

BARROW HIGHWAYS ADVISORY SUB-GROUP

Minutes of a Meeting of the Barrow Highways Advisory Sub-Group held on Wednesday, 8 June 2022 at 10.15 am at Via TEAMS

PRESENT:

Mr W McEwan (Chair)

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

Also in Attendance:-

Mr M Dooz	- Traffic Management Team Leader (Barrow)
Mr M Hammond	- Highways Network Engineer
Mrs L Harker	- Senior Democratic Services Officer
Mr J Harte	- Lead Officer - Flood and Development Management
Ms T Ingham	- Area Manager - Barrow
Mrs V Upton	- Traffic Management Manager
Mr R Wood	- Heritage Action Zone Project Officer, Barrow Borough Council

- (1) Gareth Sargent attended for agenda item 3 – Update from Cumbria Constabulary (minute no 3 refers).
- (2) Roger Exley, Station Manager Service Delivery & Apprenticeships attended for agenda item 4 – Update from Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service (minute no 4 refers).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Nott and Mr K Tetchner.

2 MINUTES

- (1) With reference to paragraph 4 of Minute 48 – Barrow Works Programme 2022/23 it was agreed that the ‘local Member for Walney **North**’ should read ‘local Member for Walney **South**’.

- (2) With reference to Minute 48 – Barrow Works Programme 2022/23 the Chair of the Local Committee raised his concerns regarding the lack of speed surveys undertaken on Greengate Street. It was agreed that the Traffic Management Team Leader (Barrow) would investigate this as a matter of urgency and report back to members direct.
- (3) With reference to Minute 49(5) – Any Other Business the local Member for Risedale raised concerns regarding the lack of communication with members following an officer site visit to the Cornmill Crossing. During the course of discussion it was agreed that a further site visit, including members, be arranged as a matter of urgency to investigate the significant traffic congestion at Jubilee Bridge.

It was confirmed that with the inclusion of the amendment at paragraph (1) above the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Group held on 14 April 2022 be confirmed as circulated.

3 UPDATE FROM CUMBRIA CONSTABULARY

Members welcomed Gareth Sargent to his first meeting of the Sub-Group and outlined the positive partnership work undertaken with the local Police.

The local members for Hawcoat and Ormsgill raised concerns regarding anti-social behaviour in their divisions and asked if this could be investigated. It was agreed a further discussion would take place directly with the local members.

The Police asked for the data from the Speed Indicator Device on Greengate Street. It was agreed the Traffic Management Manager would look into this and provide an update to the local Member for Hindpool.

4 UPDATE FROM CUMBRIA FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

The Sub-Group received the following update from Roger Exley, Station Manager, Cumbria Fire and Rescue:-

- (1) Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service had attended the last rugby match of the season of Barrow Raiders and had not observed any safety concerns. It was agreed that this would continue to be monitored.
- (2) Concerns had been raised regarding access to Salthouse Mills for emergency vehicles and alternative routes were being investigated.
- (3) Issues regarding the KFC/McDonalds roundabout had recently been less problematic.
- (4) Crews at Barrow continued to deliver Road Awareness training.

Members were given a brief update regarding the road traffic collision on the A595 the previous day.

5 2021/22 FLOOD AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Sub-Group considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which presented an overview of Flood and Development Management activities in the Barrow area noting the latest position regarding each application.

The Chair of the Local Committee emphasised concerns regarding the lack of communication with members on a development at the east of Holbeck Park Avenue and north of Leece Lane, Barrow-in-Furness, highlighting the proposed construction of 58 new dwellings and associated infrastructure including roads, footpaths etc. It was agreed that in future direct contact would be made with members with regards to major schemes.

Members received details of the flood mitigation schemes and the local Member for Walney South raised his concerns at the omission of the flooding hotspot at Thorney Nook Lane, South Walney. It was agreed that the Lead Officer - Flood and Development Management would investigate the matter and report back direct to the local Member and provide an update at the next meeting of the Sub-Group.

The local Member for Hawcoat welcomed the work which had already been undertaken at Monks Trod but asked if the drains in the underpass had been unblocked. The Lead Officer – Flood and Development Manager agreed to investigate this matter and report back direct.

RECOMMENDED, that the report be noted.

6 VO#44 DUKE STREET TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - HIGH STREET HERITAGE ACTION ZONE (HSHAZ)

The Sub-Group received a Briefing Note which provided an update on the progress made to date on the Traffic Regulation Variation Order No 44 for proposals to Duke Street and Buccleuch Street Barrow-in-Furness in connection with the High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ).

Members were informed that the initial scheme had been reduced due to funding loss and higher tender prices. Formal consultation and advertising of the Order would end on Friday 24 June 2022 and it was anticipated that works would start in August 2022, subject to statutory requirements.

Members were informed that a full report regarding the Traffic Regulation Order with recommendations for the decision on making of the Order permanent would be presented to Local Committee at its meeting on 5 July 2022.

RECOMMENDED, that the update be noted.

7 DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS CAPITAL APM BUDGET 2022/2023 - ALLOCATION OF TRAFFIC SCHEME DESIGN FUNDS

Members received a Briefing Note which provided an update of the proposed Devolved Highways Capital Programme 2022/2 with regards to the Annual Package of Measures (APM) Traffic Scheme Design allocation.

The Sub-Group noted the list of schemes which had been developed from member discussions and ongoing works across the Barrow Borough area in the last 12 months.

The local Member for Walney North drew attention to the proposed scheme at North Scale. It was agreed the Traffic Management Team Leader would discuss the feedback received and the final proposal with the local Member.

