



Minutes of the Transport Working Party

10 July 2014

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Councillor Ray Hill (Chairman), Councillor Pete Addis, Councillor Nicole Amil, Councillor Stephen Brooksbank, Councillor Darren Cowell, Councillor Ian Doggett, Councillor Ray Hill (Chairman) and Councillor Cindy Stocks

(Also in attendance: Patrick Carney, Sue Cheriton, Councillor Bobbie Davies, Councillor Robert Excell, Sally Farley, Town Councillor Mike Morey, Councillor Roger Stringer, Councillor David Thomas, Councillor Alan Tyerman and David Whiteway)

Public Speaking: Councillor V Ellery, Liz Pippett

Minutes: Kirsty Shears

173. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Pountney who was represented by Councillor Stocks.

174. Minutes from last meeting 27th March 2014

The previous minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by: Councillor Brooksbank

Seconded by: Councillor Doggett

In favour: All

Councillor Hill advised a change to the report on page 24, item 7, should read "Members are recommended that item 6.....etc" and not "item 5".

175. Road Safety Initiative 2014/15

P Carney presented the Annual Programme for Road Safety Initiative 2014/15 outlining the LTP capital allocation for 2014/15 at £70k. The report details an update on Road Safety, showing safer and improved routes to schools, including improved safety outside school locations. Appendix 1 outlines in detail all works undertaken outside schools in the past 5-10 years.

Appendix 2 of the report details some priorities set in 2013/14 that are not yet complete. P Carney outlined the schemes requiring further work as Abbey Gates, Ellacombe Church Road, Kings Ash (junction by Spar shop), The Strand, and 20mph zones outside schools. It was noted that consultation work has been undertaken relating to Ellacombe Church Road, but works are not yet complete. Concerns remain regarding the Kings Ash, but this will be incorporated as part of the LTB Western Corridor scheme. A detailed review has been undertaken of the Strand in 2013/14 and a design brief is going to be prepared for the implementation of a 20mph speed limit during the evening. P Carney confirmed that there are some electrical works to be completed for the signing of 20mph outside schools, but funding for this is secured from 2013/14 budget.

P Carney gave an overview of the proposed Schemes for 2014/15 as outlined in Appendix 3. It was explained to the Working Party that the schemes had been listed in priority order following analysis of collision data in conjunction with the Police.

Councillor Ellery and Liz Pippett were asked to approach the table to speak regarding this issue.

L Pippett (L Pippett) - Manager of Smugglers and Pirates Experience, Kings Street, Brixham.

Councillor Ellery - Brixham Town Council

L Pippett outlined major health and safety concerns relating to a break in the pathway outside the main entrance at the above attraction. The main entrance to the attraction is the designated disabled entrance and the designated fire exit which leads directly onto Kings Road, and is used by all visitors - the elderly, young and the disabled. There is a major health and safety risk with people vacating the building directly onto the road, due to a break in the pavement, and in L Pippett's opinion a fatality waiting to occur. L Pippett was struck by a vehicle just last week whilst entering/exiting the building. L Pippett advised that the attraction has had £900k in investment and the company are desperate to provide safe access in/out of the building. L Pippett has been in discussed with John Clewer, Highways department, from September 2013 and was recommended that "no loading" and "no parking" restrictions are implemented - these works have not come to fruition. L Pippett circulated letters of thanks sent to the attraction, but detailing concerns of the dangerous entrance to the building.

Councillor Ellery requested that the two pavements are joined together to create 6 metres of pavement outside the attraction.

P Carney confirmed there is no objection to the scheme being carried out and confirmed it would be of benefit. P Carney reiterated that the Proposed Schemes List was collated on actual evidence of collision data, however Members of the

Working Party can advise if this scheme is to be added to the list and at which priority on the list. P Carney took the opportunity to urge anyone involved in a collision outside the Smugglers and Pirates Experience to report this to the Police, to enable this to be reflected on the collision data.

Councillor Brooksbank was in favour of this being added to the list, either at the bottom and if there is budget remaining it could be undertaken, or perhaps at a higher rank on the list.

Councillor Cowell considered the last 3 proposed schemes are more about design brief, and given the location of the attraction, with a gap in the pavement, advised it is not feasible to have it on a reserve list. P Carney confirmed an estimate of £4-5k for this scheme.

Chair, Councillor R Hill invited Councillor M Morey to speak:

Councillor Morey confirmed that it is a busy junction on Fore Street, The Strand and Kings Street, and there had never been a pavement on that section, but this does cause issues especially during the holiday season. Councillor Morey advised it is an important issue of safety.

Councillor Doggett was in agreement with the request as this is currently dangerous.

Councillor Amil supported the scheme being on the list.

Councillor Stocks agreed with comments made above and confirmed it should go above South Street.

Councillor Cowell supported it needs to be a higher priority.

Recommendation:

That the road safety priorities for 2014/15 be as identified within Appendix 3 be progressed with Kings Street, Brixham added after Hyde Road.

Proposed: Councillor Cowell

Seconded: Councillor Amil

In favour: All.

Councillor Ellery and L Pippett thanked the Working Party and left the meeting.

Councillor Doggett raised concern regarding an incident involving a school child nearly being knocked over at the back of Woodland Park by Sacred Heart School. P Carney to investigate and feedback to Councillor Doggett outside of this meeting. Councillor Doggett also raised concerns regarding the Strand area in Torquay with pedestrians crossing in between buses. P Carney advised regarding the future

proposed speed restrictions for the area and this would be looked at as part of the Strand Scheme.

Councillor Cowell emphasised the need for improvement at Abbey Gates. Councillor Cowell also raised concerns following a meeting with the new Headteacher at Torquay Academy relating to Cricketfield Road and would welcome the prioritised 20mph zone. The Headteacher has asked whether break outs or central reservations could be implemented to assist with slowing down the traffic. In the past 6 months there have been two collisions, one child was clipped by a wing mirror and the other suffered head injuries. There needs to be more than just a 20mph zone.

Councillor Addis concluded as to what use a reduced speed limit is unless it is enforced by the Police. Councillor Addis advised in Ellacombe the speed restriction is never monitored.

Chair Councillor Hill invited Councillor B Davies to speak:

Councillor Davies raised concern with the traffic issues on Hayes Road (the back road) with Sanctuary Housing now at the top - would this be looked at.

Councillor Stocks advised schools need to be educating the children. P Carney confirmed when a 20mph limit is introduced the Council does liaise with the school.

S Cheriton advised that School Governors do work with the children and the Police as part of the Safety Camera Partnership.

Councillor Brooksbank queried whether Parking Services still do random visits to schools. P Carney confirmed that visits are made, but how often is limited due to reduced enforcement.

176. Road Casualty Reduction Report 2013

P Carney presented the report looking back at 2013 collision information. The Government no longer set the targets for Local Authorities, Torbay Council set their own. In summary, there have been 2 fatalities on Torbay's roads in 2013, with the average being between 1 and 3. Page 12 identifies a downward trend since 1998 for KSI's (Killed or Seriously Injured), with an increase in the last 2 years. This category includes broken bones, a head injury or a night's stay in hospital. Page 13 outlines children killed or seriously injured. Page 14 depicts a reduction in slight injuries incurred.

Councillor Brooksbank enquired whether the Older Drivers Week (page 19 relates) was well attended. P Carney confirmed 3 years ago it was well attended, 2 years ago not so well attended, then an increase in numbers last year. P Carney advised this will possibly go to every other year.

Councillor Cowell – queried the 77% increase in KSI's over 2 years (graph on page 12), querying why the budget for road safety is proposed to be decreased when the incidents are rising. Councillor Hill advised whilst there are budget restrictions across the whole of the Council and difficult decisions have to be made. S Cheriton confirmed that Councillor Cowell's concerns regarding the cut in the Road Safety budget can be fed back as part of the budget consultation from the Transport Working Party.

Recommendation:

That the Transport Working Party express their concerns to the Mayor that the Road Safety Budget is being reduced. S Cheriton to feedback on the Working Party's behalf.

Proposed: Councillor Cowell

Seconded: Councillor Doggett.

In favour: All.

177. Western Corridor Update Briefing Note

P Carney presented the report providing an overview of the funding achieved for the Western Corridor Scheme. £1m Pinch Point funding has been matched with some further £0.5m funding to improve two sections of the Western Corridor. The first section from Sainsburys to Borough Road was completed in winter 2013/14 and has been well received. The second section is to widen two lanes in each direction from the new entrance from Yannons Farm to Long Road (plan on page 37). P Carney circulated a larger plan in colour for the Working Party's perusal). This scheme has been approved in principle and in outline at Full Council. P Carney intends for some consultation with residents to be carried out regarding the detail of the scheme. The intention is for work to commence on site in November 2014.

Councillor Hill invited Councillor Tyerman to speak:

Councillor Tyerman raised concerns relating to the impact of this work for the residents in Roselands, as Roselands Drive will be used as a rat run when works are taking place on the main road. Councillor Tyerman requested that every effort should be made to anticipate the problems and minimise the impact of the works, and requested the possibility of parking restrictions to be implemented during the period of works, at the south end of Roselands Drive going into Grange Road. P Carney confirmed signage will be erected as far out as Windy Corner and Kerswell Gardens, that the majority of the work would be undertaken off line, therefore avoiding temporary traffic signals, and that the Highways department would be more than happy to look at temporary restrictions in the above area, whilst ensuring that the impression of creating an alternative route is avoided.

Councillor Excell wished to publically thank S Farley and her team for the excellent job on securing additional funding. S Farley advised that once P Carney had secured the £1m Pinch Point funding that made it is easier to obtain further funding.

SF confirmed an additional £7.3m has been granted from the LTB. There are two 2 hurdles remaining: Programme entry has to be obtained. All documentation has been submitted and an outcome will be released in July, hopefully with agreement from the Board. This will follow with the full business case going to a meeting in December 2014 or March 2015 when the money can be released. Once programme entry has been received, spending can commence on design works.

Councillor Morey advised of the major congestion in the road leading out of Brixham to Windy Corner. P Carney confirmed that Windy Corner will be part of this scheme, but improvements have not yet been identified for 2015-2018 but further consultation on the proposals will take place for 2015/16.

Recommendation

The Working Party accepted the report as presented.

In favour: All.

178. Local Sustainable Transport Fund 2015/16 - Funding Application

DW presented the report outlining a second round of Local Sustainable Transport Funding. Torbay decided to submit a revenue only bid given the amount of match funding required, as outlined in 4.1 and 4.2 of the report. The package elements of the bid are Smartcard, Cross-Public transport ticketing; Cycle Training; Walking to Schools Programme; Travel Planning Support; Walking Route Improvements; and Bus Services enhancement. The total bid package is £695k with £840k match funding. The announcements are now imminent and are expected within the next few days. Awaiting outline decision to determine whether additional funding is received.

Recommendation

The Working Party noted the contents of the report and supported the bid.

In favour: All.

179. Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership - Strategic Economic Plan - Transport Schemes

SF presented the report setting out the schemes that have been submitted for Government funding through the LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) following negotiation with Torbay Council. SF confirmed the following successful bids:

Marsh Barton and Edginswell Stations £0.6m
Torquay Gateway £3.44m
Torquay Town Centre Access £0.4m

SF confirmed the unsuccessful bids were:-

Paignton Rail Station - £1.5m
Broadsands - Long Road Cycle Way - £1.4m
Torre Station - £0.6m
Brixham Transport Hub - £0.5m

SF is pleased with the successful bids that have been achieved and passed thanks to the team involved.

Councillor Excell echoed SF's comments and thanked SF and the team for providing Councillor Excell with excellent bids for him to submit against other local authorities at the LTB.

Councillor Addis extended his congratulations to Councillor Excell and the team, Councillor Cowell was in agreement.

Councillor Cowell urged that the road reversal works at Torre are undertaken as soon as possible to support traders in the area.

Councillor Stocks enquired as to the timescale of the above schemes. P Carney confirmed Western Corridor is shovel ready; Marsh Barton & Edginswell will commence in 2017/18; Torquay Gateway will commence in 2015/16 with the majority of funding in 2017/18; Torquay Town Centre Access will commence in 2015/16 (£400k to be used in 15/16, but Council contribution of £200k can be carried into 16/17. P Carney confirmed a business case needs to be done with a traffic study. SF's team will lead on the traffic modelling and consultation to develop the business case. Options analysis needs to be carried out over the next couple of months. P Carney advised this is a huge amount of work to be delivered over the next 3 years with a small team of Engineers, but was confident the schemes could be delivered.

The Working Party noted the contents of this report.

180. Transport Related Capital Programme 2014/15

P Carney outlined a summary of the schemes proposed for implementation, some may include local consultation. All schemes are under the LTP allocation which was reduced by 33%, with the exception of the Western Corridor.

The Working Party noted the contents of the report.

181. Any Other Business

Councillor Excell advised the Working Party that Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) areas cannot be reviewed as the Council does not have the resources. Councillor

Excell advised there have been two successful CPZ consultations completed by residents, and there are another 5 going out shortly. Councillor Excell to report back at the next TWP meeting in November.

Councillor Addis advised many complaints have been received from the public regarding the development in St Marychurch, relating to the traffic congestion. P Carney agreed to meet Councillor Addis on site with the developer if required.

182. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 27th November 2014, 4pm.