

SOUTH LAKELAND HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the South Lakeland Highways and Transportation Working Group held on Wednesday, 6 April 2022 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Mr SB Collins (Chairman)

Mr J Bland
Mr N Cotton
Mrs S Evans
Mrs BC Gray

Dr A Jarvis
Mr P Thornton
Mr WJ Wearing
Mr M Wilson

Also in Attendance:-

Mr P Hosking	-	Local Area Network Manager South Lakeland
Mrs H Karaaslan	-	Traffic Management Team Leader - South Lakeland
Mr A Farrar	-	Democratic Services Officer
Mr S Giles	-	Flood and Development Management Officer
Mr J Houghton	-	Traffic Manager
Mr C Parkes	-	Flood and Development Management Officer
Mr J Harte	-	Lead Officer - Flood and Development Management
Ms S Pearson-Carr	-	Streetworks Manager

49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Willis and Mr J Brook.

50 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 16 February 2022 were confirmed as circulated.

51 STREETWORKS AND IMPACT ON HIGHWAYS REPAIRS

Members received a presentation from the Streetworks Manager and the Traffic Manager which outlined the following:-

- Objectives of Streetworks and the Permit Scheme
- CCC Permit Scheme Review
- Number of works on the network

- Works category
- Immediate Urgent & Emergency Works
- Permit & variation applications received and refused
- Average duration and total days worked
- Benefits of the permit scheme
- Managing streetworks on the network
- Enforcement Inspections
- How the team is set up
- Reporting Streetworks issues
- In the Pipeline

The Traffic Manager gave a demonstration of One Network.

A Member noted the urgent and emergency works and what the definition of urgent works was.

The Streetworks Manager explained that urgent was “risk to utility network or residents” and highlighted the difficulties in determining work which was not urgent and which was urgent was the responsibility of the utility companies.

A Member raised an issue regarding the fixed penalty notices and asked whether it was felt they were stringent and a deterrent.

The Streetworks Manager explained that because fixed penalty notices were a Key Performance Indicator they were a deterrent to some utility companies. Members were informed that Cumbria County Council had taken a utility company to court and would consider doing this again.

A Member remarked about signage and communication with Radio Cumbria about on-going work.

The Streetworks Manager noted that signage for what work was on-going could be undertaken and that Radio Cumbria could be notified about schemes. Officers highlighted that if a sat-nav remained activated it would direct drivers to the quickest route taking into account streetworks.

During the course of discussion the Streetworks Manager confirmed that the service was self-financing.

The Chair asked whether the inspection of reinstatements was undertaken before the end of the guarantee and if members and parish council would be involved in this. He also commented on the level of coring that took place and the identification where problems were.

The Streetworks Manager noted that the department had aimed for 100% of reinstatements to be inspected and that coring no longer took place as the failure rate had been so low and therefore the cost of the coring had to be met by CCC. Any

works that were visually wrong were detected by the Team. It was highlighted that any highways problems which were reported would be investigated.

The Chair thanked the Streetworks Manager for her presentation.

52 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

a Cross-A-Moor Parking Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order

The Working Group received a Briefing Note from the Traffic Management Team Leader (South Lakeland) which provided an update regarding the Cross-A-Moor Parking Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order - The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, South Lakeland Area) (Consolidation of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2002) (Cross-a-Moor) Variation Order 20><.

Members were informed that as part of the construction of the new roundabout at the A590 at Cross-A-Moor the existing access to the U5954 road to Pennington (formerly known as C5036) and the U5696 to road Swarthmoor were being stopped up. Officers explained it was proposed to introduce No Waiting at any time double yellow line restrictions around the new turning heads which were being created. The Working Group noted that in addition it was proposed to introduce Prohibition of Motor Vehicles (no exemptions) restrictions on the U5954 to road Pennington (formerly the C5036) and the U5696 road to Swarthmoor, at their respective junctions with the A590 to prevent motor vehicles exiting onto or from the A590.

The Working Group was informed that a full report regarding the Traffic Regulation Order with recommendations as to the making of the Order permanent would be presented to Local Committee at its meeting on 12 May 2022.

RECOMMENDED, that the update be noted.

53 CROSS-A-MOOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS - SPEED LIMIT VARIATION

Members received a Briefing Note from the Traffic Management Team Leader (South Lakeland) which provided an update regarding the Cross-A-Moor Speed Limit Variation Traffic Regulation Order - The County of Cumbria (Various Roads in the District of South Lakeland) (Consolidation and Provision of Speed Limits) (Order 2018) Variation Order (No 9) 20><.

