

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM
PARKING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTE of the MEETING of the
TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM, PARKING
SUB-COMMITTEE held in the Council
Offices, Rosetta Road, Peebles on 13 May
2015 at 4.00 p.m.

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

MINUTE

1. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of Meeting of 20 April 2015.

**DECISION
APPROVED.**

SURVEY COST AND TIMING

2. The Sub-Group considered that there was more merit in undertaking a Parking Survey rather than a Consultation Survey. The Sub-Group further considered that the off street survey element was more important than the on-street element. The Team Leader – Road Safety/Traffic Management advised that a quotation had been received in the sum of £1,950 from the same survey company that had carried out the survey in 2013 to undertake a repeat Off-Street Survey element and it was proposed that this survey be carried out in early June 2015 on a Tuesday and a Saturday as undertaken in 2013. The costs of the survey would be paid for from the current surplus of c £13,500 available to Members from Pay and Display operations.

DECISION

AGREED to recommend to the Tweeddale Area Forum the funding of an Off-Street Parking Survey to gauge the effect of the changes to parking behaviour caused by amendments to parking charges made on 12 May 2014, at a cost of £1,950 to be paid for from the current surplus of c £13,500 available to Members from Pay and Display operations;

THE INTRODUCTION OF A NOMINAL CHARGE OF 20P TO REPLACE THE FREE PARKING PERIODS IN THE CURRENT SCHEME

3. The Sub-Group were aware that currently, customers utilising the “free” parking periods of first 2 hours in Edinburgh Road car park (Saturdays only) and first 4 hours in Greenside and Swimming Pool car parks (Monday to Saturday) were expected to display a parking ticket on their vehicle. The ticket was obtained from the Pay and Display machine by pressing a button on the machine and this led to misunderstandings and could result in Penalty Charges being issued to vehicles not displaying a ticket. This had caused frustration for drivers as well as difficulties for Parking Attendants and the Parking Supervisor when dealing with these misunderstandings. The Sub-Group discussed these issues and felt that a nominal charge should be levied in place of the “free” period. This would overcome the misunderstanding in whether a ticket should be displayed or not. The introduction of a nominal charge was solely to avoid confusion and it should be set at 20p, this would ensure that customers would understand that a ticket had to be displayed during charging periods.

DECISION

AGREED to recommend to the Tweeddale Area Forum that a Nominal Charge of 20p be introduced to replace the free parking periods in the current scheme.

FUNDING OF REPLACEMENT INFORMATION SIGNS IN THE PAY AND DISPLAY CAR PARKS

4. The Sub-Group discussed the information provided on the existing backing boards behind each Pay and Display Station. Members considered that the signs were in need of refurbishment and amendment to clarify the regulations. The Team Leader – Road Safety/Traffic Management was asked to provide suggestions for amended signs to a future meeting of the Sub-Group. The Team Leader – Road Safety/Traffic Management advised that the cost of replacing 5 no Pay and Display information signs would be approximately £1,000 which could be paid for from the current surplus of c £13,500 available to Members from Pay and Display operations.

DECISION

AGREED to recommend to the Tweeddale Area Forum that it be remitted to the Sub-Group to determine new signage replacing 5 no Pay and Display information signs at a cost of approximately £1,000 paid for from the current surplus of c £13,500 available to Members from Pay and Display operations.

The meeting concluded at 4.55 p.m.