

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER
2018**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 22 November to Friday 7 December

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 22 Nov	6pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Fri 23 Nov				
Mon 26 Nov				
Tue 27 Nov	10am	Grants Advisory Committee	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior
	6:30pm	Cabinet & Parish Liaison Meeting	Council Chamber	Gemma Barron
Wed 28 Nov	4pm	Climate & Environment Advisory Committee	Council Chamber	Patrick Adams
Thu 29 Nov	9:30am	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Monkfield Room	Victoria Wallace
	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
Fri 30 Nov	9:30am	Planning Committee (Waterbeach New Town) – POSTPONED – see 17 Dec		
Mon 3 Dec				
Tue 4 Dec	10am	Civic Affairs Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Wed 5 Dec	9:30am	Cabinet	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 6 Dec	4pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	Council Chamber	Democratic Services
Fri 7 Dec	10am	Employment & Staffing Committee	Jeavons Room	Patrick Adams

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Council Business Plan Consultation

Following Cabinet's approval to consult at their meeting on 7 November, the consultation on our Business Plan for 2019-24 launched on Monday 19 November. It will run until 7 January.

Information will be published on our website, including a survey to capture comments. Please visit www.scambs.gov.uk/businessplan

We will be sharing this on social media too, so please look out for the posts and share this in your communities to help us get a good balanced response from across the district.

The next parish e-bulletin will be sent at the end of the month and this will be included in there too.

3. Community Rail Partnership - Six Month Report

Please find attached an update from South Cambridgeshire District Council's Community Rail Partnership Officer, which outlines some of the achievements made to date.

For more details please contact: Sarah.Grove@scambs.gov.uk
or Jason.Clarke@scambs.gov.uk

4. Road Closures A14

Please find attached road closures information for w/c 19 November, in relation to the A14

Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

To contact your A14 sections stakeholder manager, please use the email addresses below or the A14 helpline.

Section 1 & 2: Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line

Jon Lewell - jon.lewell@thea14.com

Section 3: East Coast Main Line to Swavesey

John Birchall - John.Birchall@theA14.com

Section 4 & 5: Swavesey to Milton

Bob Pettipher - bob.pettipher@thea14.com

A14 helpline **0800 270 0114** - This will be answered by a team member during site hours 8am - 5pm and messages can be left at other times. Further updates as the scheme progresses can be found on the [website](#).

GENERAL INFORMATION

5. Media Monitoring



Arising from the results of the Member Communication Needs Survey, many members highlighted the fact that residents found out about SCDC matters through the media.

The Council's Communications Team will produce a weekly summary of recent news items to be published in the Bulletin to help keep members informed of recent coverage of SCDC.

Contact the [Communications Team](#) for further information.

Date	Publication	Details		
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Call for mayoral corporation to help deliver route	P7	CA article
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Toolkit to help tackle loneliness	P7	
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Setting out the future of transport	P8	GCP article
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Have your say on rural travel hubs	P8	GCP article
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Histon Road plans 'will fail to deliver on safety promises'	P8	GCP article
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Vital bus service back on route as grant plugs gap	P19	
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Community marks Diwali with dance and colour	P22	Cllr Mark Howell and Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya quoted
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Drivers mounting pavements to avoid bin lorries	P25	
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	New charge for second green bin	P25	
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent online	Homes decision deferred amid safety concerns	Link	

15/11/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Report and Cllr Hazel Smith interviewed about social isolation toolkit	Scroll to 7 mins in	
15/11/2018	Cambridge News	New toolkit for isolation	P6	
15/11/2018	letsrecycle.com	Third president from Ireland' in five years for CIWM	Link	Mentions Trevor Nicholls' upcoming role as President of CIWM
16/11/2018	Cambridge News	Developer "could do better" says Council on homes	P6	
16/11/2018	Cambridge News online	Dozens of 'laughing gas' canisters litter Cambridge street	Link	
17/11/2018	Royston Crow online	Concerns over future of Odsey pub	Link	
19/11/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Bridget Smith interviewed about the business plan consultation	At 1 min 20 seconds in	
20/11/2018	Cambridge News and online	Fares go up on threatened X3 bus service (SCDC grant recently awarded - included in story)	P8 and link	
20/11/2018	Cambridge News	Why dump all these canisters in the street?	P14	

6. Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)



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The Local Government Association provides a list of news headlines relevant to its members. Please click the headlines below for more details.