The Working Group was informed that as part of the construction of the new roundabout at the A590 at Cross-A-Moor the existing access to the U5954 road to Pennington (formerly known as C5036) and the U5696 road to Swarthmoor were being stopped up. Officers explained it was proposed to replace the existing 30mph speed limit with a new 20mph speed from the stopped up areas directly adjacent to the A590 for the entire lengths of the U5696 and U5954 (Formerly known as C5036).

Members noted it was proposed to introduce a new 30mph speed limit on the newly constructed C5036 and U5696 from their respective junctions of the A590.

Members were informed that a full report regarding the Traffic Regulation Order with recommendations as to the making of the Order permanent would be presented to Local Committee at its meeting on 12 May 2022.

The Chair thanked the Traffic Management Team Leader (South Lakeland) for the Briefing Note.

RECOMMENDED, that the update be noted.

54 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR UPPER STRAMONGATE

The Local Area Network Manager informed the Working Group that due to unforeseen circumstances this report would be withdrawn from the meeting. It was agreed that a Special Meeting would take place before the next meeting of the Local Committee to discuss this matter..

55 FLOOD AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

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

A discussion took place regarding application PPA/2022/3419 and centred on the history of a proposed roundabout in the area. It was noted that the application had to be looked into in more detail with relevant partners and had to be future-proofed.

The Local Member for Grange raised their concerns regarding the Cartmel Road application. It was agreed this matter would be discussed further with Planning Officers and members would be kept informed of future developments.

The Working Group raised concerns about the lack of communication with local members regarding engagement with residents. It was agreed that the Manager of Flood & Development Management would attend the next full Working Group meeting to explain the process.

RECOMMENDED, that the following be noted:-

- (1) the details provided in the report (as set out in Appendices 1, 2 and 3);
- (2) there are no additional comments in the Appendices to bring to the attention of local members. Any significant comments, changes and/or amendments will be highlighted in subsequent and future reports to the Working Group.

56 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TEAM LEADERS UPDATE

The Working Group received a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which provided an update on topical traffic management related matters within South Lakeland which include information relating to Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders, Parking Reviews, Visitor Management Action Plans, Traffic Regulation Orders, Divisional Highway Priority Work Schemes, Signing and Lining Budget, Advisory Disabled Parking Bay Applications, Parking Defects, Private Works and Road Safety and Engineering Safety Studies.

A Member raised a concern regarding about the timescales for TRO in Windermere. The Traffic Management Team Leader – South Lakeland confirmed that the TRO in Windermere would be completed this month.

The Chair highlighted the poor state of signs and reiterated the importance of their being repaired.

The Local Member for Grange noted a TRO in their Division and highlighted that the double yellow lines had not been reinstated for 6 months and queried when this would be undertaken. It was agreed the Highway Network Manager would respond direct.

RECOMMENDED, that the report be noted.

57 UPDATE ON THE DELIVERY OF THE 2021/22 DEVOLVED AND NON-DEVOLVED CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND WORK DELIVERY IN EARLY 2022/23.

Members received a Briefing Note from the Highway Network Manager (South Lakeland) which provided a progress update on the delivery of the 2021/22 Devolved and Non-Devolved Capital Programme within South Lakes and outlined upcoming works delivery for the 2022/23 financial year.

A Member noted the work completed on Fowl Ing Lane and thanked all involved.

The Chair remarked on treeworks and asked if it would be possible to record where trees had been cut to stumps to try and identify any issues which could arise underneath the highway as a result of roots' decaying.

The Highway Network Manager (South Lakeland) would pass the remarks on.

The Chair thanked the Highway Network Manager (South Lakeland) for his update.

RECOMMENDED, that the update be noted.

58 DIVISIONAL HIGHWAY PRIORITY WORKS 2022/2023

The Working Group received a Briefing Note from the Traffic Management Team Leader (South Lakeland) which provided an update of the Divisional Highway Priority Works schemes to be funded via the devolved 2021/2022 Highway Capital budget for South Lakeland.

A discussion took place about the handover into the new Westmorland & Furness unitary authority. The Chair noted that it was important to involve members from the newly elected shadow authority.

RECOMMENDED, that

- (1) the update be noted;
- (2) a full report regarding the Divisional Highway Priority Works Order with recommendations to approve the allocation for schemes across the South Lakeland area be presented to Local Committee at its meeting on 12 May 2022.

59 ACTION LOG

Members reviewed the Action Log.

Items 8, 10, 11 & 14 were removed.

RECOMMENDED, that the Action Log be updated as appropriate.

60 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP

The Chair requested a report regarding Bridges and Structures.

The Local Area Network Manager noted that a report would be presented at the next full meeting of the Working Group.

61 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Working Group was scheduled to take place virtually on Friday 10 June 2022 starting at 10.00 am.

The meeting ended at 12.51 pm