

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.