Thursday 15 November: *BBC Online*: [Hand car washes should be licensed say MPs](#)

The Environmental Audit Commission has said that hand car washes should be required to have a licence to operate in an attempt to prevent modern slavery.

Friday 16 November: *BBC Online*: [Fly-tipping](#)

Almost one million crimes of fly-tipping were reported by councils across England during 2017/18, the first fall in five years.

Sunday 18 November: *Independent Online*: [Illegal encampments](#)

A total of 22 councils have obtained injunctions since 2015 to prevent travellers setting up unauthorised encampments, it is reported.

Monday 19 November: *Guardian*: [Unsustainable villages risk being frozen in time, say landowners](#)

According to Country Land and Business Association more than 2000 villages risk being "frozen in time" because town halls have decided that they are not suitable for additional homes, which could exacerbate the housing shortage problem in England.

Tuesday 20 November: *BBC News*: [Universal credit: Amber Rudd to listen to expert guidance](#)

Work and Pensions Secretary Amber Rudd has agreed to listen to concerns over universal credit and adjust the system which she said "can be better".

Wednesday 21 November: *Guardian*: [Air pollution cuts two years off global average lifespan, says study](#)

Air pollution cuts the average lifespan of people around the globe by almost two years, making it the single greatest threat to human health, according to a report.

7. View Planning Applications



To view the list of planning applications that have recently been submitted to the Council, please visit the authority's on-line [Planning Application Search](#). Once the page has loaded, you can use the [Search option](#) to set your own criteria of parish, area and date range.



The system will provide a range of information on current and decided applications since 1948, including a brief description of the development, reference number, decision and the date of decision. More recent applications show the name and telephone number of the council officer who is dealing with the application.

Search results are presented in a collection of pages, the number of which depends on the number of results your search produces. There are navigation tools to allow you to browse your results.

DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

Please click on the link below to find details of decisions made by officers under delegated authority:

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/access-information>

OTHER INFORMATION

8. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Scrutiny & Overview Committee 22 November](#)
- [Grants Advisory Committee 27 November](#)
- [Climate and Environment Advisory Committee 28 November](#)
- [Licensing Sub Committee \(Milton & Ball\) 28 November](#)

Minutes

- [Climate and Environment Advisory Committee 18 October](#)

Agenda Item 3

Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership Six Month Report Feb-Aug 2018



1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to summarise the work carried out by the Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership in the first six months after the appointment of the Community Rail Partnership Officer.

The audience for this document are the stakeholders in the Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership.

The sections in this document reflect the sections of the Line Action Plan:

- Partnership Management
- Station Adoption and Work with Volunteers
- Marketing and Communication
- External Users
- Funding Sources
- Major Projects

In addition, there is a section devoted to the launch of the May 2018 timetable, which had a significant impact on the line, the community and the work of the Community Rail Partnership.

2. Partnership Management

Line Action Plan

The Line Action Plan was developed in conjunction with GTR and ACoRP and was presented at the May meeting of the CRP. It is a living document, which reflects progress which has been made against objectives.

Public Meetings

The following public meetings were held:

- March 19th: Community Rail Partnership Meeting, Shepreth
- April 4th: Rail User Group Meeting, Foxton
- May 17th: Community Rail Partnership Meeting Shepreth
- June 27th: Rail User Group Meeting, Melbourn

CRP and RUG meetings are being scheduled for the Autumn.

Project Officer Personal Development

The Project Officer has attended the following events for personal development:

- March 8th: Council Induction Day, SCDC
- March 27th: Community Rail Education Conference, ACoRP, London
- June 14th: Holding Challenging Conversations, SCDC

- July 11th: Volunteering and Social Inclusion Workshop, ACoRP London
- July 23rd/24th: New Community Rail Partnership Officer Training, ACoRP, Birmingham
- July 25th: PREVENT online training, SCDC

ACoRP events

The following ACoRP events were attended:

- March 12/13th: ACoRP Annual Conference, Milton Keynes
- July 2nd: ACoRP Summer Seminar, London

The Autumn seminar and AGM will be attended later this year.

