



Minutes of the Transport Working Party

5 September 2013

-: Present :-

Councillor Pete Addis, Councillor Stephen Brooksbank, Councillor Darren Cowell, Councillor Ian Doggett, Councillor Ray Hill (Chairman), Councillor Michael Hytche and Councillor Mark Pountney

(Also in attendance: Patrick Carney, Sue Cheriton, Councillor Steve Darling, Councillor Bobbie Davies, Councillor Robert Excell, Heidi McBride, Tim Northway and Councillor Roger Stringer)

114. Apologies for absence

Cllr Nicole Amil – represented by Cllr Hytche

115. Minutes from meeting held on 25th July 2013

Agreed

Proposed by: Cllr Doggett

Seconded by: Cllr Brooksbank

In favour: All

Against:

Abstention:

116. Transport Asset Management Plans and Maintenance Priorities - Presentation (No report)

Patrick Carney presented the Transport Asset Management Plan and Maintenance Priorities.

The report shows various trends that have been experienced over the years in respect of maintenance issues of the highways to include pot holes on highways and footways, pavement defects, third party claims, customer satisfaction etc. Patrick Carney advised his team work to a strict inspection regime which is published and highlighted the importance of this when receiving any compensation claims. It was reported action is taken to repair pot holes when the depth of 20 mm is reached on a footway and 40 mm on a highway.

Patrick Carney advised that the budget of £965k allocated to the highways section for repairs and maintenance at the end of the last financial year was not ring fenced and as a result £300k was re-allocated to other services within the council.

Patrick Carney advised the funding required over the next 10 years to manage the deterioration of the roads throughout the Bay would be £40 million but based on current funding levels this would mean that 53% of the network would be classed as poor or very poor condition. Patrick Carney went on to say that the government has announced there could be further funding in the future but this has yet to be confirmed.

Councillor Darling reported of an incident whereby a member of the public had fallen over and injured themselves in Cary Park and this information is to be reported to the Ward Members.

117. Hele & Coombe Pafford Traffic Action Zone, Torquay

Patrick Carney presented the Hele & Coombe Pafford Traffic Action Zone report and brought attention to points 4.2 and 4.4 advising these had been duplicated in error and apologised for this.

Patrick Carney advised the consultation with the residents had been carried out on the 23rd & 24th August 2013 and advised a further consultation is planned to take place regarding the removal of the pelican crossing and replacing with a zebra crossing on Hele Road.

Councillor Brooksbank raised concerns regarding the implementation of previous Traffic Action Zones as believes some aspects have not been fully completed and requested for this to be looked into. Patrick Carney advised he and his team will review this but highlighted that this function will be carried out to ensure the Traffic Action Zone is fully completed and would not be to open up any new issues. Councillor Davies advised she supports Councillor Brooksbank's comments. Patrick Carney is to meet with the Ward Members.

Councillor Darling asked for clarification regarding white access lines proposed to be implemented on the highway at Audley Avenue and wanted to know what the impact be for drivers and residents parking over these lines. Patrick Carney advised the white access lines are advisory only and are there to advise drivers' access is required to properties etc. A resident can park over their own access line so long as they are not obstructing any neighbouring premises. Drivers who park on a white access line who are causing an obstruction can expect to received a penalty charge notice issued by the Police or if requested by the resident, by a Civil Enforcement Officer.

Councillor Darling advised he is happy with the proposals for the crossing on Barton Hill Road.

It was reported it is the Council's statutory duty to improve air quality for residents which is funded separately from the Local Transport Plan. Patrick Carney advised

changes have been carried out in Hele Village in order to try and improve the air quality and he is waiting for the initial results of these changes.

Patrick Carney advised in addition to the improvements suggested in this report for Happaway Road, there is a separate proposal to install double yellow lines along Happaway Road at the entrance of Lummaton Quarry and would prefer for this work to be undertaken using Section 106 funding.

