenaden, Cllr Blomeley, Cllr Maltby, ECC Cllr Mark Cory, Alan Charnock (Speedwatch), Clare Connell (Millfields School rep) and Jo Beighton-Emms (Town Clerk).

Public Questions: None

PART A

TT/01.25/01 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Boughton and Evans. Apologies were accepted.

TT/01.25/02 Declarations of interest: None

TT/01.25/03 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2024. were proposed by Cllr Maltby, seconded by Cllr Wenaden and approved by all as an accurate record of proceedings.

TT/01.25/04 Priorities for 2025

Cllr Andrew updated on the following:

1. Station Access- needs more engagement
2. 20mph- the current initiative is to install SIDs.

Cllr Wenaden said that WTC should promote a car free day in September, which is a national initiative. Cllr Blomeley said that WTC should first support the TTW scheme with ecargo bikes. There is a 'cycle to school week' initiative from 10-16 June. Cllr Blomeley is also working the Cycling Bus Scheme with Clare Connell. This will start with Millfields School and then hopefully get expanded. They have put together a plan, a project design and the scoping. The group will include parents and volunteers. Cllr Cory suggested banners to promote the cycling week in June

TT/01.25/05 Impact of Devolution on Essex Highways : No update

TT/01.25/06 Purchase & Installation of SIDs

Cllr Andrew reported that funding has been received. Permission is now needed from ECC to install the SIDs using current ECC street furniture. Cllr Cory will chase.

TT/01.25/07 Station Access: update & next steps

Cllr Cory said that he will continue to keep everyone updated. The last planned meeting had unfortunately been cancelled. The suggested design was over engineered, too costly and complicated. The project needs more working partnerships.

The two options are a ramp on Clifton Terrace or access under the subway and back around to the car park. The ramp option is prohibitive as the gradient is too steep- this would need a waive on the height restriction. Cllr Andrew suggested that the base could be raised. Cllr Cory is hoping that the funding doesn't get pulled.

TT/01.25/08 ECC Proposal for School Streets

Cllr Andrew reported that enforcement will be the main issue with this scheme and that in both schools' opinion further consultation should have taken place. Cllr Cory said that he had sent out 600 letters and had to agitate for this scheme to get agreed. He is now pushing for a further meeting. The ECC spending on this has to take place by 31 March. Cllr Andrew suggested that the 20mph zones on the estates could be extended as well as restrictions on HGVs. Cllr Cory said that this will go as far as possible and that he will raise these points again. Cllr Andrew would like fixed cameras too on Bowes Road. A timed pedestrian zone with enforcement cameras on Broomegrove would be the best option.

Cllr Cory said that hopefully NEPP could enforce the red lines and potentially funding from CCC could fund the cameras. There are mixed views from the residents on the red lines because of existing parking issues. Clare suggested further communication through the schools.

TT/01.25/09 Possible Changes to Bus Routes/Services

Cllr Andrew reported that the issues are the size of the buses and frequency. Single deckers buses would be a better option with a shuttle service every 10-15 minutes to and from the university and the station. There is a pot of £50k available, which would require working with the bus companies. School buses are a big issue as they are always full. Securing more school buses would be one option. Cllr Andrew asked everyone needs to give this some thought.

TT/01.25/10 Wivenhoe Trail Maintenance Funding

No further update. Cllr Cory said that there may be pot hole funding but the issue is the mixed ownership. He will refer back to Jane Thompson at ECC.

TT/01.25/11 ECC Active Travel proposals in Colchester: No update

TT/01.25/12 Sunshine Coast Greenway: No Update

TT/01.25/13 Cycle Parking Installation: No Update

TT/01.25/14 Date and time of the next meeting: It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 2 April 2025 at 7pm.

TT/01.25/15 Exclusion of press and public: In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Council is invited to consider if the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item(s) owing to the confidential nature of the business.

PART B

None.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20.00