

Minutes of the Transport and Parking Working Party

22 February 2023

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Councillor Nicole Amil, Councillor Ray Hill, Councillor Chris Lewis, Councillor Swithin Long, Councillor Robert Loxton and Councillor Mike Morey and Councillor Steve Darling
(Substitute for Councillor Jermaine Atiya-Alla)

(Also in attendance: Councillor Andrew Barrand, Councillor Anne Brooks, Councillor Nick Bye, Councillor Christine Carter, Councillor Darren Cowell, Alan Denby, Councillor Margaret Douglas-Dunbar, Councillor Hazel Foster, Susie Hayman, Ian Jones, Councillor Cordelia Law, Adam Luscombe, Councillor James O'Dwyer, Lorraine Stewart and Councillor Jacqueline Thomas)

54. Minutes of the last meeting held on 10 November 2022

All agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 November 2022 were an accurate record of the meeting.

55. Action Tracker/Matters arising from the last meeting

Cllr NB raised that he is still awaiting a response from the request for the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) for Wellswood and would like to know which TRO is referred to a year ago? There are still actions outstanding and would like updates as to what is going on with these especially the request for barrier at Kilmorie Car Park. As residents in Meadfoot are keen to understand if the funding allocated for works to car parks can be allocated to this area for a barrier to be fitted. SH advised that the team have looked at all of the options and a report has been created for submission. The issue is that the income is very low in the car park and shows very low use. There are no facilities to open the barrier every day as there is still a shortage of officers within the Parking team. SH advised that if the members of the community wish for a barrier to be placed in, then would there be any members of the community who would be able to open the car park. Security team have advised that they can close it. Cllr MM asked that the options available are sent to Cllrs NB & JO'D for their attention. **ACTION – SH**

Cllr NB raised that there is no progress being made on this and the police are keen on resolving the issues at this area for ASB. Cllr NB advised that he has spoken to the security team who have advised that they are able to open and close the barrier. AD commented that he believes the next steps are to speak with members of the Wellswood community partnership to discuss this and then the proposal can be taken forward. Cllr NB advised that AD has been invited to attend the Wellswood community partnership meeting.

Cllr MM asked IJ to provide an update on the outstanding TRO for Wellswood. IJ advised that he believes that this is for Asheldon Road and this TRO is being taken forward. The order is waiting to be written and advertised by parking services team.

AD will chase the highways spend information being sent out to members.

ACTION – AD

LS will request for officers to update the action tracker and then to send out updated action tracker with updates. **ACTION – LS**

Cllr CL asked for an update on the paper with regards to proposal for the issues with motor homes and camper vans parking as believed an update was coming to this meeting. IJ commented that it was agreed that a paper would be written but was not agreed to be for this meeting. Cllrs NB and CL both commented that they thought this paper was being taken to Cabinet meeting. Cllr NB advised that he has been speaking with a resident who has carried out some investigations into what Falmouth Council have carried out to resolve this issue and would like to know who to send this too. AD asked for this information to be sent to him. **ACTION – Cllr NB**

56. Review of 20mph zones in residential areas 2023

Cllr SD commented that it is the speed of traffic that causes issues within residential areas. The footprint of the 20 mph zones in residential areas would result in speed of traffic and a culture change within Torbay. Cllr SD has taken the liberty of contacting some of the schools that are mentioned in the appendices and the feedback has been shared with Chairman and IJ. There is strong support from the schools to see this implemented.

Cllr MM commented that it is the views of the working party that is being sought after today and then a consultation process will start.

IJ ran through the highlights of the report. There have been some areas, which have had schemes implemented as part of the current Strategy, namely in, in Foxhole, Paignton and Barton Road (South) are, Torquay. There is a scheme which is being implemented in the Fore Street Barton area shortly and there are other areas being progressed including Queensway area, Torquay and Fisher Street Area, Paignton.

The proposal is that areas the current strategy of considering areas listed within the category A list in the 2018 report, will be investigated first. It is then proposed that the boundaries for the locations listed in Appendix 1 to this report will be developed in liaison with the Cabinet Lead Member.

Cllr CL asked if the police have been consulted with respect to enforcing the 20 mph zones and IJ advised that conversations will be held with the police and Vision Zero South West, where issues are identified. However we need to understand that some of these locations may be considered as lower priority for enforcement. There

may also be opportunities for Community Speed Watch to be encouraged with residents in these areas.

Cllr CL commented that if the zones are being put in areas around secondary schools, then it could be a good idea to work with the school and the police where school pupils could monitor and take pictures of cars not adhering to the limits.

Cllr JO'D asked how long the initial 6 areas in Appendix 1 will take to put in place. Cllr JO'D asked if the areas in the Appendix 1 list will be implemented, will this be at the expense of other areas with high accident rates. IJ commented that we have a duty to review areas with concerns regarding collisions and this will need to continue as a priority. However there are other priorities which are highlighted within the road safety budget. IJ advised that from national guidance there is evidence that the introduction of these zones will help to bring the speed of drivers down but there cannot be any guarantees that all drivers will adhere to the speed limits within the zones.

Cllr JO'D asked which Schools had not had any 20mph limits implemented to date. IJ commented that there are areas, mainly with some primary schools, which are in more remote areas where it is physically difficult to put a 20 limit immediately outside of the school. These were identified in the Road Safety Initiatives Report last year and some areas are included in Appendix 2.

Cllr HF queried what times of the day the 20 mph zones would come into force. IJ commented that any zones that are introduced will be permanent and in operation 24 hours a day.

A positive conversation was held where members advised that they are in support of this scheme and other various schools which they believe should be included on the list were suggested including Ilsham Valley Primary School, Sherwell Valley Primary School and St Marychurch Primary School. Ward members asked if it was possible for these schools to be given priority. IJ commented that the areas detailed are not exhaustive and other areas will be considered.

Cllr CL asked if it was possible to have flashing lights within the areas where the zones will be implemented. IJ commented that his understanding was that it was not legal to have warning lights on speed limit signs, however in areas with schools, however there will be beacons which flash advising that there is a school nearby, Vehicle Activated signs can be used where appropriate. IJ will look into this further as part of developing the schemes. **ACTION - IJ**

57. Any other business

Nothing for discussion.