

**BARROW HIGHWAYS ADVISORY SUB-GROUP**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Barrow Highways Advisory Sub-Group held on Thursday, 4 June 2020 at 10.15 am at Via TEAMS

**PRESENT:**

Mr W McEwan (Chair)

Mr F Cassidy (Vice-Chair)

Mr D Gawne

Mr KR Hamilton

Mr MH Worth

Mr R Worthington

**Also in Attendance:-**

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| Mr S Braithwaite | - | Highways Network Engineer           |
| Mrs L Harker     | - | Senior Democratic Services Officer  |
| Ms T Ingham      | - | Area Manager - Barrow               |
| Mr K Tetchner    | - | Local Area Highways Network Manager |
| Mrs V Upton      | - | Traffic Management - Team Leader    |

**40 ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

All of the above members and officers were in attendance at the meeting.

Mr W McPhail, Stagecoach representative, attended the meeting for agenda items 4 and 5 – Verbal Update from Stagecoach and Alfred Barrow Health Centre – Duke Street Pedestrian Safety Concerns respectively (minutes 43 and 44 ).

**41 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Mr D Pidduck.

**42 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Group held on 14 February 2020 were confirmed as circulated.

**43 VERBAL UPDATE FROM STAGECOACH**

Members received a verbal update from Mr W McPhail, Stagecoach representative.

The Sub-Group was informed that during COVID-19 Stagecoach had provided minimal services and had furloughed 60% of their staff. It was explained a service had still been provided for every route on a half hour or hourly basis with no late service after 8.00 pm. Members noted that discussions had been undertaken with representatives from Furness General Hospital to ensure a suitable service was provided for hospital key workers.

Members were informed from 1 June almost all bus drivers had returned to work and nearly all services were back to normal with the exception of the late X6 which had been cancelled for the time being. It was anticipated that a full service would be resumed at the beginning of July as more restrictions were lifted.

The Sub-Group noted that to comply with health and safety regulations all buses were touch-point cleaned and that exact fares or contactless payments were encouraged. It was explained that the new methods of payment had been advertised but highlighted that vulnerable passengers would not be left stranded if they could not adhere to the new payment system.

Members were informed that a new App was being developed for a live timetable which would include availability on journeys.

The Sub-Group welcomed the update.

#### **44 ALFRED BARROW HEALTH CENTRE - DUKE STREET PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CONCERNS**

Members received a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which sought agreement to proceed to an assessment of the crossing of Duke Street from the patient car park to the health centre; with the results to be taken to a future meeting of Barrow Highways Advisory Sub-Group.

Members drew attention to the representation which had been made by NHS in May 2019 regarding concerns raised by a patient regarding the crossing on Duke Street and felt this should have been taken into consideration.

During the course of discussion safety concerns were raised regarding the number of parked vehicles on the double-yellow lines and crossing point on Duke Street. Members felt that this stretch of highway should either be made 'No Waiting At Any Time' or 'No Loading At Any Time'. Officers agreed that 'no loading' restrictions could be added to the next Traffic Regulation Variation Order.

The revised restrictions were welcomed and members suggested that additional parking enforcement should take place in the area when they were implemented.

Whilst members agreed to the recommendation they raised their concerns regarding the Local Committee's responsibility for the cost of the assessment and any additional works.

**RECOMMENDED**, that Barrow Local Committee agree to an assessment of the crossing of Duke Street from the patient car park to the health centre to be funded from the APM Speed Monitoring budget; and the results be considered at a future meeting of the Barrow Highways Advisory Sub-Group.

#### **45 DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS CAPITAL APM BUDGET 2020/21 - ALLOCATION OF TRAFFIC SCHEME DESIGN BUDGET**

The Sub-Group considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which sought agreement to the proposed Devolved Highways Capital Programme 2020/21 with regard to the Annual Package of Measures (APM) Traffic Scheme Design allocation. It was explained that an allocation of £25,000 was made to 'Traffic Scheme Design' as part of the Barrow Local Committee Devolved Highways Capital Programme 2020/2021 for APM at its meeting on 6 March 2020.

Whilst the local Member for Ormsgill accepted that the proposed Quarry Brow/Ormsgill One-Way Traffic scheme would not be included in the 2020/21 Traffic Scheme Design allocation he suggested that Bank Lane, Barrow-in-Furness also be considered in the future.

The local Member for Walney North raised a safety concern regarding parked vehicles on the brow of the hill at Quarry Brow and asked if enforcement measures could be put in the place to stop this.

The local Member for Hawcoat raised his concerns regarding the narrow highway outside the Kings Arms, Quarry Brow and asked if the installation of flexible bollards on the footway could be investigated. Officers raised their concerns regarding the placement of bollards due to the narrow footway but agreed to investigate this matter further.

The local Member for Hawcoat drew attention to the proposed pedestrian crossing at St Paul's C of E Junior School, Hawcoat Lane zebra crossing highlighting that he felt the criteria of the survey was impossible to meet. A discussion took place regarding the cost of scheme and the local Member asked whether the existing dropped kerbs and existing warning signs could reduce the proposed cost of £30,000. Officers explained that the cost reduction would be minimal giving an approximate saving of £2,000.

Following a discussion the local Member for Hawcoat asked that the St Paul's C of Junior School, Hawcoat Lane Zebra Crossing scheme be included in the 2020/21 Traffic Scheme Design allocation. On being put to the vote with four members Against and two For this amendment was Lost.

During the course of discussion officers a correction to the report to confirm that County Councillors did not attend a site visit for Newbarns or Ostley Bank but did attend an initial meeting regarding school safety measures for Newbarns School held at the Nan Tait Centre.

**RECOMMENDED**, that Local Committee approve the Devolved Highways Capital Programme for 2020/21 with reference to the APM budget 'Traffic Scheme Design' allocation (referred to in Appendix 1 to this report) and the specific schemes that officers recommend (as detailed in paragraphs 4.7–4.10 inclusively and 4.13 of the report).

#### **46 NELSON STREET, DALTON-IN-FURNESS**

Members considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which set out options for possible traffic management measures for Nelson Street in Dalton-in-Furness. It was explained this was in response to concerns raised by the Town Council and local Member regarding vehicles mounting pavements and general road safety issues.

The Highways Advisory Sub Group was asked to consider the options presented in the report for a recommendation to officers on their preferred option, noting particularly Option 6 which included a combination of some other options but also covered what was discussed at the site meeting on 11 February 2020. It was noted that Option 6 was to introduce parking restrictions at the Chapel Street end to reduce congestion, to create a passing place and to clear parking around Rowlinson Place, plus some bollards placed at strategic locations to reduce incidents of vehicles mounting the footway and they were considered by officers to provide the most benefit to road safety and congestion for Nelson Street.

It was explained there was currently no funding allocated for any options for Nelson Street. Members noted it was possible to consider funding from the 2020/2021 APM budget for Traffic Scheme Design and a subsequent paper was reported to the Sub-Group for consideration of allocation of that budget.

**RECOMMENDED**, that the Local Committee agreed for this to be included in the 2020/2021 Traffic Scheme Design allocation within the devolved capital budget.

#### **47 BARROW WORKS PROGRAMME 2020/21**

The Sub Group received the Barrow Works Programme for 2020/21.

Members were informed that white lining had resumed and the majority of parking enforcement defects had been completed.

A discussion took place regarding future Traffic Regulation Orders and members were informed that due to COVID-19 restrictions no new Orders had been advertised. It was explained that officers were awaiting guidance from DfT and would keep members updated.

#### **48 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- (1) The local Member for Hawcoat asked if the agreed second letter had been sent to residents of Elterwater Crescent. The Team Leader Traffic Management – South agreed to investigate this and report back direct.
- (2) The local Member for Walney South raised a concern regarding a flooding issue at Thorny Nook and asked whether Government funding which had been announced prior to COVID-19 for such issues was still available. The Local Area Network Manager informed the Sub-Group that this was no longer available but alternative funds may be available in the future and would keep members updated.
- (3) The local Member for Walney North asked for an update on the weight restrictions regarding the proposed continuation of two lanes over Jubilee Bridge onto Walney. The Local Area Network Manager informed members this had not yet been progressed because of time constraints due to the work required to investigate the opening up of the town centre and pop up cycleways.
- (4) The Area Manager explained that South Walney Nursery and Infant School had requested that the School Crossing Patrol commence again. Members agreed that this service could restart.
- (5) It was agreed that officer representation from Barrow Borough Council be invited to all future meetings and that a representative from Cumbria Police Authority be invited to the next meeting of the Sub-Group.

#### **49 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Sub-Group would be held on Tuesday 13 October 2020 at 10.15 am at the Nan Tait Centre, Barrow-in-Furness.

The meeting ended at 11.45 am