

TAMAR BRIDGE AND TORPOINT FERRY JOINT COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee held at Online - Virtual Meeting on Friday 18 December 2020 Commencing at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cornwall Council Members

Sam Tamlin (Co-Chair)

Geoff Brown, Gary Davis, Derek Holley and Sheila Lennox-Boyd

Plymouth City Council Members

Mark Coker (Co-Chair)

Pam Buchan, Jonathan Drean, Michael Leaves and George Wheeler

Apologies for (None)
absence:

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

TBTF/20

The Joint Chairman (Cornwall) announced that Paul Davey, Tamar Crossings would shortly be retiring and thanked him on behalf of the Committee for his longstanding work with the ferry service.

ELECTION OF JOINT CHAIRMAN (PLYMOUTH) FOR 2020/21

(Agenda No. 2)

TBTF/21

It was moved by Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Buchan, and

RESOLVED that Councillor Coker be elected Joint Chairman (Plymouth) for 20120/21.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda No. 3)

TBTF/22

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2020

(Agenda No. 4)

TBTF/23

It was moved by Councillor Tamlin, seconded by Councillor Brown, and

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee held on 11 September 2020 were correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(Agenda No. 5)

TBTF/24

There were no questions from the Public.

GENERAL MANAGER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

(Agenda No. 6)

TBTF/25

The Committee noted the General Manager's Quarterly Report (previously circulated), presented by the General Manager, Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry.

In response to comments and questions from Joint Committee Members, Officers confirmed:-

- Future reports would reference the Parapet works under a separate heading;
- A press release would make reference to the specialised tarmac/asphalt used when resurfacing the bridge to inform the public;
- They were still investigating the cause of the wire breaks around the perimeter of the two supplementary cables;
- Future reporting would provide further detail regarding the percentage of Ferry crossings achieved.

Members of the Committee thanked staff for the work undertaken during difficult circumstances.

JOINT UNDERTAKING

(Agenda No. 7)

BUDGET MONITORING 2020-21

(Agenda No. 7.1)

TBTF/26

The Committee noted the report and updated report of the Service Director, Transport, (previously circulated), presented by the Service Accountant.

In response to comments and questions from Joint Committee Members, Officers confirmed that the report had omitted to include reference to Plymouth City Council's Relevant Previous Decisions within paragraph 4 of the report.

Noted That the Committee adjourned for a comfort break at the conclusion of the above item between 10.58 and 11.04am.

REVENUE ESTIMATES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021-22

(Agenda No. 7.2)

TBTF/27

The Committee considered the report and updated report of the Service Director, Transport and Infrastructure (previously circulated), presented by the Service Accountant. The Committee noted the longer term forecast to 2024/25.

In response to comments and questions from Joint Committee Members, Officers confirmed:

- Clarification of the budget changes referred to in paragraph 2.6 of the report;
- The parapet works would require governance approval in order to undertake the works;
- Reference to the LED bridge lighting referred to street lighting.

It was moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Coker and

RESOLVED That:-

i)The Joint Chairman (Cornwall) and Joint Chairman (Plymouth) write to the Minister for Transport seeking reassurance that the commitment to discuss the opportunities for investment by Highways England towards the road across the bridge be fulfilled.

ii) **It be Recommended to the Council via the Cabinet of each Parent Authority** that the 2021/22 revenue estimates and capital programme be approved.

COVID19 FINANCIAL IMPACTS AND FUTURE FINANCING

(Agenda No. 8)

TBTF/28

The Committee noted the Covid 19 Financial Impact and Future Financing report (previously circulated), presented by the General Manager, Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry.

In response to comments and questions from Joint Committee Members, Officers confirmed that consideration would be given to referencing the data relating to the confidence level within the consultation findings in future reporting.

It was proposed by Councillor Tamlin, seconded by Councillor Coker and :-

RESOLVED that a Member/Officer workshop is held in January 2021 to review the findings of public consultation and review the financial position.

Councillor Tamlin wished Members season's greetings for the festive season.

The meeting ended at 11.30 am

Although the minutes, once agreed and signed, are the formal record of the meeting, a video recording of the meeting can be viewed at the following link:-

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