

SOUTH LAKELAND LOCAL COMMITTEE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP PRIVATE

Minutes of a Meeting of the South Lakeland Local Committee Highways and Transportation Working Group PRIVATE held on Friday, 10 June 2022 at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1, County Offices, Kendal

PRESENT:

Mr J Bland (Chair)

Mr B Wearing
Mr M Wilson
Mr G Cook

Mrs S Evans
Mr N Cotton

Also in Attendance:-

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| Mr P Hosking | - | Local Area Network Manager South Lakeland |
| Mrs H Karaaslan | - | Traffic Management Team Leader - South Lakeland |
| Mrs V Upton | - | Traffic Management Manager |
| Mr M Hardman | - | County Bridges Manager |
| Mr J Harte | - | Lead Officer – Flood and Development |
| Mr C Parkes | - | Flood and Development Manager |

PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr S Collins and Mrs B Gray. Mr G Cook attended as substitute and Mr J Bland was Acting Chair for this meeting.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, the minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed as a complete and accurate record.

3 PRESENTATION: BRIDGES AND STRUCTURES

Members received a presentation from the County Bridges Manager which highlighted the following areas:-

- Intelligence Gathering on Structures Stock
- U5032 Seathwaite – strengthening and widening
- C5008 Shop (Broughton Mills) – quarter arch reconstruction
- C5079 Harprigg (Killington) – culvert reconstruction
- Dentdale, Garsdale and Sedbergh – post flood repair works
- South Lakes Work Packages 01 to 04
- IRP Projects
 - A6 Victoria Bridge Kendal – major pier and abutment protection works
 - Gooseholme Footbridge Kendal – installation July 22
 - Broad Head – outline design options and cost estimates July 2022

- C5080 Rigmaden – Repair and Strengthening Appraisal
- U5603 Helsington Moss – bridge replacement
- C5079 Aikrigg – bridge replacement
- Half Joint and Post Tensioned Bridge Assessments
- Half Joint Assessments – Shenstone and Scotch Road
- Post Tensioned Special Inspection – A685 Borrowdale
- Half Joint and Post Tensioned Bridges – A591 Brigsteer and Underbarrow
- U5561 Retaining Walls Bridge Lane – Troutbeck
- C5067 Retaining Wall Paddy Lane – near Meal Bank
- Management of Abnormal Loads
- Other Notable Projects
 - Anne Street culvert – working with Environment Agency
 - Miller Bridge – parapet repairs
 - Nether Bridge parapet repairs
 - Numerous other parapet repairs

Members asked whether the service consistently hit it's 2 year target for repairs. The County Bridges Manager explained that the service does report on performance each year and maintained a 99% record for repairs within a 2 year timescale.

The Local Member offered his support as a member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park with regard to issues gaining consent to carry out post-flood repair works at Dentdale, Garsdale and Sedbergh.

4 SAFER SCHOOLS -SCHOOL STREET INITIATIVE EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2021

Members considered a briefing note which served to provide an update regarding the School Street Experimental Traffic Regulation Order.

The Traffic Management Team Leader explained that the Council had consulted upon and subsequently introduced an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) for a School Street at Sir John Barrow School, Argle Street in Ulverston, as

was agreed by South Lakeland Local Committee at its meeting on 5 October 2021. Members were reminded that the School Streets initiative was an idea pioneered by the Sustrans Charity that aimed to tackle the congestion, poor air quality and road safety concerns that many schools experienced during drop-off and pick-up times. Members heard that this was achieved by way of traffic regulation at drop-off and pick-up times on the roads in the vicinity of the school gates. The restrictions prohibit vehicular traffic outside of the school with exemptions for emergency vehicles and residents. The objectives of the school were to improve road safety and air quality outside of the school, which may then increase walking and cycling to the school.

The Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) allowed the introduction of the restrictions on the ground to allow them to be assessed as to their effectiveness, and to enable people to comment and feedback on them whilst in operation.

A 6 month period for feedback commenced once the restrictions were brought into operation on 1 November 2021. This was advertised and affected residents and businesses were contacted and given the opportunity, within the first six months of the ETRO operation, to make representations as to whether the ETRO should be introduced on a permanent basis.

The 6 month period for feedback had now passed and officers had received 3 comments or feedback in response to the Experimental Order. The three responses received indicated support for the School Street Initiative. Feedback from the school had also been positive and would be detailed in the full report to Local Committee in July.

RESOLVED that, members note the contents of the report.

5 DIVISIONAL HIGHWAY PRIORITY WORKS 2022/2023

Members considered a briefing note which provided an update to members of the Divisional Highway Priority Works schemes to be funded via the devolved 2022/2023 highway capital budget for South Lakeland.

