



Minutes of the Transport Working Party

30 June 2016

-: Present :-

Councillor Anne Brooks, Councillor Steve Darling, Councillor Ian Doggett, Councillor Robert Excell (Chairman), Councillor Derek Mills, Councillor Mike Morey and Councillor Mark King (Vice-Chair)

(Also in attendance: Ian Jones, Fran Hughes, Kirsty Shears, Councillor Richard Haddock, Councillor Terry Manning, Councillor Julien Parrott and Councillor Di Stubbley)

(Also in attendance: Mrs Gayfer; Local Resident Morgan Avenue; Local Resident Torre)

222. Apologies for absence

Pat Steward.

223. Minutes of last meeting

- Minutes were accepted; Cllr Mills proposed and Councillor Darling seconded.

224. Any Other Business (Moved from agenda item 9)

Residents Parking – Warberry Road West

- Cllr Parrott and Mrs Gayfer (Resident) spoke in favour of introducing Residents Parking in Warberry Road West. There is currently Residents Parking in Cavern Road where permits are required to park. However residents are opting to park in Warberry Road West instead of paying to purchase a permit for Cavern Road. This is creating a knock on effect whereby the residents of Warberry Road West are having difficulty parking on their street.
- A petition has been submitted to the Highways Department for a CPZ. Residents are aware that an additional cost to the permit would initially be charged to cover the implementation costs to make the scheme cost neutral to the Council.
- IJ responded by advising that the Parking Review is due to be finalised in July 2016, following this, the above item will be considered with respect to the review. IJ stated that there may be additional costs if external consultants are required to carry out the works as there may be insufficient resources in-house.

Torre Reversal

Resident from Morgan Avenue and Resident from Torre asked the following questions:

- 1) Why the works were started and not finished?
 - 2) How long the road works are going to be outside the Printers Elbow?
 - 3) Bus stop is now going in but why start before other works are complete?
 - 4) No slow marks from Newton end.
- IJ confirmed there are no intentions of starting and not finishing the scheme. The main reversal of traffic needed to be implemented with other works to follow. There are some resource issues regarding a delay to the supply of slabs that are being used for the area which were unforeseen.
 - IJ confirmed the safety issues raised around the height of the temporary barriers will be passed to the Torbay Development Agency to assess.
 - The Resident posed some further operational questions that were not appropriate to be discussed at the Working Party and was advised contact should be made during office hours to the Highways Department for further clarification from the supervising officer.

Other Issues

- Cllr Manning raised that on Green Bank Road opposite Harbourway Dental Surgery the pot holes have been filled however there is some resurfacing requirements further down the road. There is a lady who resides at the end of the street and uses a mobility scooter who is having difficulties with the road surface. IJ will pass to Network Management to consider in line with other priorities.
- Cllr Manning raised an issue in Glenmore Road where the shop keeper is experiencing problems with deliveries as motorists are parking on white solid lines. IJ was aware that this issue has been previously discussed and the Police will only become involved if a vehicle is unable to leave the premises as opposed to gaining access to the premises. Councillor Manning confirmed that the Community Police Officers has been spoken to regarding this matter; IJ confirmed that there is little the authority can do in respect of enforcement of obstruction.
- Councillor Manning enquired as to the implementation date for yellow lines on Mathill Road. It was confirmed the advert is currently with Parking Services and awaiting publication. Cllr Haddock suggested a meeting with the Police is arranged to discuss all the parking issues being experienced across the bay.
- Cllr Excell suggested that he may look at parking income to solve some of these issues.
- Cllr Manning advised Penpethy Road requires a new street name plate – IJ to pass to the relevant officer to assess.
- Advised that Edgeley Road in Barton – only one sign in the road. IJ advised that this may be sufficient in line with current budget proposals.

