

CARLISLE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

Minutes of a Meeting of the Carlisle Highways and Transport Working Group held on Wednesday, 15 June 2022 at 10.00 am at Conference Room A/B, Cumbria House, Carlisle. CA1 1RD

PRESENT:

Mr R Watson (Chair)

Mr J Bell
Mr RW Betton
Mr N Christian

Mr M Mitchelson
Mr C Weber

Also in Attendance:-

Mr P Barnard	-	Lead Officer - Flood & Development Management
Ms A Dodds	-	Traffic Management Team Leader
Mrs L Harker	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Ms A Hutson	-	Local Area Highways Network Manager - Carlisle
Mr K Poole	-	City Engineer (Carlisle City Council)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Higgs and Mr J Mallinson.

2 MINUTES

With reference to Minute 38 - 2021/22 Flood and Development Management Update the local Member for Harraby North highlighted that he had not received a response regarding further information on the proposed works at California Lane. It was agreed the Lead Officer - Flood and Development Management would investigate this as a matter of urgency and report back direct.

The minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 12 April 2022 were confirmed as circulated.

3 2022/23 FLOOD AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

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

The Lead Officer - Flood and Development Management informed the Working Group that all the planning applications referred to in Appendix 1 of the report were still outstanding and welcomed any comments from members.

The local Member for Botcherby asked for further information regarding the public footpaths at the Deer Park development on Kingmoor Road and it was agreed that the Lead Officer – Flood and Development Management would look into the matter and report back direct.

Members were informed that the Beaumont Village River Defence Project had been awarded and it was confirmed that the £10,000 grant allocation from Carlisle Local Committee was a separate fund.

RECOMMENDED, that the report be noted.

4 CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 20><

The Working Group considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which sought approval to Carlisle City Council for the making of an Order to amend the existing “(Off Street Parking Places) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment Variation Pay by Telephone) Order 2012”.

Members noted that the Council of the City of Carlisle (Off Street Parking Places) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment Variation – Pay by Telephone) Order 2012 (Variation No. 1: Addition of car parks) Order 2022 (“the Order”) was proposed to be amended to add the following Rickerby Car Parks; Riverside Car Park, Cenotaph Car Park and Linstock Car Park to schedule 3 marked as Rickerby Car Parks and parking places are added into the “Free Parking” for Riverside Car Park, Cenotaph Car Park and Linstock Car Park under schedule 9 detailing Free Car Parks.

RECOMMENDED, the Local Committee consents to Carlisle City Council introducing The Council of the City of Carlisle (Off Street Parking Places) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment Variation – Pay by Telephone) Order 2012 (Variation No. 1: Addition of car parks) Order 2022 (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report).

5 CARLISLE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TEAM TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS 2022/23

Members considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which provided an update to the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders that the Carlisle Traffic Management Team would progress during 2022/23.

The local Member for Harraby North referred to the proposed 7.5t weight limit on Mallyclose Drive and suggested to be effective this should also include Forest Hill and Gooseland Head. The Traffic Management Team Leader agreed to investigate this matter and report back direct.

The local Member for Botcherby asked if weight limit restrictions were being considered in other areas of Carlisle. The Traffic Management Team Leader asked that members forward any suggestions to her for future consideration.

RECOMMENDED, that the report be noted.

6 2022/23 HIGHWAYS BUDGET/PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which detailed the Highways Revenue, Devolved Capital and Non-Devolved Capital budget allocations for 2022/23.

The Local Area Highways Network Manager explained that jet patching would be taking place in the Carlisle area and it was agreed that the local Member would be informed when this was being undertaken in their Division.

RECOMMENDED, that the following be noted:-

- (1) the various Highways Revenue budget allocations and headings (shown in Appendix 1 of the report);
- (2) the various Highways Capital budget allocations and headings (as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report);
- (3) the Highways Devolved Capital Programme information (as set out in Appendix 3 of the report);
- (4) there are no comments in the Appendices to bring to the attention of Local Members. Any significant comments, changes and/or amendments will be highlighted here in subsequent and future reports to the Working Group.

7 REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan was noted.

The Local Area Highways Network Manager informed members that the following correspondence had been received from Ben Dobson at National Highways:-

‘National Highways continually monitors the performance of its road network. It undertakes bi-annual studies to assess this performance, and where the data and evidence identifies a cluster of incidents we investigate the reason behind those incidents and looks at measures to improve the performance in that area.

In 2019/20 working closely with Cumbria Constabulary, we reviewed the appropriateness of the fixed spot safety cameras in Corby Hill and identified that these could be replaced with an average speed system throughout the conurbation of Warwick-on-Eden, Warwick Bridge and Corby Hill. This system supports compliance with the 30mph through that area. We would be guided by Cumbria Constabulary as to the activation and any further development of the system.

The section through these conurbations is 30mph and prior to November 2021 we had not seen any incidents that related to excessive speed as the contributing factor. If we were to look at reducing the speed limit we would need to understand the wider economic benefits, STATS-19 data, Constabulary opinion and compliance with a council wide approach to speed reduction through built up areas and be able to justify to the Department for Transport that there was a Value Management case for it.

We are currently finalising a study looking at walking, cycling and horse-riding in the area. However as the road bends through the area the forward visibility to install any additional crossing points may be significantly limited.

Some small minor improvements, such as tactile pavement and replacement Amber Flashes near the school may be considered this year, subject to funding approval.'

Mr J Bell, the Local Committee's CRASH representative informed the Working Group that following the introduction of Speed Indicator Devices in the area the average speed of traffic had significantly reduced.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Working Group would take place on Thursday 6 October 2022 at 10.00 am in Cumbria House, Carlisle.

The meeting ended at 10.25 am