Councillor Stringer raised concerns regarding the speed of the traffic along Barton Hill Road and as a result Patrick Carney and his team are to conduct speed surveys of this area.

Councillor Cowell raised concerns regarding the consultation with the residents of Audley Avenue and believes further consultation is required. Councillor Excell highlighted his concerns regarding the plan advising amendments have yet to be made following the feedback received from the consultation. Patrick Carney confirmed that the plan had been subject to public consultation at the exhibition which took place on the 23rd & 24th August 2013 and is to send a copy of the plan to Ward Members who will arrange to meet residents on site with view to finalising.

Recommendation

Officers to commence the implementation of the proposals as outlined under option 6.1 in the Issues Paper with the addition of the installation of double yellow lines at Happaway Road and for further consultation to be undertaken by Ward Members with the residents of Audley Avenue.

Proposed by: Cllr Addis

Seconded by: Cllr Brooksbank

In favour: All

Against:

Abstention:

Councillor Darling and Councillor Stringer left the meeting

118. Local Sustainable Transport Fund - Proposed Cycle Route

Patrick Carney presented the Local Sustainable Transport Fund – Proposed Cycle Route report.

Councillor Hytche asked if after implementing the scheme it proved not to be successful, could the cycleway be removed. Patrick Carney advised schemes are reviewed by Officers and on occasion by the Road Safety Auditor generally 6 to 12 months after implementation to ascertain its success and confirmed cycle ways can be removed if deemed appropriate.

Councillor Cowell advised he has concerns with the cyclists using Fleet Walk and the possible accidents that may occur with pedestrians. Patrick Carney advised

there will be a designated running lane installed in Fleet Walk and it is hoped cyclists will keep to this area.

Councillor Cowell proposed that the issue concerning Torre and the possible reversal of the route is put on the agenda to be discussed at the next Transport Working Party meeting.

Councillor Pountney advised he has concerns with cyclists using the area around the banjo. Patrick Carney advised he is currently reviewing the options available for a cycling route in respect of this area.

Recommendation

Officers to proceed with the next stage of the implementation of the cycle routes using the ring fenced funding available.

Proposed by: Cllr Cowell
Seconded by: Cllr Pountney

In favour: 5
Against:
Abstention: 1

Councillor Excell left the meeting

119. Fleet Street Regeneration Scheme - Update of the Phase 1 Construction

Patrick Carney presented the Fleet Street Regeneration Scheme – Update on Phase 1 Construction report where he advised that works will re-commence on site to complete phase 1 from Monday 16th September 2013. It is expected these works will be completed by the end of October 2013.

Patrick Carney went on to say a decision needs to be made as to whether to proceed with phase 2 as originally planned in the autumn of 2014 or to consult with traders to ascertain if they would like to delay the second phase by a year.

Councillor Cowell advised the traders are due to meet on the 17th September 2013 at 6 pm at Camelot in Fleet Walk

Recommendation

Officers to consult with traders and if in support to progress the works as per the planned schedule to commence phase 2 in September 2014.

Proposed by: Cllr Addis
Seconded by: Cllr Doggett

In favour: All
Against:
Abstention:

120. LSTF Update - Ferry Tender (Verbal update)

David Whiteway reported the ferry tender had been sent out but due to a technical issue raised by solicitors concerning innocuous wording of the document which could not be verified at the time, it had to be withdrawn. David Whiteway went on to say that it is hoped the tender will be re-submitted within the next 10 working days and confirmed that a single operator is being sought to operate the ferry service and it is hoped responses will be received by multiple companies.

121. Local Transport Board (Verbal update)

David Whiteway advised the Local Transport Board have approved funding for schemes in 2015. £7.3 million has been awarded for the western corridor and £3 million for the joint Edginswell project. David Whiteway went on to say that further funding is required for the Edginswell project which is being sought from the LEP.

David Whiteway reported the application for funding in respect of the Torquay Gateway was unsuccessful and further work is required to identify individual issues before being re-submitted.

122. Date of Next Meeting

24th October 2013, 4.00pm