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To: Cllrs Catlin (Wischhusen); Dean; Li; Milner; Murray (S); O'Keeffe

A Meeting of the Working party formed to address traffic-related issues in Lewes will be held on **Thursday 21st February 2013** in the **Yarrow Room, Town Hall**, Lewes at **6:30pm** which you are requested to attend.

S Brigden, Town Clerk
29th February 2013

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

To receive apologies from members of the working-party who are unable to attend.

2. MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

To note declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests in matters on this agenda.

3. MINUTES

To agree minutes of the meeting held on 16th August 2012

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4. QUESTION TIME

To receive any questions regarding items on the agenda for this meeting.

5. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

To continue the work of previous meetings, in assessing practical issues involved in addressing the remit of the working-party, and evaluating information gathered so far.

In particular; this meeting will address the issues of (matters in progress):

- a) 20mph speed limit for Lewes
- b) Pedestrian crossings and traffic-calming
- c) Lewes bus station
- d) Bus shelters in Lewes
- e) Cycle parking facilities (an East Sussex County Council officer will attend on this matter)

For further information about items on this agenda please contact the Town Clerk at the above address.



PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Members of the public have the right, and are welcome, to attend meetings of the Council – questions regarding items on this agenda may be heard at the start of each meeting with the Chairman's consent, and subject to time available. Questions or requests to address the Council should, whenever possible, be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk at least 24 hours in advance. PLEASE NOTE: As space is limited we would appreciate advanced warning if you plan to attend in a group; perhaps with neighbours, or to bring a party of student observers. We may be able to arrange for the meeting to be held in an alternative room. General questions can be raised at our offices between 9am-5pm Mons- Thurs; 9am-4pm on Fridays – our staff will be pleased to assist.

Distribution: Cllrs Catlin (Wischhusen); Dean; Li; Milner; Murray (S); O'Keeffe
and ESCC Cllr C Maynard, ESCC Cllr R St Pierre, Mr Rupert Clubb ESCC Director of Transport & Environment

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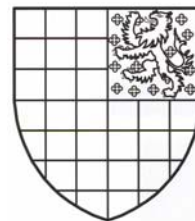


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MINUTES

of the meeting of the **Working Party** formed to address traffic-related issues in Lewes held on **Thursday 16th August 2012**, in the **Yarrow Room, Town Hall, Lewes** at **6:00pm**.

PRESENT Cllrs S Catlin (Wischhusen); A Dean; L F Li; M Milner; S Murray; R O’Keeffe. Also present (*not nominated to serve on Working party*): Cllrs D Lamport and R Murray

In attendance: S Brigden (*Town Clerk [TC]*)

TIWP2012/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Cllr Milner was elected as Chairman.

TIWP2012/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were none.

TIWP2012/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none

TIWP2012/04 MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting on 16th February 2012 were signed as an accurate record.

TIWP2012/05 PUBLIC QUESTIONS: There were none. (No public or press were present)

TIWP2012/06 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

i] *20mph speed limit for Lewes* – East Sussex County Council (ESCC) had now concluded its public consultation, in preparation for the introduction of the town centre scheme. It was reported that a significant majority of respondents were in favour of the scheme, with various queries and suggestions being promoted. One significant point arising was that the proposed boundaries in some places were not at “natural” locations. Members were happy to accept this as phase one of a developing scheme, with refinements and extension to follow, and agreed to press for swift implementation.

ii) *Pedestrian crossings and traffic-calming* - ESCC had confirmed that the design of two crossings for Church Lane Malling, to be paid-for by the Town Council’s agreed contribution, was in progress and would shortly be submitted for safety audit. One was straightforward, although precise location of the other was being refined to account for safety considerations. Once safety auditing was completed, statutory consultation with bodies such as emergency services would proceed, ahead of public consultation. Some discussion followed on other matters such as the traffic re-flow proposals in the area of White Hill/Mount Pleasant/Sun Street. Members had conducted informal traffic surveys recently, and spoken to residents, who were reported to be happy with the proposals. In the area of the railway station it was understood that long-outstanding bridge repairs and strengthening were now agreed, and that an appropriate pedestrian crossing was to be included. Regarding the “speed humps” adjacent the Riverside Centre in Railway Lane, where the uneven profile and poor visibility of markings were known to have caused serious problems for pedestrians and some vehicles, ESCC had recently repainted the markings, but these faded quickly and it was feared that the improvement would not be sustained. Members had previously encouraged further consideration by ESCC as to how improvements might be effected, and it was understood that engineers were looking at options.

iii) *Lewes Bus Station* – further to discussions at Council on 19th July, the Working Party had been asked to investigate underlying issues and recommend any appropriate actions or interventions. It was agreed that Cllrs Catlin; Milner and S Murray, and TC would request a “round-table” meeting with stakeholders to

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attempt to envision benefits for the town pending redevelopment of the site; prevent duplication of effort, and provide a better gateway to the town for visitors arriving by bus.

iv) Bus shelters – Council had asked the Working Party to review the town’s bus-shelter needs and to report any recommendations and potential costs. Cllr Lamport, who had originally proposed this, reported that he had received encouraging support from Brighton & Hove Bus Company and some useful information. Members were asked to add their own local knowledge of sites where shelters might be desirable, and a comprehensive list could then be created. Cllrs Lamport and Milner, and TC would assess the information and check on practical issues, such as the agreement of the highway authority to licence locations, before the Working Party was asked to consider it further. This was agreed as an Autumn project.

v) Landport 20mph speed limit – It was reported that a local petition for a 20mph limit in Landport had significant support. ESCC had suggested that a scheme would cost £2,000 and could be implemented if funded by a third-party. Members agreed to recommend to Council that it offer to pay this sum, in much the same way as it had instigated the town centre scheme.

vi) Bicycle racks – Ideas for locations were requested for referral to ESCC, who had recently been successful in obtaining funds for sustainable transport initiatives.

TIWP2012/07

CONCLUSIONS/RECCOMENDATIONS:

Council should be asked to support local demands for a 20mph speed limit scheme in Landport, and offer ESCC the sum of £2,000 to effect this.

TIWP2012/08

As there was no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

The meeting closed at 7:20pm

Signed:

Date: