

Hastings Joint Parking Board Meeting
28 January 2015, 2pm
Hastings Town Hall, Committee Room 1

Present:

Councillor Carl Maynard, Lead Member
 Councillor Phil Scott
 Councillor Andrew Batsford
 Councillor Judy Rogers
 Councillor Peter Pragnell
 Councillor Michael Ensor
 Karl Taylor
 Richard Homewood

Keith Hayward
 Steve Parish
 Carl Valentine
 David Weeks
 Geraldine Knight
 Jason Marshall
 Bryn Saunders

Agenda point		Action
1. 1.1 1.2	Welcome, apologies and introductions Councillor Maynard opened the meeting. Apologies received from Councillor Simmons and Councillor Poole.	
2. 2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4 2.5	Review actions and agree notes of the previous meeting 2.2 Policy and budget for dropped kerbs – this document was sent with the minutes of the last meeting on the 27 November 2014. RH does not recall receiving this, agreed the document will be sent again with the notes of this meeting. 4.4 Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) review work – the maps of the Hastings review work will be sent out / circulated with the notes of the meetings. 5.1 Loading bay outside the cinema – signs and lines have been checked and are correct. 5.2 Inconsiderate parking in the High Street / Croft Road area – a blue badge action day will be happening at the end of February. Results of this will be sent to all members. 5.3 Vehicles parking dangerously at the top of Croft Road near the allotments – Councillor Rogers said there was a four by four vehicle taking up half of the carriageway. DW to investigate marking bays to prevent this.	DW DW DW DW
3. 3.1 3.2 3.3	Operational update Councillor Rogers spoke about issues with parking at the Tesco's store in Ore. She said that the Hastings Borough Council (HBC) planning committee had restricted deliveries; she will raise this with HBC. Councillor Scott asked if we were considering the use of body cameras. DW said the cost seemed too much for the parking account given the reduction in incidents we've had recently, £12,000 for 12 Civil Enforcement Officers in Hastings. There was some discussion about this and it was agreed this would be added as an agenda item for the next meeting for DW to present. Councillor Pragnell asked if we will keep some paper permits in Hastings. DW said that a stock of paper resident visitor permits will be kept. Councillor Pragnell asked if a reminder letter would go to those	Cllr Rogers DW

	without an email address. GK confirmed that they would still receive a renewal letter.	
4. 4.1	Real Time Passenger Information sign installation Funding from the Department for Transport has been awarded through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) to introduce Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) in the Lewes, Newhaven and Eastbourne areas. The new RTPI system will facilitate further expansion to provide coverage for bus services across East Sussex, including Hastings. Funding from the Hastings Parking Scheme surplus, Local Transport Plan capital programme, development contributions and the Bexhill to Hastings Link Road complimentary measures budget will be used to fund the cost of implementing RTPI in the Hastings area. We are working with Stagecoach, and the system is to be tested in March, to go live in April. Signs will be on the key routes. BS said that some posts have been installed in Hastings. Councillor Maynard requested updates at future meetings.	BS / Neil Maguire
4.2	Councillor Scott asked if there would be an app. BS said that we are working with Travel Line to launch this. This will be available from March / April across all operating systems. The bus companies will supply the information to go onto the app.	
4.3	Councillor Ensor asked how Cuckmere Buses will feed into this. BS said this is being looked into but that cost is a major factor.	
5. 5.1	Parking surplus allocation Councillor Scott and Councillor Maynard asked if it still costs £23,000 to fund bus services 7, 27 and 29. KT advised that we have always spent the previous year's surplus, but there is no guarantee that the level of surplus will remain. Councillor Batsford asked if the number 7 service could continue to be funded as it is now less expensive to run on a Sunday as it is now two hourly? DW to inform the board.	DW
5.2	Councillor Pragnell put forward a proposal to fund the 28 and 344 bus services. £11,500 for service 28 and £18,000 for service 344, this is to reinstate the Sunday service. Councillor Ensor seconded this proposal, Councillor Rogers was also going to second the proposal. Councillor Scott supports the motion. Vote carried unanimously, for the funding of bus services 28 and 344 on a Sunday. For future bus funding requests the board should be informed of the bus use figures, and should not support services with small footfall.	CV
6. 6.1	AOB Councillor Scott put forward a proposal for a reserve of the surplus to be used for the funding of dropped kerb installations. KT said we need further information on where these sites are. The sites will then have to be assessed to see if they will be taken forward. Local members would have to decide where they are needed, and then work with the traffic and safety team. Councillor Rogers agrees with the proposal but Councillor Maynard said it needs to be discussed at a future meeting. Councillor Ensor said it was inappropriate to ring fence money as more urgent issues could appear.	
6.2	Councillor Batsford asked if the entire surplus from 2014/15 was spent as he calculates £47,000 is still unallocated. KT said we have to spend prudently as the surplus can change. Councillor Batsford asked if the	

6.3	<p>2013/14 was spent. DW said this information was in the annual report. Councillor Rogers asked if the surplus was more than estimated, would the additional amount be part of the overall surplus. DW said yes it would be.</p> <p>Councillor Maynard says he does not agree with permanently underwriting the services. This time next year we will have usage figures to see if the bus services are value for money. Councillor Maynard said Neil Maguire should attend future meetings. KT said we have to make sure bus services are worth running, if not we would look at outside companies to operate them.</p>	
7. 7.1	<p>Next Joint Board Meeting</p> <p>Date of next meeting will be arranged for May, after the general election, unless it appears that the surplus is going to be significantly different to the estimate, in which case a meeting will be arranged sooner.</p>	

Post-Meeting Note on Bus Services 7, 27 and 29

The Hastings Parking surplus currently contributes £22,984 towards the cost of Services 7, 27 and 29. This is the difference between the cost of the original contract that was terminated by the previous provider in December 2013 and the cost of the new contract that was put in place with Stagecoach for the remainder of the 13/14 financial year and the current 14/15 financial year. This was explained in full in a briefing note to the Parking Board in February 2014 (attached for information).

A new contract for services 7, 27, 29 and 347 will shortly be put in place following the ESCC Cabinet decision in December 2014 to reformulate supported bus services across the county. The revised service 7, 27, 29 and 347 will be funded in its entirety by ESCC from mid-April when these services will change from hourly to two hourly off peak. These services will remain hourly during peak times. It is therefore envisaged that no further parking surplus will be required to support these bus services beyond the current 2014/15 financial year.