225. LTP - Verbal Update

As no Officer from Future Planning was available to present this item, IJ relayed the following information on their behalf:-

- The Council is required to put a Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan in place for the period 2016 – 2021, showing how the Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026 is being delivered.
- The Implementation Plan is important for a number of reasons, including the support it gives to securing transport funding from DfT and the HoSW LEP. It provides a basis for bids for funding to those funders.
- The LTP 2011 – 2026, and Implementation Plan 2011 – 2016, have provided a very useful base for very successful bids for Western Corridor, Torbay Gateway, Edginswell Station and Torquay Town Centre Traffic Reversal.
- The Spatial Planning team has been leading on development of a new Implementation Plan (2016 – 2021), showing how funding of £5.3M from DfT (£1.063M per annum) will be spent on transport projects that support the health and economic well-being of Torbay.
- Consultation and engagement with Members (MEG, Joint Operations PDG) and the community, earlier this year for proposed transport projects over the next five years, revealed a lack of support as they did not meet principles of the authority. The next stage is going to Full Council in September 2016 following further consultation and engagement. There remain some issues to resolve before presenting a report to Council including road safety budget. The approach will be:
 - a) Support for ongoing 'spade in the ground' schemes, totalling £1.973M – e.g. Fleet Walk, Western Corridor.
 - b) Spatial Planning, working with Members, SLT and Highways, to work up business cases for agreed projects. Around £300K will be needed to cover the costs of doing this.
 - c) The remaining £3M will be transferred into the Capital Projects Fund and the capital project matrix will be used to assess the level of financial support for transport projects from the Council.
- Councillor Morey requested that the reports go to Members before being presented at Full Council.
- Councillor Darling stated it needs to be looked at more strategically rather than just looking case by case basis. IJ confirmed schemes will be scored on the Council corporate matrix.

226. Introduction of 20mph zones in residential areas

- IJ advised Members that this report was requested at the last TWP. Highways are currently continuing with advisory and permanent 20mph zones outside schools, however there are a number of sites remain to be completed. These works will continue as part of future road safety initiatives.
- IJ confirmed that 20mph zones are signed at the start and finish of an area and the area is engineered so that speeds are reduced and become self enforcing. A 20mph limit does not have the traffic calming features but has signs at the start and finish along with repeaters throughout and are not self enforcing. We are currently awaiting updated guidance from DfT for 20mph zones and limits, which is expected in 2017.

- New and recent housing development areas have been designed with traffic calming features in place that encourage people to drive slower. It would be relatively easy to implement zones in these areas.
- Enforcement of 20mph zones/limits are not seen as a priority for Police Enforcement within their current resources.
- Evidence suggests that casualty reductions are more successful in 20mph zones than limits and that 20mph limits in roads where there is not already speeding problems, only shows an average speed reduction of 1mph.
- IJ advised the TWP need to think about how to take the strategy forward and how the criteria are to be determined. IJ will bring more detailed information back to the TWP at a later date, which needs to consider priorities with respect to evidence base where casualties are known to be occurring.
- IJ confirmed the costs of implementation are not to be underestimated and a basic cost to sign, implement an order and carry out consultation would be around £20,000 minimum cost for an average development area. If traffic calming is also implemented the cost would increase considerably.
- Requests have been received for many areas for the reduction of the speed to 20mph which include:-

Galmpton Village
Hayes Road, Paignton
St Marys, Brixham
The Willows Estate

- It was noted that in the areas stated there have been no KSI Casualties in the last 3 years.
- Cllr Doggett supported Option 1 with request to add areas outside Sacred Heart School and Colley End Road.
- Cllr Darling enquired to the extent of the backlog of school 20mph zones outstanding from 2015/16 as Barton Hill Road has still not been completed. IJ advised it is approximately half way through the programme of works. Issues have been experienced with supply and installation of some illuminated signs.
- Cllr Darling enquired where current 20 limits already exist in Torbay. IJ confirmed the 20mph limits in Torbay are at Ilsham Marine Drive and Brixham College; and the 20mph zones are East and West Pafford, Eastern Esplanade, Winner Street, Church Street and Well Street in Paignton.
- Cllr Darling was surprised the priority health benefits have not been alluded to as were highlighted by the Health and Well Being Board.
- Cllr Haddock made the point that some schools are not willing to participate in road safety schemes.
- Cllr Morey advised that where bollards were placed on pavements in Higher Ranscombe Road the speed of traffic has improved.

Recommendation:

- To carry out further investigations and report back to the TWP with suggested priorities, but to continue with programme of 20mph limits outside schools whilst referring to the Health and Well Being objectives.

Proposed: Cllr Mills – with specific reference to Health and Well Being objectives.
Seconded: Cllr King
All in favour.