Meeting with DfT

In June we met with an officer from the Department for Transport about their plans to move from Designation to Accreditation for Community Rail Partnerships. We have agreed to be part of the consultation group for this project.

Meeting with Network Rail

In August we met with the new Operating Officer for our region from Network Rail. Several infrastructure items were discussed, and a good working relationship has been established for the future.

3. Station Adoption and Work with Volunteers

Method Statement

A Method Statement and medical certification forms for all volunteers were completed and a Site Access Permit was obtained from GTR, formalising the access to the station platforms for gardening.

Station Gardening and Watering Volunteers

In April we met with Station Gardening Groups for each station and organised for Spring Planting to occur in May and June. Foxtton Station planting was supported by the Foxtton Gardens Association. At Shepreth each tub is adopted by a local family or business. At Meldreth, volunteers carried out the planting; some new volunteers were attracted after social media posting. Volunteers were also organised for watering the tubs throughout the summer (mainly Duke of Edinburgh award candidates). See <http://meldrethsheprethfoxttonrail.org.uk/station-gardens/>

Garden Tidy and Picnic

In June we held a garden tidy and picnic at Meldreth Station to say thank you to station gardeners and waterers, and to Bern, the station master for his help during the disruption caused by the new timetable.

4. Marketing and Communication

Website

Broken links on the website were fixed, then the website was redesigned with a new look and feel and new logo. Regular updates have been made to the website sharing news features, for example about station gardening, and information relevant to the May 2018 timetable. We have established a page relating to our responses to the timetable, and this has been kept up to date with correspondence sent and received.

Facebook

A new Facebook page was established on 1st May. There are now 211 members. The page has been used to disseminate information about:

- the new timetable, including extracts from the May and July interim timetables
- operational incidents, including posts from Bern, the station master at Meldreth
- experiences with travelling and claiming compensation, where commuters have been sharing their hints for claiming compensation
- updates from GTR, these are sent to us as stakeholders, and we have published extracts and useful information.

See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/meldrethsheprethfoxttonrail/>

Twitter @MeldrethRUG

The Twitter feed now has 164 followers. We regularly update Twitter with information as outlined above and retweet any items we think may be of interest to followers.

Mailing List & GDPR

The existing mailing list was migrated from Gmail to Mail Chimp and a GDPR exercise was carried out to confirm that subscribers were still happy to receive information. There are now 90 subscribers to the mailing list. An email template has been set up, and regular updates have been sent out.

5. External Users

In June we met to establish contact with the Junior Travel Ambassadors from Meldreth School. We will have further meetings with them this academic year, leading to Rail Safety events.

6. Funding Sources

An Agreement was reached with GTR for them to contribute £5,000 annually towards the salary of the Project Officer and the running of the CRP until the end of their franchise. The first tranche of money was received in June.

The Parish Councils will be visited in the Autumn to re-establish their contributions.

7. Major Projects

In March a station visit took place, in conjunction with GTR to look at water butt siting. A new water butt was installed at Shepreth Station, and subsequently moved when boxed in by Level Crossing works.

In March we attended the Foxton Parish Council meeting at which the Foxton Crossing Bypass was discussed. We continue to monitor the Greater Cambridge Partnership's website for details and expect another announcement in December 2018.

In April we attended a meeting about the Shepreth Level Crossing works before the works commenced. We advertised the diversion on our Social Media Channels. After the work was carried out we have been in communication with GTR and Network Rail about the effects on traffic in Shepreth of the longer barrier downtimes and a meeting at the station has been arranged for 7.45 on 13th September which will include representatives from the Parish and County Council to see what mitigation can be put in place.

