

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Monday, 13th June, 2011

Present: Borough Council Members of the Board
Cllr N J Heslop (Chairman), Cllr Ms V M C Branson, Cllr Mrs F A Kemp,
Cllr R D Lancaster, Cllr Mrs A S Oakley, Cllr A K Sullivan and
Cllr M S Worrall.

County Council Members of the Board
Mrs T Dean, Miss A Hohler and Mr C Smith.

Borough Councillors Mrs Anderson, Balcombe, Baldock, Balfour,
Mrs Bates, Mrs Bellamy, Bolt, Coffin, Cure, D Davis, Mrs Luck,
Miss Moloney, Parry-Waller, Rhodes, Rogers, D Smith and Taylor were
also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Mr D Kings (Kent Association of Local Councils) was also present.

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors
Mrs Dagger, Mrs Hohler, Homewood (Vice-Chairman) and Long.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

**JTB
11/013** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**JTB
11/014** **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint
Transportation Board held on 7 March 2011 be approved as a correct
record and signed by the Chairman.

**JTB
11/015** **PARKING ACTION PLAN**

Decision Notice D110079MEM

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure outlined
the Borough Council's role in parking management aimed at achieving
a fair balance of opportunity between competing demands and helping
traffic to flow by promoting safe and considerate parking behaviour.

Details were given of progress on implementing the Parking Action
Plan with a particular focus on the current initiatives, East Malling Local
Parking Plan and Phases 5 and 6 of the general programme. In
addition the report dealt with a petition concerning the recently installed

waiting restrictions in Admiral Moore Drive, Aylesford and the management of double parking and dropped kerb enforcement.

RESOLVED: That the Borough Council Cabinet be commended to

(1) note the petition to remove the waiting restrictions installed in the Royal British Legion Village as part of Phase 5 of the Parking Action Plan and, after careful consideration, to endorse retention of the waiting restrictions as installed and advise the petitioners accordingly;

(2) endorse the enforcement powers on dropped kerbs and double parking set out in Annex 3 to the report; and

(3) record appreciation of the exemplary work of Karole Reynolds, Senior Engineer, and convey best wishes to her upon her retirement.

**JTB
11/016**

KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES SOFT ESTATE MAINTENANCE 2011-12 UPDATE

The Director of Kent Highway Services provided an update of planned levels of service for soft estate maintenance of the highway during 2011/12, it being noted that the budget for such work had been reduced by 30 percent

Concern was expressed that the reduction in frequency of grass cutting and weed spraying would have serious implications for the street scene in the Borough. It was therefore considered important for the ongoing discussion with borough and parish councils to be extended to explore options for collaborative working.

RESOLVED: That the County Council be invited to work with the Borough Council to investigate and, where appropriate, introduce innovative approaches to soft landscape maintenance of the public highway through joint working and coordinated activity with the aim of reducing the impact of budget cuts on the quality of the street scene.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

**JTB
11/017**

FIND & FIX - POTHOLE REPAIRS - PROGRESS REPORT - 2011

The report of the Director of Kent Highway Services provided a position statement on progress of the Find and Fix pothole repair works in Tonbridge and Malling. It was noted that the work began on 19 April 2011 with a completion date dependent on the rate of repair and ongoing assessment of need. Members and the public were encouraged to continue to report faults to highlight roads in need of repair. The Board commended the teams involved for their swift response to reported winter damage.

**JTB
11/018**

PLANNED MAINTENANCE WORKS - WINTER DAMAGED ROADS

The Director of Kent Highway Services advised the Board of programmed works targeting roads which had been damaged through severe weather conditions over the last winter period. It was noted that a schedule of potential sites identified by Kent Highways operational teams was currently being assessed following which a prioritised programme for planned maintenance schemes would be produced.

**JTB
11/019**

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

The report of the Director of Kent Highway Services provided a comprehensive update on current and future works on the highway funded from a range of sources.

The Board was advised that the County Member Highway Fund would not be carried over to the next financial year and any requests to fund schemes needed to be made before the autumn. Reference was made to the possibility that, arising from the ongoing reorganisation within Kent Highway Services, Mr T Drury might no longer be attending the Joint Transportation Board. Members recorded their appreciation of his contribution to the Board and assistance to residents of the Borough.

**JTB
11/020**

BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION

The Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure provided an overview and update of transportation matters currently featuring on the Borough Council's broader agenda. Particular reference was made to the work with the County Council to help shape the development of the two key documents providing the framework for future highways and transportation investment in Kent. These were 'Growth without Gridlock' and the 'Local Transport Plan for Kent 2011-16'. Details were given of a proposed response to the former being recommended to the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board on 14 June 2011.

**JTB
11/021**

PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES

The report of the Director of Kent Highway Services set out details of petitions received by the County Council since the last meeting of the Joint Transportation Board or currently under consideration by Kent Highway Services.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

**JTB
11/022**

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

No matters were considered in private.

The meeting ended at 2152 hours

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: **CABINET MEMBER FOR
Planning and Transportation**

Decision No: **D110079MEM**

Date: **13th June 2011**

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Parking Action Plan

(Report of Director of Planning Transport and Leisure)

(Annex 1)

(Annex 2)

(Annex 3)

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Following consideration by the Joint Transportation Board, the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation resolved that:

- 1) the petition to remove the waiting restrictions installed in the Royal British Legion Village as part of Phase 5 of the Parking Action Plan be noted and, after careful consideration, the retention of the waiting restrictions as installed be endorsed and the petitioners advised accordingly;
- 2) the enforcement powers on dropped kerbs and double parking, set out in Annex 3 of the report, be endorsed; and
- 3) appreciation be recorded of the exemplary work of Karole Reynolds, Senior Engineer, and best wishes be conveyed to her upon her retirement.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Joint Transportation Board of 13 June 2011.

Signed Cabinet Member for N Heslop
Planning and
Transportation:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

Date of publication: 17 June 2011

This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.