

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR ALLERDALE

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Allerdale held on Tuesday, 5 January 2021 at 10.00 am via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT:

Mr AJ Markley (Chair)

Mr AL Barry (Vice-Chair)	Mr KA Little
Mr A Bowness	Mr T Lywood
Mrs RC Hanson	Ms C McCarron-Holmes
Mr MA Johnson	Mrs M Rae
Mr A Kennon	Mr S Stoddart
Lord R Liddle	Mrs C Tibble
Mr J Lister	

Also in Attendance:-

Ms V Ayre	-	Public Health Locality Manager (Allerdale)
Mrs S Davis-Johnston	-	Traffic Management Team Leader (West)
Mr D Hamilton	-	Democratic Services Officer
Ms L Shaw	-	Area Manager - Allerdale
Miss A Sykes	-	Highways Network Manager
Ms L Thorburn	-	Community Services Manager

PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

47 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr H Graham.

48 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations made on this occasion.

49 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items of business.

50 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no petitions, questions or statements made on this occasion.

51 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2020 be agreed as an accurate and complete record.

52 APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING GROUP AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services which asked members to consider filling the vacancy on the Allerdale Highways Working group and on the Casualty Reduction and Safer Highways Group (CRASH Group) that were left vacant after the sad passing of Cllr Joe Holliday in November.

Members discussed the options available, one of which was to continue without appointing a new representative to take the place of Cllr Holliday on the Allerdale Highways Working Group. It was **AGREED** that no member be appointed to replace Cllr Holliday but that Cllr Hugo Graham be replaced as member of the Allerdale Highways Working Group by Cllr Mike Johnson.

After further discussion it was **AGREED** that Cllr Tony Lywood would take the position as the Allerdale Local Committee representative on the CRASH Group.

RESOLVED that,

- 1) No member be appointed to the Allerdale Highways Working Group to fill the vacancy left by Cllr Joe Holliday.
- 2) Cllr Mike Johnson replace Cllr Hugo Graham as a member of the Allerdale Highways Working Group
- 3) Cllr Tony Lywood be appointed to the Crash Group as the representative from Allerdale Local Committee.

53 ALLERDALE HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP - 9 DECEMBER 2020

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which provided details of the outcome of the meeting of the Highways Working Group (“the Working Group”) held on 9th December 2020 and presents recommendations made by the Working Group to the Local Committee for approval. The Highways Network Manager introduced the report and provided a brief overview before asking members if they had any questions regarding the four proposals laid out in the report.

RESOLVED that, Members note the minutes of the meeting of the Highways Working Group on the 9th December 2020, which were attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

a A594 DOVENBY AND A596 MICKLETHWAITE – SPEED LIMITS

Members consider the report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure outlining the proposal of a 40mph speed limit for the A594 at Dovenby and the A596 at Mickelthwaite included as Appendix 2 of the report.

The Local Member for Thursby spoke in support of the proposed speed reduction on the A596 Micklethwaite and asked that parts of the A596 near Thursby be reviewed and considered for a similar speed reduction proposal in light of a number of serious collisions which had happened on the stretch of road.

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of extending the proposed 40mph speed limit to cover the junction at Dovenby Crags due to the difficulty seeing on-coming traffic when joining the A595 from the junction. The Traffic Management Team Leader stated that officers would consider this suggestion as part of the proposal in relation to feedback received as part of the initial consultation. The proposal as detailed in the report was recommended by officers as a result of the engineering safety study to reduce casualties following the evidenced collision history.

RESOLVED that,

- 1) That Local Committee agree to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce 40mph speed restrictions on the A596 at Micklethwaite and a reduction in the 50mph speed limit to 40mph on the A594 at Dovenby, as shown on the plans attached to the Working Group report attached as Appendix 2;
- 2) That Local Committee agree that, subject to there being no unresolved objections received at the end of the statutory consultation and advertisement of the speed limits referred to in paragraph i) above, that the restrictions be brought into operation, as advertised having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of the Working Group report attached as Appendix 2.

b Structural Weight Limit: Proposed Amendment to Cockermouth Traffic Regulation Order

Members considered a report from Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which provided the detail of a proposed amendment to the Cockermouth Traffic Regulation Order which would seek to impose a 33 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight restriction to protect a bridge known as Church Bridge in Loweswater.

RESOLVED that,

- 1) Local Committee agree to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of a Traffic Regulation Order which would consolidate the provisions of The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Cockermouth and Surrounding Area) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulation) Order 2020, and propose to introduce a 33 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight restriction on Church Bridge, Loweswater, as shown on the plan attached to the Working Group report attached as Appendix 3 (“the Order”);
- 2) That Local Committee agree that, subject to there being no unresolved objections received at the end of the statutory consultation and advertisement of the Order referred to in paragraph i) above, that the Order be brought into operation, as advertised having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to in paragraph 7.2 of the Working Group report, attached as Appendix 3.

c Structural Weight Limit: Proposed Amendment to Keswick Traffic Regulation Order

Members considered a report from Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which provided the detail of a proposed amendment to the Keswick Traffic Regulation Order which would seek to impose a 13 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight limit on Hazel Bank Bridge, Hazel Bank, near Rosthwaite, and a 10 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight restriction on Chapel Bridge, Little Town.

RESOLVED that,

- 1) Local Committee agree to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of a Traffic Regulation Order which would consolidate the provisions of The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Keswick and Surrounding Area) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations) Order 2020, and propose to introduce a 13 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight limit on Hazel Bank Bridge, Hazel Bank, near Rosthwaite, and a 10 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight restriction on Chapel Bridge, Little Town, as shown on the plans attached to the Working Group report at Appendix 4 (“the Order”);
- 2) That Local Committee agree that, subject to there being no unresolved objections received at the end of the statutory consultation and advertisement of the Order referred to in paragraph i) above, that the Order be brought into operation, as advertised having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to in paragraph 7.2 of the Working Group report attached as Appendix 4.

d **Structural Weight Limit: Proposed Amendment to North Allerdale Traffic Regulation Order**

Members considered a report from Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which provided the detail of a proposed amendment to the North Allerdale Traffic Regulation Order which would seek to reduce the existing 26 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight restriction to an 18 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight restriction on Blennerhasset Bridge.

RESOLVED that,

1) Local Committee agree that the reduction in the existing 26 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight restriction to an 18 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight restriction on Blennerhasset Bridge, as shown on the plan attached to the Working Group report as Appendix 5, be included in the statutory consultation and advertisement of the consolidation and variation of The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, North Allerdale) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations) Order 2016 and its variations (“the Order”), which was previously considered by the Working Group on 9 November 2020.

2) Local Committee agree that, subject to there being no unresolved objections received at the end of the statutory consultation and advertisement of the additional changes referred to in paragraph i) above, that the changes be brought into operation, as part of the Order, as advertised having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to in paragraph 7.2 of the Working Group report attached as Appendix 5.

54 AREA MANAGERS UPDATE

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services which provided an update on the activity across Allerdale and detailed grant applications received that exceeded £5,000 for approval.

The Area Manager introduced the report by outlining the Cumbria Youth Alliance (CYA) funding application for the continuation of the Friday Night Youth Projects across Allerdale. CYA would lead on funding bids, undertake quality checks, provide staff training and support and undertake reports to funders which would allow the small groups within the partnership to focus on direct youth work with the young people and to cut down on the administrative burden placed on the smaller groups.

Members asked for clarification about whether activities for these small groups had been carried out online over the course of the pandemic and it was confirmed that although usual face to face activities had been suspended, there had been some

online provision. The Local Member for Seaton praised the CYA for their work in identifying and supporting young people who weren't eligible for support from statutory services.

The Area Manager then discussed the recommendation to de-commit £15,000 previously allocated to funding apprenticeships from the 0-19 Fund, as the funding for the identified posts had become available elsewhere. For this reason officers were suggesting the funds be used to purchase IT equipment to support young people in virtual learning who didn't qualify for the central government grant. The scheme had been conceived in cooperation with Allerdale Borough Council through the Community Resilience Group and would be rolled out through the schools so as to ensure the equipment was used for the purpose identified. The Vice-chair stated though working closely with the schools was very important, referrals should also be accepted from the Council's other partners to ensure no young person missed out.

Members sought assurance that there would be arrangements in place to reclaim IT equipment after they had served their purpose. It was clarified that following the government scheme, the equipment would be in the ownership of the schools and this would be their responsibility.

The Area Manager then provided an update on activities across Allerdale and detailed the Covid Winter Grants which would target children, families and vulnerable adults. The Area Manager advised the meeting that an amount of £38.5K had been allocated to Allerdale to specifically support vulnerable adults.

The Local Member for Thursby as the Leader of Allerdale Borough Council provided an update on Maryport's application to the Future High Street Fund. Members were pleased to hear that Maryport had been granted £12.73M to spend on redevelopment.

The Local Member for Wigton asked that the consultants working on the Borderlands project contact the Wigton Town Council as a major stakeholder in the project about presenting to the next Wigton Town Council meeting.

Members thanked officers for their exceptional work for the community in delivering Christmas parcels under challenging circumstances.

RESOLVED that,

- 1) Members note the contents of the report.
- 2) Members agree that an amount of £20,000 is allocated from the 11-19 Universal Provision Fund for Cumbria Youth Alliance.
- 3) Members agree to de-commit £15,000 previously allocated to funding apprenticeships from the 0-19 Fund, due to funding for the identified posts being available elsewhere.
- 4) Members agree to an amount of up to £15,000 is allocated from the 0-19 Fund to purchase IT equipment for school age children where Covid-19 is continuing to impact on their ability to fully engage in learning if they need to self-isolate.

55 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No items were removed from the list of actions arising from previous meetings.

56 CHAMPION UPDATES

There were no Local Committee champion updates delivered on this occasion.

57 VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no verbal reports from members serving on outside bodies delivered on this occasion.

58 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Allerdale Local Committee will take place on 5 March 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

The meeting ended at 11:10am