

Car Park Strategy Steering Group

Minutes

Monday, 09 March 2015 at 14:30

Present:

Councillor Jeal (GYBC) (in the Chair), Councillors T Wainwright and B Walker.

Councillor Castle (NCC).

Sgt Smith and David Law (Norfolk Constabulary).

Peter Fitzgerald (Great Yarmouth Residents Association), Michael Blank (Community Representative) and Jonathan Newman (Town Centre Manager).

Jane Beck (Director of Customer Services), Miranda Lee (Group Manager Customer Services).

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Phil Reilly.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2014 were confirmed.

Councillor Castle raised the issue regarding the single consultation for the Zone A extension with the Barack Estate removed and the Car Parking Strategy Steering Group considered the proposal.

4 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Car Parking Enthusiasts

Sgt Smith stated that at the last Car Parking Strategy Steering Group meeting the committee had spoken about the Car Parking Enthusiasts and had proposed to implement parking charges up until midnight. Norfolk Constabulary had considered this and asked for the timing of the parking to be reduced from midnight to 10.00 pm and to implement a Public Space Protection Order so that police officers could issue Fixed Penalty Notices after 10.00 pm which the council would receive the income from.

RESOLVED:

That in principal it was agreed to reduce the parking time to 10.00 pm with an experimental traffic order for a trial period be investigated with Norfolk County Council.

5 PARKING ON KENNEDY AVENUE

It was reported that an email had been received from a resident in Kennedy Avenue stating that since the parking restrictions had been implemented in Jenner Road they were then experiencing unacceptable levels of parking on their road resulting in driveways being blocked which is compounded with the three schools on this road at school start and finish times.

6 MARKET PLACE PARKING RESTRICTIONS

An email had been received from a resident in the borough proposing that now the banks had moved into the market place that the parking spaces outside the star be changed from 30 minutes to 60 minutes.

RESOLVED:

That it was agreed that the parking spaces outside the Star would be amended to 60 minutes and a review would take place around all on street parking in the immediate town centre area.

7 CAR PARKING STATS

It was reported that the third quarter figures had been low due to staff sickness levels in October and November 2014 which had affected the number of tickets issues. There was a low number of cancelled tickets. The Council was now in the process of recruiting Seasonal CPE Staff who would be in place by early April. Car Parking income was up £107,000 compared to last year. The new management structure in Car Parking would save £85,000 a year.

8 GREAT YARMOUTH SEAFRONT PAY AND DISPLAY INCREASE IN CHARGES

It was reported that the consultation had ended on 6th March 2015.

9 ZONE A VISITOR PERMIT SCHEME

The Customer Services Group Manager reported that she had investigated another scheme to replace the current visitor permit scheme as there had been some misuse of the scheme. It was proposed to replace the scheme with a daily scratch card scheme so that misuse was minimised.

RESOLVED:

That it was agreed to implement the visitor scratch card scheme.

10 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL MODEL FOR CIVIL PARKING

The Car Parking Strategy Steering Group discussed the review document including the figures.

RESOLVED:

That Great Yarmouth Borough Council's position be noted and that there is now a need to have a new business plan for other areas to pay their way in the scheme.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Wellesley Road

An email had been received from a resident in Wellesley Road to request Parking charges for the road. They stated that the Beach Coach Station is £4.50 a day to park and Wellesley Road is free and the request was for residents to have a Seasonal Parking ticket for the Beach Coach Station Car Park or for consideration to be given to a residents parking scheme.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Customer Services Group Manager would contact the author.

(ii) Marine Parade

David Law reported that he had been asked to submit a request to Highways for the pay and display bay outside Mission Night Club on Marine Parade to be joint with Taxi's as a rank.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that this would be an agenda item at the next meeting for further discussion.

The meeting ended at: 15:50