

Folkestone and Hythe Joint Transportation Board

Held at:	Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Folkestone
Date	Monday, 1 July 2019
Present	Councillors Mrs Ann Berry, Miss Susan Carey, Tony Hills, Frank Hobbs, Terence Mullard, Dick Pascoe, Martin Whybrow and John Wing
Apologies for Absence	Councillors Peter Gane, David Godfrey, Rory Love and David Monk
Officers Present:	Kate Clark (Committee Services Officer), Fred Miller (Transportation Manager), Pauline Harmer (District Manager - Folkestone & Hythe, KCC Highways) and Paul Thompson (District Highways Engineer)
Others Present:	

1. Appointment of Chairman

The Board noted that Kent County Council had appointed Mr Tony Hills as Chairman of the Folkestone & Hythe Joint Transportation Board for 2019-20.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

The District Council Members of the Board appointed Councillor David Godfrey as Vice-Chairman of the Folkestone & Hythe Joint Transportation Board for 2019-20.

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Highway Works Programme

Report JTB/19/01 provided an update and summarised schemes that have been programmed for delivery in 2019/20.

Various points noted by members as follows:

- Ashentree Lane (App A) – waiting for a response from Natural England with regard to badger setts.
- Hammonds Corner (App D) – the timescales seem long.
- Radnor Park Road/Cheriton Road (App D) – more details required re island and relocation of crossing point. Pauline Harmer to respond.
- Folkestone & Hythe Cycle Route Phase 3 (App D) – Village green application rejection was due to not meeting all correct categories.
- Folkestone & Hythe Cycle Route Phase 4 (App D) – members were impressed that this phase was completed in good time and asked if there is a phase 5 using land at the Redoubt bend to join up to the sea wall. Pauline Harmer to respond.
- St Andrews Road (App I) – this work to be completed by 31 August 2019.
- Portland Road (App I) – this scheme is not member funded.
- Tanners Hill (App I) – Speeds along with section are variable and need aligning.

A further question was raised with regard to Appendix D – Transportation and Safety Schemes as to how works are prioritised. Pauline Harmer to respond.

RESOLVED:

To receive and note report JTB/19/01

6. Proposed parking restrictions 2019

During the year parking restrictions have been proposed to the council. Report JTB/19/02 outlines the areas where restrictions would help to improve traffic flow, safety margins and resolve parking problems.

Members welcomed this report and made the following comments:

- Generally peak times will mean increased traffic, especially in Dymchurch which is popular through the Summer months.
- Cllr Ms Carey referred to DPPB outside Elham Methodist Church and was concerned that the space will not be fully utilised, however it was noted that the space will be available at all times for Blue Badge holders. Cllr Ms Carey will circulate this information in the village newsletter.
- Although further enforcement rules can be made, enforcement of rules is paramount, however officer numbers remain the same which ultimately means they cover a larger area.
- Members agreed that enforcement of all parking restrictions should be carried out which will discourage complacency from drivers.

RESOLVED:

To receive and note report JTB/19/02.

Before closing the meeting, Cllr Hills referred to a meeting between Stagecoach and KCC which has resulted in looking into redesigning the Jolly Fisherman junction in Greatstone to allow buses to turn more easily. There is also a proposal for a community bus service for the Marsh and the next stage is to look at management of this proposed service.

Cllr Hobbs was keen to know if a new JTB agreement was forthcoming between KCC and the District Council allowing him voting rights on the Board as a Parish Councillor. Pauline Harmer advised this is under review.