227. Fleet Street Regeneration Scheme - Proposed Phase 3 Construction

- IJ confirmed Phase 1 of the scheme was completed in 2013. Following consultation with traders it was agreed to delay Phase 2 until after the Christmas period. Phase 2 was completed in 2015.
- The next phase of the scheme is proposed to be taken forward after Christmas 2016 with an early start in 2017 running until the summer season. IJ advised the works should be completed in Summer 2017, but may have to straddle the summer period if necessary. Cllr Darling asked what assurances can be given that works would not overlap into the Autumn, IJ advised that the contract would include completion dates. The only potential delays would be due to unforeseen problems such as unknown services in Fleet Street.
- IJ confirmed there is one slight alteration from the original consultation drawings that allows for a potential future GPO Roundabout improvement scheme to ensure that abortive works do not take place. The pavement will be slightly cut back but will not change the overall scheme.
- Cllr Haddock sought confirmation that prior to the project commencing that the materials for the works are in stock. IJ confirmed that granite is used for the Town Centre and that the TDA will be pre-purchasing these materials and will source these accordingly prior to commencement.

Recommendation:

- For Members to support Phase 3 works to commence in early 2017 to avoid the Christmas 2016 period.

Proposed: Cllr Darling
Seconded: Cllr Doggett
All in favour.

228. Road Casualty Reduction Report

- IJ presented the road casualty figures for Torbay for 2015 highlighting positive news overall including no fatalities and an overall reduction in KSI's on Torbay's roads. Casualty figures for Torbay remain comparatively low for an area of this size. The report will now be placed on Torbay Council's website.
- Cllr Darling enquired whether we are able to obtain car collision accident data and whether this can be recorded, for the purpose of determining accident hot spots. IJ advised that the Police have now stopped reporting these statistics, however there is a new reporting system being implemented that will give the Police more flexibility for reporting accidents. This may be operational within the next two years. IJ confirmed that the Road Safety Partnership are aware of this.
- Cllr Morey advised that there is only one Speed Watch in the Bay which is in Brixham. Cllr Haddock confirmed that this is currently not in use.

229. Western Corridor - Verbal Update

IJ advised Members of the progress of the scheme to date:

- Long Road to Roselands Drive section is now complete and working well.
- The next phase of works have started in the area just north of Tweenaway which include widening the merge lane heading north and undertaking works to the pedestrian crossing and implementing a turn right lane into Waterleat Road. Works will be suspended for the Summer and completed in the Autumn.
- There are two large schemes planned to start in the Autumn/Winter 2016 period as follows:
 - 1) Yalberton junction to Roselands Drive/Wilkins Drive. There will be a major gas main diversion to facilitate the scheme and the building of a retaining wall. Some of the works will be 'off line' with minimal impact on traffic flow, but the road widening may cause some disruption.
 - 2) Spruce Way to Churscombe Cross – widening of section in Kings Ash Road. This scheme will be challenging and Members were advised that the road will need to close for works for around a 2 month period to facilitate the scheme. The TDA are currently preparing the contracts, which are going out to tender this summer. Once a contract is awarded the programme will be agreed, aiming to start in January/February 2017. Funding has already been approved for this scheme and TDA have been commissioned do carry out this scheme. There will be some land acquisition as part of the scheme which the TDA are progressing currently.
- IJ to provide a more detailed report to the next TWP meeting in December.
- There is one further scheme still planned for the 2017/18 financial year which is Windy Corner. There is confirmed funding for this scheme.
- Cllr Stubley enquired whether there would be a footpath implemented in Warborough Road as part of the Windy Corner scheme. IJ confirmed not as part of this scheme, but can be put forward as part of a future scheme. IJ confirmed that Common Lane is required to be acquired for the scheme and that this is being kept to a minimum.
- Cllr Stubley enquired whether a sign could be erected to indicate horse riders present in Old Road, Galampton to deter traffic flow. IJ confirmed that this road is for access only and therefore the Police can enforce non access traffic in this road.

230. Torquay Gateway - Verbal Update

- IJ confirmed Marldon Road approach to Gallows Gate is complete and working well. Traffic flow is continuing to be monitored.
- The Shiphay Cycle Route is virtually complete. There are a couple of outstanding finishing off issues including the street lights; upon completion a press release will be issued.
- There is one scheme being implemented this year which is the Scotts Bridge junction improvement adding an additional left turn lane into Newton Road. This is due to go out to tender during the Summer and will commence in Autumn/Winter 2016.

- In 2017/18 Shiphay Lane to Lowes Bridge widening is planned for implementation.

231. Date of Next Meeting

Proposed Date:

1st December 2016, 4pm, Meadfoot Room, Town Hall.