

BARROW HIGHWAYS ADVISORY SUB-GROUP

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Barrow Highways Advisory Sub-Group held on Thursday, 14 April 2022 at 10.15 am.

PRESENT:

Mr W McEwan (Chair)

Mrs A Burns	Mr KR Hamilton
Mr F Cassidy (Vice-Chair)	Mr MH Worth
Mr D Gawne	Mr R Worthington

Also in Attendance:-

Mr D Coyle	-	Manager of Flood & Development Management
Mr M Dooz	-	Traffic Manager Team Leader (Barrow)
Ms K Hall	-	Assistant Development Management Officer
Mrs L Harker	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Mr J Harte	-	Lead Officer - Flood and Development Management
Ms T Ingham	-	Area Manager - Barrow
Mr K Tetchner	-	Local Area Highways Network Manager

42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Ms S Cordon and Mr S Nott.

43 MINUTES

With reference to Minute 34 – Update from Cumbria Constabulary the local Member for Hindpool raised her concerns about the lack of communication from the Police regarding the speeding traffic on Greengate Street. The Chair acknowledged the concerns raised and agreed to contact the Police direct.

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Group held on 11 February 2022 were confirmed as circulated.

44 UPDATE FROM CUMBRIA CONSTABULARY

A representative from Cumbria Constabulary was unable to attend the meeting and provided the following update:-

- Police and the Authority's Parking Enforcement Team had attended Yarlside Primary School to conduct a high visibility patrol and promote child safe and parking.
- A newly appointed PCSO for Dalton and Askam had been made aware of concerns raised regarding traffic through Askam and on Ireleth Road, particularly at the start and end of the school day. It was intended that the PCSO would complete reactive speed awareness work and engage with the schools regarding the issues.
- Partnership work would be undertaken to resolve the parking issues during Barrow Raiders home games.
- Uber delivery drivers continued to be monitored on Crellin Street with partnership work continuing, including the assistance of the town Beat Officer, to try resolve the issues.
- The Hub referral for Hollywood Park had been closed as it was felt this was an issue for the Authority and private landowner to take forward. The area continued to be monitored to deal with any anti-social behaviour problems.
- Following the Easter break requests from local schools regarding parent parking and child road safety would be welcomed.

Members welcomed the update but raised their concerns that the Town Centre schools were not included in the child road safety; highlighting the lack of communication regarding the issues raised at a previous meeting regarding Greengate School as an example.

Whilst the Sub-Group welcomed the work being undertaken they felt the issues which they had previously raised had been ignored. It was agreed the Chair would contact the Police to discuss the matter further.

45 UPDATE FROM CUMBRIA FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Roger Exley, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service was unable to attend the meeting and provided the following update:-

- Crews at Barrow continued to deliver Road Awareness training to 17/25 and over 55 year olds and the would continue into 2022/23.
- Visits to every secondary school in the Barrow/Dalton area would be undertaken to carry out Road Awareness Training and provide support to Police colleagues where appropriate.

- Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service attended a serious road traffic accident on Park Road, near Sinkfall Farm on 5 April which resulted in three people being airlifted to trauma hospitals in the North West. A number of road safety communications to the public would follow this event.
- A safety concern had been raised regarding parking congestion during Barrow Raiders Rugby matches and a site visit would take place at their next game on 2 May.
- Issues regarding the KFC/McDonalds roundabout continued during peak meals times.

Whilst members acknowledged the safety concerns regarding parking during Barrow Raiders Rugby matches they highlighted how positive the event was for the area and felt that every effort should be made to try and resolve the issues. It was agreed that Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service would be asked for a further update at the next meeting of the Sub-Group.

46 2021/22 FLOOD AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Members considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which presented an overview of Flood and Development Management activities in the Barrow area.

RECOMMENDED, that the report be noted.

47 REVIEW OF TRAFFIC REGULATION 2020/2021 VARIATION ORDER NO 42 PROPOSAL

Due to the lack of consultation with local members it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Sub-Group.

48 BARROW WORKS PROGRAMME 2022/23

The Local Area Highways Network Manager gave an update on the Barrow Works Programme 2022/23.

Members were informed that final out-turn figures for 2021/22 were still awaited and would be reported to a future meeting of the Local Committee.

The Sub-Group was informed that surface dressing had started; the Local Area Highways Network Manager explained that the Contractor would start thermal patching initially in the Hindpool area. During the course of discussion the local Member for Risedale asked whether Napier Street could be included in the initial patching. During the course of discussion it was agreed that a site visit for members would be arranged once works had started.

The local Member for Walney North thanked the Local Area Highways Network Manager, Local Area Manager and their teams for the successful resurfacing scheme on Biggar Bank footpath.

The Chair of the Local Committee referred to the £4,000 budget allocation for speed surveys and suggested that a number of surveys be undertaken on Greengate Street. It was agreed that the Local Area Highways Network Manager and Traffic Manager Team Leader would discuss this further and report back.

49 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) The local Member for Hindpool raised her concerns regarding the traffic issues near the Co-op on Barrow Island due to the lack of white lines. The Local Area Highways Network Manager agreed to check this was included on the list of schemes for remarking.
- (2) The Chair, on behalf of the Barrow Borough Council Member, asked for an update on Mill Brow. It was agreed the Local Area Highways Network Manager would look into the matter and respond direct.
- (3) The Chair had received an e-mail from Acting Sergeant David Proctor about a number of issues regarding potholes. It was agreed that the Acting Sergeant should submit his concerns via the County Council's HIAMS.
- (4) Acting Sergeant David Proctor's e-mail included a traffic issue at Cemetery Hill/Devonshire Road and it was agreed the Chair and Local Area Highways Network Manager would undertake a site visit to investigate the matter.
- (5) The local members for Risedale and Roosecote raised a safety concern regarding the traffic lights at the Cornmill Crossing. It was agreed that the Team Leader – Traffic Signals would be invited to Barrow to carry out a number of site visits.

50 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Sub-Group would be held virtually on Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 10.15 am.

The meeting ended at 11.15 am