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PEEBLES PARKING WORKING GROUP WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 2022

A MEETING of the PEEBLES PARKING WORKING GROUP will be held VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS on WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 2022 at 3.00 pm

J. J. WILKINSON, Clerk to the Council,

2 March 2022

BUSINESS	
1.	Apologies
2.	Note of Meeting (Pages 3 - 4)
	Consider note of meeting held on 2 February 2022. (Copy attached.)
3.	Peebles Parking Study (Pages 5 - 8)
	Consider draft Face to Face and Citizen Space questionnaire. (Copy draft attached.)

Membership of Committee:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), S. Haslam, E. Small, Ms C. Hook, Mr P. Maudsley, Mr G. Ramsay and Mr S. Watson

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL PEEBLES PARKING WORKING GROUP

NOTE of MEETING of the PEEBLES PARKING WORKING GROUP held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 2 February 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:- Councillor R. Tatler (Chairman), Councillor S. Haslam, Councillor E. Small, Mr P.

Maudsley, Mr. G. Ramsey, Mr S. Watson

In Attendance:- Team Leader (Policy/Road User Management), Assistant Engineer (Road Safety

& Traffic Management), Parking Supervisor, Democratic Services Team Leader.

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Mr Watson to his first meeting.

2. **NOTE OF MEETING**

There had been circulated copies of the Note of the Meeting held on 22 November 2021 and this was approved.

3. **DISCUSSION PAPER**

There had been circulated copies of a discussion paper outlining the proposals for carrying out the consultation process. It was noted that although the remit of the group only covered parking there were links to the wider issue of transport. Ms Gilhooly advised that this came under the remit of SUSTrans and no funding was in place with plans just at an aspirational stage. It was hoped that the survey would identify likely demand for park and ride spaces. It was noted that this provision was also used by cyclists who left their cars and cycled down to Glentress. Views on the moving of buses from the High Street to the East Station Car Park would also be sought as this was a controversial issue. The confusing charging system was also raised and this would also form part of the consultation. It was suggested that increased income from pay parking would be welcomed if it allowed local Councillors to fund extra services for the town. However, it was highlighted that the purpose of charging was to allow management of parking and ensure a regular "churn" of spaces. Ms Gilhooly suggested that an appropriate company be appointed to carry out the manual counts in car parks and to ask people the questions. The questionnaire would also be added to citizen space. Following a discussion of the likely questions it was agreed that all suggestions be emailed to roadsafety@scotborders.gov.uk and that a further meeting be held to agree what the final questions would be. Mr Maudsley asked if an item could also be included on the agenda to discuss the process for allocating money from the pay parking income fund...

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at 3.00 pm on Wednesday, 9 March 2022

The meeting concluded at 3.00 p.m.



Peebles Parking Study Car Park face to face questions in draft:

For Edinburgh Road (East Station), Neidpath, Kingsmeadows, Greenside and Swimming Pool car parks. These questions would be asked by an independent survey company who would also survey space occupancy and turn over.

CAR PARK (pull down menu)

- 1) What is your postcode:
- 2) Do you have a resident's annual parking permit? Y/N

3) Which best describes the main reason for parking in this car park today:

Park and Ride or Car Share if yes, then where to?

Work locally
Eating in

Resident
Visitor/tourist

Shopping Biking
Haircut(?) Funeral
GP/Hospital visit Dog Walking
School run Swimming/Gym
Other eg solicitor, dentist, pharmacy, etc please detail

3a supplementary questions for park and ride/car share:

How often do you park and ride or car share from this car park?

Where are you parking and riding to?

If daily car parking charges were brought in I would park elsewhere Y/N.

If the daily car parking fee was set at £5 I would be willing to pay £50, £100, £150, £200 for an annual permit

I would pay the daily fee for parking to park and ride Y/N I would drive to my destination instead of park and ride Y/N

3b supplementary questions for tourists/visitors:

If you are visiting Peebles how have you found the parking:

Did you manage to find a parking space easily? Y/N

Did you try to park on the street? Y/N

Did you expect to pay for parking? Y/N

If you knew you had to pay for parking would you still have stopped in Peebles? Y/N

4 Expected length of stay

<30 minutes 30 to 60 mins 1-2 hours 3-7hours

7+ hours Overnight parking

5 **Neidpath and Kingsmeadows only:**

Did you expect to pay for parking here? Y/N

If you had to pay for parking would you have parked here? Y/N

Online Citizen Space Questionnaire:

Likely to be completed online by locals or Borders Residents

Intro, this would be the pre-amble at the start of the online survey:

Peebles Community are keen to collect the views of residents, traders and visitors on parking charges in the main Peebles car parks. Longer term, if parking charges are introduced any revenue that is raised by charging for parking, once overheads are covered can be spent on environmental and infrastructure improvements in the Peebles area. Feedback from these surveys will help assist in any future changes to the existing set up.

Existing car park set up and charging regime:

Kingsmeadows Car Park: free all day every day.

Neidpath Car Park: free all day every day. **Edinburgh Road (East Station**): Saturday charging only from 08:30 to 5:30 Up to 2 hours £0.50, 2-4 hours £1.50, 4-6 hours £3.00, over 6 hours £5.00

Greenside and Swimming Pool car parks Monday to Saturday charging from 08:30 to 5:30

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1 Post code

2 I am responding as a:

Trader/business owner Resident
Local worker Visitor
Tourist Other

3 About my parking habits in Peebles:

DEPENDING ON ANSWERS THEN NEXT FEW QUESTIONS WILL REFER TO ONSTREET OR CAR PARKS PARKING AND THE SURVEY WILL BE SET UP TO RESPOND TO EITHER ON STREET OR CAR PARK

- a) When in Peebles town centre I usually park in ON THE STREET OR IN XXXXXX(pull down menu option) CAR PARK
- b) and I generally park:, once a week, twice a week, three times a week, four times a week, every day Monday to Friday, weekends only, rarely, never
- c) and I generally park: up to 2 hours, 2-4 hours, 4-6 hours, more than 6 hours
- d) CAR PARK ONLY QUESTION I chose to park in this car park because:
 - i) it is free,
 - ii) it is closest to where I want to go so most convenient
 - iii) it is closest to the bus I want to get
 - iv) other
- e) If I park and ride or car share in Peebles I park in xxxxx car park and I do this: every day Monday to Friday, once a week, twice a week, three times a week, four times a week, weekends only, rarely, never
- f) I would not be willing to pay to park during the week (Could have pull down menu for each car park)
- g) I would not be willing to pay to park at weekends (Could have pull down menu for each car park)
- h) Instead of paying daily parking charges I would be willing to pay for an annual permit Y/N.
- i) If the daily car parking fee was set at £5 I would be willing to pay £50, £100, £150, £200 for an annual parking permit

4 Considering parking in Peebles what are your views on

I think all car parks in Peebles should be free of charge Y/N

I think there should be car parking charges in the following Peebles car parks:

Edinburgh Road Kingsmeadows Neidpath Greenside Swimming Pool I would like to see the standardised parking charges across all car parks Monday to Saturday 08:30 to 5:30 Y/N

5 Buses and Taxis on Peebles at Eastgate

I would like the main bus stop to remain on Peebles Eastgate Y/N

I would like to see the following bus service moved away from the Eastgate and into Edinburgh Road car park, this would mean the service would no longer stop at Eastgate

X62 Edinburgh Peebles Galashiels 90 Town Service

91 Peebles – Biggar 93 Peebles – West Linton

6 Taxis in Peebles

I would like the taxi rank to remain on Peebles Eastgate Y/N I would like to see a taxi rank in Edinburgh Road Car Park Y/N

