

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, Councillor Ken Ellcome, at his meeting held on Wednesday, 23 September 2015 at 4.00 pm in the Council Chamber - The Guildhall

Also Present:

Councillor Lynne Stagg (Group Spokesperson)

34. Apologies (AI 1)

Councillor Potter had sent his apologies that he was leaving work at 4pm so would be late, but arrived at the end of the meeting.

35. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

36. Ferry Road, northern end off-street areas (non-public highway): TRO 36/2015 (AI 3)

Alan Cufley, Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented the report setting out the responses to the public consultation and it was noted that the land belonged to the Directorate of Property & Housing.

A deputation was made by Mr Japp to raise concerns as a local resident and fisherman, highlighting the problems caused by the illegal parking of motorhomes, and he did not believe TRO 36 was the answer to these and it would penalise those wishing to enjoy the area for recreational use for local residents. He felt that the report lacked an alternative parking option for the commercial fishermen and would favour enforcement against the camper vans.

Mr Gisham also spoke as a local boat operator and fisherman against the proposal which would cause problems for fishermen needing to park to get to their boats by dinghy. He would favour a byelaw to regulate against the parking of the campervans which were mainly a summer problem and local residents should not be penalised.

Councillor Stagg asked about the extent of the campervan parking (for which Appendix A of the report contained photographic evidence). Councillor Ellcome stressed that the land owned by Housing and Property was being mis-used with the vans avoiding paying fees by parking there. The officers responded that it would be difficult to legislate against one type of vehicle and Councillor Ellcome requested that the officers consider a permit system.

Jolene Burns, representing the Director of Property & Housing, had not been approached by commercial users of the site to seek permits but this could be explored with them. Michael Robinson, Parking Operations Manager, advised

that a permit schemes could be operated in a similar way to on highways regarding the parking of vans/caravans, but that the hours of operation would be important for the efficient enforcement to take place. Councillor Ellcome asked that the appropriate officers liaise to bring back a permit based solution to the problems being experienced in Ferry Road.

DECISION: The Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation deferred a decision on this proposal to allow officers to propose an appropriate, enforceable permit based solution for regular, legitimate users of Ferry Road.

37. Proposed removal of 3 parking zones (AA Newbolt Road, AC Farmlea Road and JD Portsea North) (AI 4)

Alan Cufley, the Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented the report setting out the removal of 3 parking zones and reported on the petition received for Newbolt Road (expressing concern regarding removal of the parking zone). Since the consultation had taken place on the original proposals it was now recommended that 2 of the zones stay in place and only 1 be removed. Councillor Ellcome had seen the petition and thought there had been some confusion about the residents parking operated under Housing rather than Traffic & Transportation. Councillor Stagg reported that she had heard from a community nurse who experienced problems finding places to park in the Newbolt Road area. Councillor Ellcome approved the recommendations, with the 2 hour free period removed from zone AA regarding Newbolt Road.

DECISIONS:

- (1) AA Newbolt Road parking zone remains in place (with the 2 hour free period removed)**
- (2) AC Farmlea Road parking zone is removed.**
- (3) JD Portsea North parking zone remains in place.**

38. Bus Lane Enforcement Guidelines and Penalty Charge Notice Rate (AI 5)

Alan Cufley, Director for Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented the new guidelines for bus lanes. He reported receipt of a letter from the Department of Transport approving a charge of £60 for contraventions. Councillor Ellcome stressed that these were national guidelines and that the council were proposing to charge at the median rate of £60. Councillor Stagg supported this proposal in the interests of keeping the buses running on time.

DECISION: That the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation approved the guidelines (at appendix 1 of the report) and approved the setting of the Penalty Charge Notice for a bus lane contravention at £60.

39. Notice of motion - fares on buses in Portsmouth (AI 6)

Alan Cufley, Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, emphasised that the local authority does not have the ability to make changes

to bus fares, but has a relationship with operators regarding the non-commercial routes.

DECISION in response to the Notice of Motion at Full Council, it was agreed that:

- 1. The Cabinet Member will write to First Hampshire, Dorset & Berkshire and Stagecoach (South) to seek their cooperation in providing a value for money bus service in Portsmouth.**
- 2. Officers within the Transport, Environment and Business Support Directorate, will continue to meet with public transport operators to promote affordability within the fares structure and work on promoting bus travel across the city.**
- 3. Through the Cabinet Member's role within the Solent Transport partnership, there is continued monitoring of the uptake and promotion of innovative ticketing solutions such as the Solent Go card, mobile phone ticketing and improving and promoting bus travel generally.**

40. Winter Maintenance Programme Operational Plan 2015-16 (AI 7)

DECISION: The Winter Maintenance Programme was approved.

41. Solent Transport Business Plan for 2015-16 (AI 8)

DECISION: That the Solent Transport Business Plan 2015-16 is supported by Portsmouth City Council.

The meeting concluded at 4.37 pm.

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Councillor Ken Ellcome
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation