

TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY
Thursday 21ST JUNE 2012

Present

Councillors Hill, Brooksbank, Faulkner A, Doggett, Cowell, Addis

Also in attendance:- Cllr Hytche (representing Cllr Amil), Councillor Excell, Councillor Beryl McPhail, Cllr D Thomas, Cllr K Pritchard, Cllr Bobbie Davis, Sue Cheriton, Patrick Carney, Bill Prendergast, Sally Farley, Peter Roberts

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Amil

2. Minutes of meeting held on 29 March 2012

- Buses at Asda – Officers are awaiting feedback from Stagecoach
- The minutes were agreed to be correct. Councillor Addis proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded.

2a. Urgent Items (Late additions)

- Churston Golf Course – Comments required from Transport Working Party on highway plans for access from main road, is part of the planning application.
- Mr Roger Richards presented to the Transport Working Party, resident of Churston.
- Concern on roads and congestion were raised – more units and additional industrial units mean the road cannot take any more traffic. Considered to be an over development for road network, concern on Bascombe Road junction in particular.
- It was clarified that Bascombe Road would only serve 5 properties. Cllr Pritchard supported concerns raised by Mr Richards, suggested all major impacts on all roads should be considered by the Transport Working Party.
- Councillor A Faulkner/Councillor D Cowell raised concern on the junctions on Bascombe Road (need right turn on junction). Difficult to get into the flow of traffic.

Comment to Planning:-

- Transport Working Party acknowledged this has been looked at by strategic/highways departments.
- Concern raised by AF/DC put forward to Planning prior to decision being made.

Parking Restriction Carious – Urgent Report

- Officers proposed to remove moratorium on additional parking orders to allow £15,000 to be invested in 43 small schemes.
- Officers will go to consultation on these schemes. If objections are received this will come back to the Transport Working Party for consideration. Cllr Doggett agreed to distribute letter to a wider community for scheme 26.
- Cllr Cowell requested if some schemes were dropped from the list after consultation, others be added. The cost of advertising is the largest cost so may not be achieved.

- Cllr Faulkner proposed and Councillor Doggett seconded – all in favour.
3. **Torquay Town Centre Parking – Six Month Review**
- Report considered changes following the review of Torquay Parking Scheme
 - Councillor Cowell raised concerns as a review of the wider Parking Strategy was required, including the charging levels, which are damaging the economy of the town.
- Recommendation**
- Councillor Faulkner proposed and Cllr Brooksbank seconded. All in favour. Recommended changes proposed in the report.
4. **Hollicombe to Paignton Harbour Cycle Route**
- Consideration of opinions for cycle route – byelaws were changed to allow cycle routes in parks.
 - Consider section between Marine Parade and Colin Road considered in the report.
 - Four options were offered for consideration.
 - Preferred option by officers is Option 1.
 - Cllr Butt was concerned this had not been presented to Preston Community Partnership for their consideration.
 - Caz Ladbrook also submitted comments which were conflicting but gave a number of views.
 - It was clarified this is a critical part of the National Cycle Network.
 - Concerns were raised on shared space between cyclists and pedestrians – need to ensure demarcation where possible.
- Recommendation**
- Officers to do a new hybrid of Option 2 and 3 using the area with the removal of hedge. Cllr Cowell proposed and Cllr Doggett seconded.
5. **Torbay Highway Network Capacity & Western Corridor Improvements**
- Presentation of report explaining the measuring of Network Capacity and Congestion criteria used to assess the needs of the highway network.
 - Much is based on speed of journeys across the network.
 - However a national survey of residents views suggested we have one of the worst satisfaction on congestion in England.
 - Report suggests congestion will increase as Western Corridor has most developments and will need future works.
 - A number of junctions will also see higher capacity across the network.
 - Torbay has a vulnerable network with only two main routes, which compounds problems if one is blocked.
 - Reports and Western Corridor improvements supported by the Transport Working Party.
6. **Local Sustainable Transport Fund – Verbal update**
- Environment Policy team managed to secure £2.75m over three years.
 - Transport Working Party congratulated the Team for the achievement of gaining this grant.
 - Financial proposals will be agreed in July.

- New pontoons/Fast Ferry Service/new bus routes/new cycle route national network to Newton Abbot has been included in the schemes.
- Supported by marketing and travel plans.

Timescales:-

- Pontoons – PQQ going out today. Tender documents by the end of August, Contract starts October 2012, installed by March 2013.
- Ferry Service – Procurement subject to OJEU, tenders issued end of July, contract October 2012, service in by March 2013
- Bus project has to meet the timescale.
- Three years to set cycleway proposals to connect routes. First proposal will come to Transport Working Party in the autumn.
- Proposals has been seen by Harbours Committee. They will influence the actual design of the Ferry Services.

7. Palm Court Highways Layout – Verbal Update

- Deferred

7a. Any Other Business

- School flashing 20 mile hour signs are being considered. Actual schemes will be prioritised according to budget.

8. Date of Next Meeting

2nd August 2012, 4pm, Meadfoot Room, Town Hall