

**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**  
**PEEBLES PARKING WORKING GROUP**

NOTE of MEETING of the PEEBLES  
PARKING WORKING GROUP held via  
Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 15  
September 2021 at 10.00 a.m.  
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Present:- Councillor R. Tatler (Chairman), , Councillor S. Haslam, Councillor E. Small, Ms C. Hook  
Apologies:- Mr P Maudsley, Ms E Rae  
In Attendance:- Team Leader (Policy/Road User Management), Assistant Engineer (Road Safety & Traffic Management), Parking Supervisor, Localities Transport Officer, Democratic Services Team Leader.

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**1. NOTE OF MEETING**

There had been circulated copies of the Note of the Meeting held on 7 July 2021 and this was approved.

**2. UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Dan Cathcart, Localities Transport Officer to the meeting. Mr Cathcart advised that the Edinburgh Road Car Park had been considered as a transport mobility hub but this had not been able to proceed due to funding issues. The first Bus Partnership fund had focussed on service improvements and the proposal had been to move the stop for the X62 service from the Eastgate Post Office stop to the car park. This would have had benefits in terms of traffic movement and reduction of emissions on the High Street. Consideration for future funds included the provision of bike stands and electric car charging points. Ms Cook asked about the use of the car park as a “park and ride” facility and the Chairman advised that the reason for the current charging regime was to allow the car park to operate as an informal park and ride. The Chairman advised that it would be helpful to include Mr Cathcart’s plans in the Groups final report. He advised that the original plans had been designed and costed and he would check if these could be shared with the Group.

**3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

3.1 It was noted that Ms Rae had resigned from the Group as she was no longer a member of the Community Council and it was agreed that more representatives should be sought to join the Group which could include the Post Master and Community Council representatives.

3.2 Councillor Small suggested that more than 2 electric car charging points were needed. Ms Gilhooly advised that Mr Alex Young, Street Lighting Team Leader was currently putting together a Strategy on the provision of electric charging points and it might be useful to invite him along to the next meeting to update members. Mr Cathcart highlighted that currently charging points for large vehicles such as busses currently cost around £0.25m although the technology was continually improving.

3.3 The next meeting would be organised for November when it would be agreed what information would be sought from the survey.

*The meeting concluded at 10.25 a.m.*