

STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION) COMMITTEE

Monday, 9 May 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 9 May 2016 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Randall Anderson
Emma Edhem
Marianne Fredericks
Deputy Brian Harris
Christopher Hayward (Chairman)
Gregory Jones QC
Graham Packham (Deputy Chairman)
Tom Sleigh

Officers:

Simon Glynn	- Department of the Built Environment
Sam Lee	- Department of the Built Environment
Simon Owen	- Chamberlain's Department
Rob Oakley	- Department of the Built Environment
Darshika Patel	- Chamberlains
Alan Rickwood	- City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Alastair Moss.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

(At the conclusion of this item, Deputy Brian Harris, in the Chair, proposed a short adjournment to enable those Members voting in both the elections of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee and the Guildhall School Board (which was meeting at the same time) time to join the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1.50pm and resumed at 1.55pm.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Christopher Hayward be elected Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 29 for the ensuing year.

On being elected, the Chairman expressed thanks to the Committee for its support.

The Chairman thanked the immediate past Chairman for her contribution to the work of the Committee.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Graham Packham be elected Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 30 for the ensuing year.

On being elected the Deputy Chairman expressed thanks to the Committee for its support.

The Chairman thanked the immediate past Deputy Chairman for his contribution to the work of the Committee.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED – That the Sub-Committee terms of reference be noted.

6. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April were agreed as a correct record.

7. OUTSTANDING REFERENCES

RESOLVED – That the list of outstanding references be noted.

Parking for Motorcycles

The Sub-Committee noted that this had moved into the 2016/17 work programme and included in the restructured City Transportation teams work plan and asked that this not be allowed to slip.

Collisions and Casualties

The CoLP reported that the provisional data for all casualties in the 2015 Calendar year was very similar to the overall figure for 2014 (387 casualties compared to 394 in 2014).

There was however a significant reduction in the number of people reported as being killed or seriously injured (1 Fatal and 42 Serious in 2015 compared to 4 Fatal and 51 Seriously injured in 2014).

Within that KSI figure was a 52% reduction in Cyclist KSI casualties (1 Fatal and 10 Serious compared to 3 Fatal and 20 Serious in 2014), and a reduction in Motorcyclist KSI casualties of 33% (6 to 9 in 2014).

Overall Pedestrian casualties at 116 remained similar to 117 in 2014.

Overall Cyclist casualties remained similar at 138 compared to 140 in 2014.

Overall Motorcyclist casualties at 53 were significantly down compared to 80 in 2014.

Provisional figures for January and February 2016 suggested the above trends were continuing.

The Committee asked if this information could be circulated as a written document in future.

Swan Pier

A member of the Committee expressed concern at the length of time being taken to make the structure safe and was advised that a report would be coming to the next meeting.

8. REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT :-

8.1 Gateway 4 - Middlesex Street Area - Redesign of new public space in Artizan Street post ramp demolition (phase B)

The Sub-Committee considered a Gateway 4 report of the Director of Built Environment in relation to the redesign of new public space in Artizan Street.

The Sub-Committee was advised that the removal of the ramps had left the site area in a temporary state (temporary surfacing, drainage, unsightly concrete finishes) with ponding issues, illegal parking and risks of traffic over-runs (concrete blocks had been installed on a temporary basis to control vehicle access and ensure safety) and local residents, occupiers and Ward Members were keen to see the transformation of the space completed.

Members raised a number of questions in relation to the positioning of the green walls, whether or not seating had been requested, the scheduling of the works and the reasons for the increase in the project cost.

RESOLVED – That approval be granted for:

- 1) The enhancement proposals to be taken forward to Gateway 5;
- 2) The statutory consultation process to be undertaken on the proposed traffic management change of the redundant section of carriageway;
- 3) £43,000 of staff costs and fees to take the scheme to Gateway 5, funded from the Section 106 contribution from the 100 Bishopsgate Development; and
- 4) The inclusion of a new canopy to the Petticoat Tower entrance as well as a health and leisure outdoor equipment in the project scope identified through consultation

9. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE

Cycle Super Highway – Tudor Street

In response to a question concerning the action taken by TfL to open the Cycle Super Highway despite the Court of Common Council rescinding the previous decision of the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee, the Chairman reported that the City had been asked by the Inns to convene an urgent meeting with TfL and all interested parties to try and find a solution.

Members expressed a number of concerns about TfL's actions, the safety of the area and the City's liability should there be an accident and asked for officers' views of TfL's Road Safety Assessment of what they had built.

Members reported that several collisions and near misses had been seen between vehicles leaving Tudor St crossing the cycle super highway, and several vehicles leaving Tudor St had been seen to turn left and drive up the cycle lane, rather than turning into the northbound vehicle lane.

Members considered the fact the mitigation measures had not been implemented was contributory factor to problems in the area and questioned the City's liability if there was an accident. A further question was also raised concerning what consent TfL had to undertake their works in Bridewell Place.

It was agreed that the responses to the questions raised should be circulated to Members after the meeting to enable officers to fully investigate the issues.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 3.00 pm

Chairman

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