In July we attended a presentation by CamBedRailRoad in Litlington. This group is proposing an alternative route for the Bedford to Cambridge Section of the East West Rail Link. The current preferred route would bring the line in near the Shepreth junction. There will be a public meeting on 25th September in Shepreth. We continue to monitor the proposals for the East West link and the impact it could have on our line. See <http://meldrethsheprethfoxtonrail.org.uk/2018/08/17/public-meeting-new-train-line-via-bassingbourn-whaddon-meldreth-shepreth-foxton/>

8. Launch of May 2018 Timetable

The launch of the May 2018 timetable and subsequent disruption had a significant effect on the working of the Community Rail Partnership. During the period of disruption, it has not been possible to organise “try the train” trips. The main concern of the community has been to re-establish a reliable operating service.

In March, April and May we attended Stakeholder meetings with GTR in London, concerned with the promotion of the new timetable to our rail community, and indeed we used our social media channels to make rail users aware of the changes which were proposed and the benefits to rail users.

However, after 20th May, it became apparent that the train operating company could not provide the level of service it had promised. We have used our Facebook page to monitor the situation, and have been in frequent contact with GTR, feeding back on the effect that the timetable disruption has had, and attending an additional stakeholder meeting in July.

Letters have been sent to GTR on the subject of rail disruption and compensation. Feedback has been given to the inquiries set up by the Office of Road and Rail and the Transport Select Committee. All this has been communicated to our members through Facebook, Twitter and Newsletters. See <http://meldrethsheprethfoxtonrail.org.uk/portfolio/response-to-may-2018-timetable-change/>

In July we attended a joint meeting of the Royston/Letchworth and Hitchin Rail User Groups, and subsequently contributed to a joint letter to GTR about rail fares.

In July, an interim timetable was brought in which stabilised the service somewhat, but has left gaps in the service at peak times to our stations. A meeting is scheduled for 28th September to meet with GTR to discuss the remaining gaps in the timetable and the possibility of reintroducing some semi-fast services.

In the meantime, we have continued to give help to our members with advice on applying for compensation.

Agenda Item 4

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire: major improvements

Construction work on the new A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon scheme is underway. We are currently carrying out a variety of tasks for which we need to close lanes or carriageways on the A1, A14 and some local roads at times, usually overnight between 8pm and 6am, unless otherwise stated. A clearly signed diversion route will always be in place for closures.

For this week, the planned closures are:

Full closures

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd (five nights)

- A1 northbound between Buckden and Alconbury

Vehicles will travel east on the A428, north on the A1198, west on the A14 and then north on the A14 link road to re-join the A1

- A1 southbound between Alconbury and Buckden

Vehicles will be diverted south on the A14 link road, then east on the A14, south on the A1198 and west on the A428 to re-join the A1

- Buckden Road & Brampton Road

Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd (four nights)

- A428 eastbound Madingley to A14 eastbound Fen Ditton J34

Motorway traffic will travel south on the M11, east on A505 and north on A11 to re-join the A14. Non motorway traffic will be diverted on local roads through Cambridge.

- M11 junction 14 exit slip

- A14 westbound between Six Mile Bottom J36 and Girton J31

Motorway traffic will travel south on the A11, west on the A505 and then north on the M11.

Non motorway traffic will be diverted on local roads through Cambridge

Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st (three nights)

- A14 westbound Brampton Hut J21 to Ellington J20

Vehicles will follow the A14 link road at junction 23 to travel north on the A1(M) then travel west on the A605 to re-join the A14 at junction 13. Non motorway traffic west at Wooley Road, south on Ellington Road and west at Wooley Hill to re-join the A14

Wednesday 21st (one night)

- A14 eastbound Swavesey J28 exit & entry slips (Cambridge Services)

Friday 23rd 11pm to Monday 26th 5am

- Oakington Road , Dry Drayton

Saturday 24th 6am to Monday 26th 6am

- A1 southbound between Alconbury and Brampton Hut

Vehicles will be diverted south on the A14 link road, then west on the A14, to re-join the A1 at Brampton

Saturday 24th 6am to 6pm

- A1 southbound Brampton village exit & entry slips

Drivers wishing to access the A1 southbound from Brampton will need to exit the village at junction 22 of the A14. Drivers wishing to access Brampton from the A1 southbound will also need to use junction 22 of the A14.

For more information about this scheme, visit <http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon/>, or stay updated by following us on <https://twitter.com/a14c2h> and <https://en-gb.facebook.com/A14C2H/>.