

**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**  
**TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM**  
**PARKING SUB-COMMITTEE**

MINUTE of the MEETING of the  
TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM, PARKING  
SUB-COMMITTEE held in the Burgh  
Chamber, Chambers Institution, High Street,  
Peebles, on 14 March 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

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Present:- Councillors S. Bell (Chairman) , N. Buckingham, G. Logan, Community Councillor  
A. Stewart.  
Also Present:- Councillor W Archibald.  
In Attendance:- Team Leader – Road Safety/Traffic Management, Democratic Services Officer (K.  
Mason).

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**CHAIRMAN**

1. Councillor S. Bell was appointed Chairman of the Working Group.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

**MEMBER**

Councillor Buckingham joined the meeting.

**PURPOSE OF SUB-COMMITTEE**

2. Members discussed the purpose of the Sub-Committee in light of the evidence that 2 of 3 car parks in Peebles, where charges were made, were full or nearly full for about 70% of the time, and agreed to look at options for recommendation to the Tweeddale Area Forum with a view to providing reasonable provision for users car parking and promoting the well being of the town.
3. It was noted that there were different types of people using the car parks – (a) tourists and visitors; (b) those visiting from surrounding areas for the purposes of shopping, banking etc, (c) those commuting to Edinburgh; and (d) shopkeepers, residents etc, The Team Leader Road Safety/Traffic Management gave information relating to a parking survey which had been carried out in Melrose. During discussions which took place it was agreed that the following would be undertaken:-
  - Design a survey
  - Carry out the survey
  - Evaluate the Results
  - Recommend action to the Tweeddale Area Forum

It was proposed that the car parking study should be carried out during May 2013 within the four car parks (Greenside, Swimming Pool, Edinburgh Road and Kingsmeadows) and in the High Street, Northgate, Eastgate and Old Town areas of Peebles.

The Team Leader was asked to provide a position statement on bus parking together with a proposal for action.

**DECISION  
AGREED that**

- (a) the Team Leader would email Members of the Sub-Committee a draft questionnaire together with times for carrying out the survey before the next meeting of the Sub-Group; and
- (b) the Team Leader would provide a position statement on bus parking together with a proposal for action for consideration by the Sub-Group at the next meeting.

#### **CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

- 4. Discussions took place in relation to the co-option of Members to the Sub-Committee and agreed that Councillor Archibald and one local shopkeeper be invited to join the Sub-Committee. Councillor Bell undertook to liaise with Mr McGrath and Mr MacDonald (who had been present at the meeting of the Tweeddale Area Forum of 6 March 2013) in relation to the appointment of a local shopkeeper to the Sub-Committee.

#### **DECISION**

##### **AGREED that**

- (a) Councillor Archibald be appointed as a Member of the Sub Committee; and
- (b) Councillor Bell liaise with Mr McGrath and Mr MacDonald relating to the appointment of a shopkeeper to the Sub-Committee.

#### **VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

- 5. Discussions took place as to whether Co-opted Members of the Sub-Committee be given voting rights, Members of the Sub-Committee were in favour of this and the Democratic Services Officer undertook to determine if this was appropriate.

#### **Afternote**

**AGREED that it be remitted to the Tweeddale Area Forum to determine whether voting rights should be given to Co-opted Sub-Committee Members.**

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 6. The Sub-Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held on 25 April 2013 at 2.00 p.m. within Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells.

#### **DECISION**

**AGREED that the next meeting would be held on 25 April 2013 at 2.00 p.m.**

*The meeting concluded at 7.00 pm.*