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Minutes of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 20 January 2014 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Roger Thompson, Hudson, Crane, Podger, A Wilson and Farrell

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Benneyworth, Bumbieris and Small
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. **Minutes of meeting held 18th November 2013.** Cllr Crane proposed the minutes of the last meeting as a true record, seconded by Cllr Farrell, all in favour. Cllr A Wilson was thanked for the Grotto and all those involved in helping with the Xmas lights were also thanked.
4. **HURT:** Defer
5. **REME:** Azuza has been asked by Susan Hofgartner to help. Tutti Pole asked for quote for reception, estimate 250 soldiers and 100 wives? All battalion and families invited to reception. Gen Jackson has accepted. Road signage and reception are to be resolved. The Magistrates Room will serve as a bar, Tea/cakes in Corn Exchange and upstairs there will be complimentary drinks for General Jackson and invited VIP guests. Every member of troop will have a pack related to town (map, leaflets etc.) to encourage them to return to the town. Children will be welcomed and will be catered for with food and drink but there will be no children's activities. Funds put aside for this. Peter Singlehurst, 145 Aldershot press officer will have info on Community Covenant by Friday. Are we eligible for money/grant from this? Gillian is co-ordinating the hosting of guests by Councillors. Richard Benyon MP is attending. A WP Meeting will take place on Friday at 11am. 6th Battalion are filling in form for security which is seen as 'No threat'. Police are assisting. Signage costs agreed at £45 each x 9. REME will put signs in position with Cllr Thompson. The Friday before the event he will leaflet the cars in Church Street. REME will be presented with a Scroll. JOG School are creating this. Scroll wording is agreed. Rod will place flags in town, the Hungerford & United flags only. They will be placed in the centre of town, going outwards until all are used. REME will supply their flag for mast on Town Hall. REME will not be carrying weapons but will have display on steps. HTC will set a time when General Jackson can be interviewed with REME if he wishes. WI has been asked to bake cakes.
6. **West Berks Council budget cuts**
 - a) **Public toilet additional contribution – discussion on future contracts**

HTC will look at contracts (due September 2014) to try and get cheaper than £14k. Request WBC paint the doors before they hand over. Check how often it is being cleaned. Look at

automatic locking. Revamp spec, simplify it and go out to tender. Try local companies as we have already had some interest. Not enough footfall to charge for use. At present no baby changing facilities are provided. Who cleans BMW toilets and are they moving? Can we get extension of use of toilets to the weekend?

b) H1 Bus Route

WBC funding of £3,060 coming from S106 money per annum for next 4 years is agreed. HTC agreed to meet shortfall of £3,420. Matthew Metcalf is looking at changing the bus route to go via Lindley Lodge. No need to go to Charnham Park. Timings are essential. A letter of complaint has been received re: Cold Harbour Road, insufficient parking and access to Priory. M Edwards previously advised he was waiting until development was built before improvements could be considered. HTC are chasing this. Previous comments were made by HTC to address transport and access prior to the Priory Development. These were not taken notice of.

7. Centenary Commemorations

- Hanging baskets to contain poppies

These could be included in Hungerford in Bloom and planted around town. 28th July is the date of the beginning of war in GB. Separate troughs for poppies are an option so too is incorporating poppies in to the summer troughs. Can poppies be planted on verge or on railway embankment? **Action** – Cllr A Wilson to ask playgroup if they would consider poppy patches. Can we bring poppies on for Remembrance Day in November? Can RBL contribute? Roundabout or verges need WBC permission. Could poppies be planted at the War Memorial Avenue? **Action** - Consider colours and options for next meeting.

8. Coldharbour Road parking, residents' concerns and WBC response

Jill & Dick have a problem with HGV turning in the entrance to Priory Avenue from Park Street and also into North View. District Cllrs are looking at this. Can we re-route HGVs? Deliveries are required to One Stop/School/Dentist. Bollard has been flattened in past. Rod offered part of his land to ease problem. WBC could knock down his end wall and put pavement in providing WBC rebuild his wall. HTC have written to WBC for site visit with engineer. **Action** - RH to attend. Considerations are: - access to Northview needs improving, HGVs are a problem and width is restricted by overhanging foliage.

9. Updates on:

Bus Shelter – This was considered unnecessary at present.

Walks leaflets – Ben has produced 2 more leaflets and has taken these to Town Team.

De-cluttering – HTC produced a survey and this has gone to WBC. **Action:** - chase

Station improvements – Temporary Oakes car park is in place. MC is chasing signs and cycle parking.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm