



Minutes of the Transport Working Party

21 June 2012

-: Present :-

Councillor Ray Hill, Councillor Darren Cowell, Councillor Ian Doggett, Councillor Alan Faulkner, Councillor Pete Addis, Councillor Stephen Brooksbank and Councillor Michael Hytche (Substitute for Councillor Nicole Amil)

(Also in attendance: Councillor Robert Excell, Sue Cheriton, Patrick Carney, Sally Farley, William Prendergast, Councillor Beryl McPhail, Councillor David Thomas, Councillor Ken Pritchard, Councillor Bobbie Davies and Peter Roberts)

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Amil.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 10th May 2012

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

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.
- PC advised of Cllr Butt's concern 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.

8. Any Other Business

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

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.

9. Date of Next Meeting

2nd August 2012, 4.00pm, Meadfoot Room, Town Hall