

Joint Transportation Board

Minutes of a Hybrid Meeting of the Joint Transportation Board held in Committee Room 2, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **6th September 2022**.

Present:

Mr. P Bartlett (Chairman) - KCC;
Cllr. B Heyes (Vice Chairman) - ABC;

Cllrs. Feacey, Forest – ABC.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 9.3, Cllr. Forest attended as Substitute Member for Cllr. Link.

Mr. S Campkin – KCC.

Mrs A Hicks, Mr A Rogers – KALC Representatives.

Apologies:

Cllrs. Cornish, T Heyes, Link – ABC.

Mrs C Bell, Mr D Robey, Mr C Simkins – KCC.

Also present:

Cllr. Wright – ABC.

In Attendance:

Safety and Wellbeing Manager – ABC, Parking, Highways & Transportation Team Leader, Member Services Manager – ABC

Strategic Resilience Manager – KCC Highways and Transportation, Highway Manager – Ashford – KCC

131 Declarations of Interest

Mr Bartlett	Made a Voluntary Announcement as he lived adjoining the Sevington Inland Border Facility site.	136
Feacey	Made Voluntary Announcements as he was on the Management Committee of UK LPG and Chairman of the Ashford Volunteer Centre.	

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Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 7th June 2022 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

133 Highway Works Programme Update Report

The Highway Manager - Ashford – KCC introduced this item. She gave further updates in that: - resurfacing at School Road, Charing had been postponed until 2023 due to adjacent roadworks and that drainage works at Coopers Lane, Mersham, Spelders Hill, Brook and Boldshaves Lane, Ashford had all now been completed.

A Member asked for an explanation on what was meant by “Road N6 tie-in with Ordinance Way’ at Repton Park, as detailed on page 24 of the report. It was agreed that the Highway Manager would find out and report back to the Member concerned outside the meeting.

The Chairman noted references to street lighting works at ‘Ashford Road’ on page 18 of the report and asked if he could be provided with some clarity on the location as there were a number of this road name in the Borough. The Highway Manager said she would clarify and report back to the Chairman.

Resolved

That the report be received and noted.

134 Parking and Waiting Restrictions Update Summary

The Parking, Highways & Transportation Team Leader introduced this item, which update on schemes currently being progressed by the team at ABC, and drew Members’ attention to the key points within the report. As an update she advised that both Park Mall and Victoria Road car parks were now open and the refresh and repaint of signs and lines was scheduled for Friday 9th September.

A Member asked about progress on the new parking bays outside the Sorting Office in Tannery Lane. The Safety and Wellbeing Manager advised that there were no delays and activity was ongoing. Drawings had been produced and they were now waiting to instruct a Road Safety Auditor. Once signed off the consultation process would commence. KCC had been engaged throughout and there were no causes for concern. Recruitment for the vacant Technical and Transport Officer post had recommenced. It would be advertised internally first, and if necessary through an external process.

In response to a question the Parking, Highways & Transportation Team Leader said that she would provide an update on the re-opening dates for Edinburgh Road Car

Park and the upper levels of Park Mall when known. Meetings were planned with Corporate Property and ensuring ongoing safety was the primary concern.

Resolved

That the report be received and noted.

135 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items, as it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure of exempt information hereinafter specified by reference to Paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Act, where in the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

136 Operation Brock/Operation Brock Zero

The Strategic Resilience Manager – KCC introduced his confidential report which gave an update on Operation Brock and recent activity over the summer months, including a response from the Secretary of State for Transport. He explained the detail which was confidential and agreed to circulate a version that could be shared with the public as he knew this was an area of interest for constituents.

In response to a question the Strategic Resilience Manager advised that he was meeting with National Highways later that week and he would raise the issue of when the M20 (Junctions 8-9) would be fully re-open to three lanes and 70mph, and report back with an answer. The Chairman asked if the issue of 'spring cleaning' the M20 and A2070 for litter could also be raised and co-ordinated.

Resolved

That the report be received and noted.

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