

**TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY**  
**Thursday 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012**

**Present**

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

Also in attendance:- Councillor Excell, Councillor Davies, Councillor Parrott,  
Councillor Stocks, Sue Cheriton, Patrick Carney, Bill Prendergast, Sally Farley

**1. Apologies for Absence**

None

**2. Minutes of meeting held on 29 March 2012**

The minutes were agreed to be correct. Councillor Addis proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded.

**3. Pedestrian Crossing at Victoria Road, Ellacombe – Presentation of Petition**

- Mr Davis, Councillor Stocks, Councillor Parrott and Ellacombe Academy School were present and supported the petition.
- 77 signature petition was presented by Mr Davis.
- Councillor Stocks presented petition – outside deadline more signatures have been received.
- Requested traffic calming at Ellacombe School opposite shops. Many requests have been made in the past. Ongoing issues with people having been in collisions with traffic.
- Children from Westlands also cross at this point. Parents are concerned.
- Cars and delivery vehicles park illegally and make visibility poor for pedestrians.
- Want assurance this improvement goes into a list to be considered when funds are available.
- Mr Davis explained problems with crossing and the situation with parked cars for someone with a sight impairment.
- Councillor Parrott raised issues of parking across the crossing as a Director of Ellacombe School and dangers for children crossing at this point.
- Councillor Addis confirmed the issue of crossing here being dangerous.
- Petition referred to Patrick Carney in consultation with Councillor Excell.

**4. Parking at Princes Road Ellacombe – Presentation of Petition by Mr Kellow**

- Presentation by Mr Kellow and Councillor Parrott
- 40 signature petition for installation of further bollards on Princes Road.
- Councillor Parrott advised a person had been run down whilst cars were mounting the pavement to pass stationary traffic the other way.

- It is becoming normal to drive on the pavement.
- Peoples front doors go directly on this pavement and this is very dangerous for them.
- Mr Kellow advised there had been many near misses. Bollards need to be placed to stop vehicles going on the pavement.
- Councillor Stocks supported the petition and agreed bollards were needed.
- PC will respond to the petition once it has been discussed with Councillor Excell.

## **5. Road Casualty Reduction Report 2011**

- PC presented summary of the incidents over 2011 calendar year. Data is provided by Police.
- Reports actual injuries not all collisions.
- Overall picture is of reducing number of incidents across the board.
- Councillor Addis suggested there may be an increase on “dare” incidents of people running across the road. PC advised most incidents were due to loss of concentration.
- Councillor Cowell raised concerns on reduced safety budgets and police support. All good work may be undermined by this.
- PC will supply numbers on older persons drivers attending the special drivers event.

## **6. Road Safety Initiatives Report 2012 – 2013**

- Patrick Carney presented report and the Road Safety Plan based on priority data. Most schools have had road safety improvements. Safer Travel based on collision data only. Petitions need to be considered in the past and those presented today when considering recommendations. PC recommends the priorities identified from collision data. Mrs Hewitt will be presenting a petition. Campaign to install a puffin crossing as this staggered fenced crossing makes it difficult for people with sight impairment.
- Dartmouth Road at Goodrington. Mrs Hewitt lives on the road and helps other people with sight impairments with Braille training – the crossing is a barrier to access this training. 500 signature petition received.
- Councillor Faulkner supports this as a priority.
- Councillor Addis requested cost – Patrick Carney advised £40k/£50k as location would have to be changed due to junction being close by.
- Budget can do one major scheme and a couple of signing/lining schemes.
- Councillor Doggett recommended prioritising Dartmouth Road, Ellacombe School and Littlegate Lane (left turn only might be a solution).
- Councillor Amil supports Mrs Hewitt’s scheme.
- Councillor Cowell cannot see how we can prioritise if we do not know the cost of each option. Patrick Carney can give guidance – infrastructure work is £40/50k. Lining and marking around £10k per scheme.
- Councillor Cowell – requested we use development 106 contributions ie Torwood Street?

- Councillor Addis supported Ellacombe – opinion for 20mph zone and no loading between certain times may solve the issue.

