

**MINUTES of a MEETING**  
of the  
**HIGHWAYS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE**  
held in the  
Council Chamber, BUCKLEY  
on  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**PRESENT**

Councillor J S Jones – in the Chair

Cllr V E Blondak	Cllr H D Hutchinson	Cllr N Phillips
Cllr C A Ellis	Cllr W A Lewis	Cllr M P Teire
Cllr D Ellis	Cllr M J Peers	Cllr J F Thornton
Cllr I D Howes	Cllr S Peers	Cllr A G Williams
Cllr E J Hutchinson	Cllr I Peters	Cllr A Woolley

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr M B Wright – Town Clerk & Financial Officer  
Mrs L George – Personal Assistant  
Mrs T J Reece – Personal Assistant

**17076- APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence and reasons were received and approved from Councillors R B Jones (illness), C M Preece (family bereavement) and E L Preece (family bereavement).

**17077- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were made in relation to this Agenda. It was –

*Resolved – that no Declarations of Interest were noted.*

**17078- MINUTES**

*Resolved - that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Highways and Leisure Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018, as now submitted, be signed by the Committee Chair.*

**17079- CONDITION OF ROADS IN BUCKLEY**

Mr Mark Edwards, Streetscene Supervisor, Flintshire County Council, attended the Committee to give an update on the condition of the roads in Buckley.

Mr Edwards advised the Committee that during 2018/19 three major road resurfacing works would be conducted in Buckley, those being the B5127 Liverpool Road in

Buckley between south of Globe Way and north of Smithy Lane. The second one was the B5128 Church Road, Buckley, between the junction of Chester Road and approximately 50m short of Maxwell Close. The third one was Bannel Lane, Buckley, between Brook Farm and approximately 100m across the Bannel Railway Bridge. Plans of all three works were provided to Members. Mr Edwards also advised the Committee that the scheme to make Knowle Lane one-way and to improve the area around Mountain Lane School in relation to footpaths, the road and pedestrian crossings had been approved by the Welsh Assembly Government, which had agreed that £204,000.00 would be spent on the scheme. Mr Edwards also advised that there were two more schemes under consideration in Buckley, however, they were confidential at the time of the meeting.

In answer to questions, Mr Edwards advised that the method used in 2017/18 to fill potholes was the cheapest method available, however, in future potholes would be cut out and properly resurfaced. It was acknowledged that Flintshire County Council did not have sufficient funds to tackle every problem on every road in Flintshire. Reference was made to the condition of Mold Road from the Pren to Argoed Road and it was requested that the message be taken back that Mold Road is in urgent need of resurfacing. It was noted that a number of arterial roads into Buckley were in a poor condition. Mr Edwards advised that Linthorpe Road and other roads are still to be assessed using the rating assessing matrix. Mr Edwards invited Members to go with him to review roads and he would advise them how the matrix worked. It was –

***Resolved – that Mr Edwards be thanked and applauded for his efforts and commitment to the town's roads, that the information he had provided was appreciated and that if Members wished to do so they should avail themselves of Mr Edwards' offer to accompany him when assessing the condition of roads in Buckley.***

#### **17080- KINGDOM SECURITY**

The Committee received a report from the Clerk, which advised it that as a result of the resolution of this Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the Clerk had written to the Democratic Services Officer, Flintshire County Council, with copies to the Chair of the Environment, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Chief Executive, the Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) and Councillor Carolyn Thomas, making a formal request for the matter of the contract between Flintshire County Council and Kingdom Services Group to be placed on the Agenda of the above Overview and Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council. The formal request included that Kingdom Services Group should be required to attend the meeting to discuss alleged issues.

The Clerk advised the Committee that an email had been forwarded on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and a response was received on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018, which stated "... thank you for your email ... I shall respond further in due course". The Clerk reported that no further communication had yet been received. It was –

***Resolved – that the Clerk's report be received and noted and that it be noted that a reminder was being forwarded to the Democratic Services Officer, Flintshire County Council, before the end of the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018.***

**17081 – FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL –  
COMMUNITY RING AND RIDE SERVICE**

The Committee received a report from the Clerk, which enclosed a poster produced by the Flintshire County Council Integrated Transport Unit. The poster advised that a new Community Ring and Ride Service had been introduced by the County Council and was available to provide assistance in travelling to GP appointments, hospital appointments and other health related appointments. The service would be open to members only, who had paid a £10.00 annual fee and a charge of 45p per mile would be levied. It was –

*Resolved – that the Clerk’s report and enclosed poster be received and noted.*

**17082- ITEM TABLED FOR MEMBERS’ PERUSAL**

The following item was tabled for Members’ perusal:-

1. Play Wales e-bulletin – April 2018.

*Resolved – that the above item tabled for Members’ perusal be received and noted.*

**CHAIR**