

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

MINUTE of the MEETING of the  
TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM, PARKING  
SUB-COMMITTEE held in the Old Burgh  
Chamber, Chambers Institution, Peebles on 8  
August 2013 at 5.00 p.m.

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Present:- Councillors S. Bell (Chairman) W. Archibald, G. Logan, Mr M Macdonald.  
Apology:- Community Councillor A. Stewart  
In Attendance:- Team Leader – Road Safety/Traffic Management, Democratic Services Team  
Leader

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**MINUTE**

1. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of Meeting of the Parking Sub-Committee of 24 July 2013.

**DECISION**

**APPROVED the minute.**

**CAR PARKING**

2. With reference to paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Minute of 24 July 2013, there had been circulated copies of report by the Team Leader, Road Safety & Traffic Management presenting proposals in response to the recommendations made by Members. Mr. McQuillin outlined the implications of his proposals. In response to a query on parking permits it was noted that this was a Borders wide scheme so outwith the remit of the Sub-Committee. However, it was requested that the availability of these permits be publicised. Members discussed the proposed changes to the Scheme and suggested amendments to the penalty charges and the signage to be included in the final report to the Tweeddale Area Forum.

**DECISION**

**AGREED that the Team Leader prepare a report for consideration at the next meeting of the Tweeddale Area Forum containing the following proposals:-**

- (a) **that Greenside Car Park and Swimming Pool Car Park have 4 hours free parking then charge on Monday to Saturday as follows:-**

<b>Up to 4 hours</b>	<b>Free</b>
<b>Up to 5 hours</b>	<b>£1.60</b>
<b>Up to 6 hours</b>	<b>£1.80</b>
<b>Up to 7 hours</b>	<b>£2.20</b>
<b>Up to 8 hours</b>	<b>£2.40</b>
<b>Over 8 hours</b>	<b>£2.80</b>

- (b) **that the Edinburgh Road Car Park have 2 hours free parking then charge on Saturday only as follows:-**

<b>Up to 2 hours</b>	<b>Free</b>
<b>Up to 3 hours</b>	<b>£0.90</b>
<b>Up to 4 hours</b>	<b>£1.20</b>
<b>Up to 5 hours</b>	<b>£1.60</b>
<b>Up to 6 hours</b>	<b>£1.80</b>
<b>Up to 7 hours</b>	<b>£2.20</b>

<b>Up to 8 hours</b>	<b>£2.40</b>
<b>Over 8 hours</b>	<b>£2.80</b>

- (c) that the costs of c£600+VAT to facilitate the changes were met from net income from the Peebles Pay and Display Scheme;
- (e) that a one year operational trial period was undertaken to be combined with a consultation survey undertaken by the Environmental & Infrastructure, Network Section;
- (f) that the penalty charges should be amended to £40 or £20 for early payment; and
- (g) that appropriate changes be made to the signage in the car parks.

### **BUSES**

3. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of 24 July 2013, the Team Leader, Road Safety & Traffic Management tabled a paper detailing the current regulations relating to the parking of buses in the Edinburgh Road Car Park. It was agreed that the current arrangements required to be amended to discourage long-term bus parking. It was proposed that there be 3 hours of free parking and then a penalty of £40 for those buses which exceeded that limit. It was further proposed that this be kept under review to ensure that the desired outcome was achieved.

### **DECISION**

**AGREED to recommend to the Tweeddale Area Forum that:-**

- (a) with regard to buses using the Edinburgh Road Car Park 0-3 hours would be free with a penalty of £40 for any buses that exceeded the 3 hour limit; and
- (b) this be kept under review to ensure that this resolved the problem of extended parking by buses.

### **URGENT BUSINESS**

4. Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chairman was of the opinion that the item dealt with in the following paragraph should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to make an early decision.

### **THURSDAY MARKET**

5. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of 24 July 2013, the Team Leader, Road Safety & Traffic Management advised that the current market operator was looking to renew their lease of the Edinburgh Road Car Park and extending the area used by the market. Members noted that the suggested alternative market sites had proved unsuitable and proposed that the Estates Section consult all local Members with a view to renewing the lease for a period of 3 years.

### **DECISION**

**AGREED that the Estates Officer consult all local Members with a view to renewing the lease of the Edinburgh Road Car Park Market for a period of 3 years.**

*The meeting concluded at 6.05 p.m.*