The Traffic Management Team Leader explained that the budget for Divisional Highway Priorities is £108,000 which is divided into £6,000 for each Division. The allocation is to be spent on capital highway related works enabling members to have a greater influence on small highway improvement priorities within their division.

There were a number of schemes agreed in previous financial years which had not been progressed to completion for a range of reasons; including, the knock-on effects of delays due to the Covid-19 pandemic, budget constraints such as insufficient funding provided and in some instances the scale of a scheme.

Members discussed a number of the highlighted schemes and were given assurance that the schemes which were proposed had been selected because they were deliverable in the time which remained before vesting day. The Traffic Officers

then explained that if the programme was not to be agreed at the next Local Committee there was a risk that the schemes would become undeliverable due to time constraints. Members asked whether signage and lighting schemes were judged to be the most deliverable schemes and Traffic Officers agreed that this was the case.

The Highways Network Manager explained that the budget for the current year was £108,000, there were however works from the previous years named schemes and so the previous years unallocated fund would need to be carried over. A discussion took place about whether this meant funds would need to be vired from elsewhere to cover the budget. Members were assured that this was not the case and the previous year's capital underspend would be carried forward to the current financial year.

RESOLVED that members note the contents of the report.

6 UPDATE ON THE DELIVERY OF THE 2022/23 DEVOLVED AND NON-DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Members considered a briefing note which provided an update on the progress of the delivery of the 2022/23 devolved and non-devolved highways Capital Programme within South Lakes.

The Highways Network Manager explained that the surface dressing element of the programme was due to be completed prior to the Queens Platinum Jubilee holiday. However the surface dressing was a weather dependant activity and as a result of bad weather the surface dressing element had not yet been completed. Discussions however had taken place with the contractor regarding a return in August to complete any outstanding works.

The pre-surface dressing patching works for the 2023 surface dressing locations was being undertaken by the in-house teams with some larger sections of patching being machine laid by framework contractors. This work had already commenced and would continue over the summer months.

The Highways Network Manager provided an outline of the 5 carriageway resurfacing schemes which had already been completed. Members then heard that Aggregate Industries were currently working for National Highways to undertake the surfacing on the Cross o Moor roundabout scheme at Swarthmoor and were due to return to South Lakeland to undertake surfacing schemes on 13 June 2022.

Members sought clarity regarding works due to take place on the B6254 Oxenholme Road (The Helm). The Highways Network Manager explained that there were a section of the carriageway which would receive surface dressing and another section which would be completely resurfaced.

Members heard that Metcalfe Plant Hire had delivered schemes following schemes in Kendal: Whinfell, Hayfell, and Hayclose Road. In addition, Metcalfe Plant Hire had

been awarded the contract for resurfacing of the footway on Lowther Street, Kendal.

The Highways Network Manager then provided an update on drainage works that had been completed since the last Working Group meeting. This included an overview of the contract which was in the process of being let to find a consultant to undertake a preliminary study and options appraisal for a solution to the flooding under submarine bridge, Well Heads Lane, Sedgwick. The preliminary study would need to consider the hydrology of the area, any ecology constraints and landowner details for the potential piped outfall from the pumping station. The study would also involve engagement with Network Rail to understand the potential constraints associated with undertaking excavations in close proximity to the West Coast main Line and the Network Rail processes and procedures that would need to be adhered to as part of the project. Members heard that following the feasibility study there would need to be a decision taken by Local Committee on how to address the issue.

Members then heard an update regarding the repairs being undertaken on the A683 north of Cross Keys. It is expected that a road closure for 4 to 5 weeks would be required at some point in the in-water working window of 20 June to end of September. Members highlighted the importance of good communication to ensure the local community were well informed of closures.

RESOLVED that members note the contents of the report.

7 FLOOD AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Members considered a report which presented an overview of Flood and Development Management activities in the South Lakeland area.

The Project Leads - Flood and Development Management provided an update on the following areas:-

- Current Major and Strategic planning applications and significant pre-applications
- Section 106 Funding Contributions Update
- Lead Local Flood Authority Update
 - Flooded Properties
 - Flood Mitigation Schemes

An in-depth discussion then took place regarding the recent consultation which took place on flood alleviation proposals at Grange-over-Sands. The Lead Officer explained that the existing drains get overwhelmed the primary mitigation would slow down the water further measures were now proposed to slow down water even further and provide improved drainage and pumping system. It would also be necessary to carry out large scale sewage works which would need to be carried out in cooperation with the local Spa which was due to undergo a refurbishment. The

Local Member stated that the engagement with the local community had been very positive.

RESOLVED that members note the contents of the report.

8 ACTION LOG

Members asked that the Local Area Network Manager continue to advocate for naming the footbridge over Gooseholme: the Platinum Jubilee Bridge.

9 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP

There were no items suggested on this occasion.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is due to take place on 30 August 2022.

The meeting ended at 11.30 pm