#### Recommendations

Councillor Cowell proposed Dartmouth Road is the major scheme for 2012. Seconded by Councillor Amil. All in favour.

Second priority is Ellacombe Road loading bay scheme and 20 mile an hour zone.

Other funding for 20 mile zones for schools also to be considered. Patrick Carney has to take this change in policy to Charles Uzzell/Councillor Excell as this is against collisions data policy currently used.

### **7. Minor Congestion Relief Schemes 2012 – 2013**

- Patrick Carney presented the report – described schemes proposed and identified the priorities.
- Likely to do scheme 1 and 3 with the budget available. Scheme 2 could get developer funding and then this could be taken forward later.
- Scheme 4 proposed for 2013.
- Councillor Cowell raised issues of buses outside ASDA needs to be looked into.
- Councillor Addis proposed, seconded by Councillor Cowell. All in favour

### **8. Better Bus Area Fund**

- Sally Farley presented the report.
- Torbay was awarded £514,700 for real time bus information, will improve visibility of bus arrivals at stops.
- System linked to mobile phone and will have GPS tracking.
- All bus stops and kiosk screens at key points stations/hospital etc.
- Total scheme costs £700k – all funding has been allocated. Will be completed in March 2014. Additional screens can be included at a later date.
- Noted report.

### **9. St Michaels Traffic Action Zone – Consideration of Objections to proposed Traffic Regulation Order**

- Patrick Carney presented the report and additional information which was compiled after the site visit.
- Report considering objections against parking reductions. Additional info replaces page 43/44 of the original report.
- Mr Preest – chairman of the Residents Action Group presented to the group.
- Mr Preest's only concern still outstanding is Addison Road, allowing the traffic to see based on angle on corner suggested no loading to be implemented to alleviate this.
- Consider 20 mile an hour zone by the school on Hayes Road.
- Councillor Brooksbank concerns over speed on St Michaels Road – rumble strips have not worked.

- Patrick Carney to consider the problems/install covert camera to provide speed recording to see the level of speeding on this road.

Recommendation

Merrett and Addison Road to be considered along with the recommendations presented at the meeting.

Councillor Brooksbank proposed and Councillor Doggett seconded.

**10. Nicholson Road, Torquay – Consideration of the provision of parking restrictions**

- PC presented report.
- Recommended TRO to be advertised and if no objections received, to be implemented.
- Councillor Addis proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded.

**11. Nicholson Road, Torquay – Potential Widening Scheme to Improve Traffic flow**

- PC presented report on review on widening Nicholson Road.
- Recommendation only to implement width the road where crash barrier allows space for providing additional parking places.
- Cost expected to be £50k
- Councillor Excell suggested a site visit before making a decision.
- Councillor Cowell proposed deferral as cost cannot be justified. Councillor Amil seconded deferral. Councillor Addis abstained/All in favour. Consider this as a developer contribution scheme to be implemented in the future.

**12. Parking Provision – Eastern Esplanade, Paignton**

- Patrick Carney presented report.
- 218 spaces in total, 73 were disabled drivers surveyed on the day. Suggest northern end could be left open (81 spaces). PC advised we would still require closure for events. Only open a total of six weeks when this is taken into account. Consider extinguishing the highway, then Torbay Council could use as a car park if we require. Consideration of use of this area as a public area and not for parking– and protect it.

Recommendation

Carry on consultation to support an application to Secretary of State to deregulate as highway for Esplanade. Councillor Cowell proposed and Councillor Amil seconded. All in favour.

**13. Paignton Town Centre Parking – six month review**

- Patrick Carney presented report on recommendations for Paignton Parking Review.
- Agreed as recommended. Councillor Brooksbank proposed and Councillor Doggett seconded. All in favour

**14. Coach Parking – Review of Cary Park area**

- PC presented proposal on coach parking.
- Councillor Addis concerned regarding consultation on Cary Avenue and a decision should be deferred on this road. Agreed to recommended to consult with Ward Councillors on this road.
- All others are implemented as recommended.
- Councillor Addis proposed and Councillor Brooksbank seconded. All in favour.

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

21<sup>st</sup> June 2012, 4pm, Meadfoot Room, Town Hall