The local Member for Risedale drew attention to the lack of inclusion of Preston Street in the 'Parking Review Variation Order 45'. The Traffic Management Team Leader confirmed this was an omission and Preston Street would be included in the proposal.

The Sub-Group noted that a full report regarding the Devolved Highways Capital APM Budget 2022/2023 Allocation of Traffic Scheme Design Funds with recommendations would be presented to Local Committee at its meeting on 5 July 2022.

RECOMMENDED, that the update be noted.

8 REVIEW OF TRAFFIC REGULATION 2020/21 VARIATION ORDER NO 42 PROPOSAL

Members considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which detailed the responses to the statutory consultation and advertising of the traffic regulation order, The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Barrow-in-Furness)(Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001),Variation Order (No. 42) 20><, (referred to at paragraph 3.1 of the report) (“the Order”) which included proposals for various locations in Barrow -in-Furness.

The Chair of the Local Committee drew attention to the Public Participation item which was considered at Barrow Local Committee on 15 March 2022 regarding a review of parking restrictions on Ramsden Street, Barrow-in-Furness near the junction of Marsh Street; highlighting it had been agreed that a parking study around the town centre would be undertaken. The Traffic Management Manager confirmed this would be included in the next review of traffic regulation orders.

RECOMMENDED, that Local Committee, having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of the report), agree that The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Barrow-in-Furness) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation Order (No. 42) 20><, be brought into operation as advertised, EXCEPT for the following:

- (i) the proposed “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions on Biggar Village, Rawlinson Street, Calder Green, Warwick Street, Rear Ramsden Street and Hardy Street, Barrow-in-Furness be omitted from the made Order.

9 SCHOOL STREETS INITIATIVE - ASKAM VILLAGE SCHOOL, EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which presented the feedback, including comments and objections, to the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (“the Experimental Order”) and requested the Barrow Highways Advisory Sub-Group to make a recommendation to Barrow Local Committee that the Experimental Order not be made permanent for Askam Primary School on Lots Road, Askam-in- Furness.

The Sub-Group was informed that the Experimental Order was introduced as a trial to tackle the congestion and road safety concerns that many schools experienced during drop-off and pick-up times. It was explained that this was achieved by way of traffic regulation at those times on the roads in the vicinity of the school gates. Members noted the restrictions prohibited vehicular traffic outside of the school with exemptions that included emergency vehicles and residents.

Members were informed that having considered all the feedback from statutory consultees and other respondents it was considered that it was not appropriate to extend or make the Experimental Order a Permanent Order. It was explained that instead, some improvements to signs and lines highlighting the school was recommended to reinforce the message of the school to drivers and especially if the school street was withdrawn, whilst former traffic volumes returned back to Lots Road at school times.

During the course of discussion the Sub-Group drew attention to Ormsgill Nursery and Primary School which had been agreed as the ‘back-up’ school and asked if the School Streets Initiative could now be extended to the school. The Traffic Management Manager confirmed this would not be possible through the Active Travel Scheme due to the lack of funding.

RECOMMENDED, that

- (1) Barrow Local Committee, having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of the report), and having also taken into account the representations which were received during the 6 month statutory objection/consultation period, agree that The County of Cumbria (Askam Village School, Askam, Barrow-in-Furness) (Pedestrian and Cycle Zone) Experimental Order 2021 not be made permanent for Askam Primary School on Lots Road, Askam in Furness;
- (2) Barrow Local Committee agree to some improvements to signs and lines being carried out to highlight the presence of the School, especially if the Experimental Order is withdrawn, as former traffic volumes return to Lots Road at school times.

10 SITE VISIT TO MOOR ROAD DURING SCHOOL COMMUTER HOURS

The local Member for Dalton North requested that a site visit be undertaken at Moor Road during school commuter hours. It was agreed that a site visit would be arranged for officers, together with the local Member and Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee.

The Traffic Management Manager would also forward the local Member traffic data for the area.

11 DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON IRELETH ROAD/BROUGHTON CLOSE

The local Member for Dalton North raised concerns regarding the continued lack of double yellow lines on Ireleth Road/Broughton Close following agreement that they would be reinstated. It was agreed that the Traffic Management Manager would investigate this matter and report back direct.

12 SIGNAGE AT ASKAM SCHOOL

The local Member for Dalton North highlighted the outstanding installation of safety measures, including new signs and flashing warning lights, at Askam School which had been previously agreed by the Local Committee. It was agreed that the Traffic Management Manager would investigate this as a matter of urgency and provide a written response to the local Member.

13 BARROW WORKS PROGRAMME 2022/23

The Local Highways Network Engineer provided an update on the Barrow Works Programme 2022/23.

Members were informed that:-

- a second weed spray had been completed;
- Nuphalt thermal patching was currently taking place in North Scales and would then proceed to Hindpool;
- Velocity spray patching would commence in the rural areas on 26 June;

An invitation was extended to members to observe the patching taking place.

The local Member for Ormsgill raised a concern regarding the patching which had taken place on Angle Meadow Lane and highlighted that a pothole had not been completed. The Local Highways Network Engineer explained that patching works were continuing in the area and that the pothole which had not been completed was scheduled to take place; explaining that a road closure was necessary to undertake the works.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The local Member for Walney South emphasised his concerns regarding traffic congestion on Bridge Road. The Sub-Group reiterated the concerns raised and it was agreed that the Traffic Management Manager would arrange a site visit for members and officers, including Caroline Patterson, as soon as possible.

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Sub-Group would be held on Tuesday 11 October 2022 at 10.15 am in the Conference Room, Nan Tait Centre, Barrow-in-Furness.

The meeting ended at 12.05 pm