

**CARLISLE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Carlisle Highways and Transport Working Group held on Tuesday, 4 December 2018 at 10.00 am at Cabinet Meeting Room, Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle

**PRESENT:**

Mr R Watson (Chair)

Mr J Bell  
Mr RW Betton  
Mr GM Ellis

Mr LN Fisher  
Mrs V Tarbitt  
Mr C Weber

Also in Attendance:-

Mr K Crawley	-	Traffic Management Team Leader (East)
Mrs L Harker	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Mr K Poole	-	City Engineer (Carlisle City Council)
Mr G Scott	-	Highway Network Manager

**21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Mallinson (Mr G Ellis attended in his place for this meeting only), Mr C Southward and Dr L Tickner.

**22 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 11 October 2018 were confirmed as circulated.

**23 2018/19 HIGHWAYS BUDGET/PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT**

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which presented the Highways Revenue, Devolved Capital and Non-Devolved Capital Budget finance reports, combined with the highways programme progress information.

**RECOMMENDED**, that the following be noted:-

- (1) revenue and capital budget allocations for 2018/19 and the commitments and expenditure (as detailed in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report);
- (2) the programme progress information (referred to in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report);
- (3) the Highways Revenue budget has been split for use against various budget headings.

## **24 A595 THURSBY TO PETER LANE PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT TO 50 MPH**

Members considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which advised of the developments in the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 50mph from Thursby roundabout to Peter Lane roundabout.

The Working Group were updated on the concerns of the local Member for Dalston and Burgh regarding recent issues and a suggestion from him that the proposed 50 mph speed limit start just beyond Barras Brow near the petrol filling station. Members were informed that in order to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement to introduce a 50 mph speed limit consent was also required from Allerdale Local Committee and, after taking into consideration recorded speed survey data, they had not agreed to proceed to statutory consultation.

Members discussed alternative traffic calming measures and although it was recognised there had been a number of accidents in recent years it was highlighted that for the most part this had been the result of driver error, lack of attention and/or inappropriate speed for the conditions and, in the main, not because the existing speed limit was incorrect or excessive.

The Working Group suggested that this be reviewed in the future and were informed that all roads were reviewed on accident statistics annually.

**RECOMMENDED,** not to proceed with the statutory advertisement and consultation on the proposed reduction of the speed limit to 50mph between Nealhouse and Peter Lane roundabout (detailed on the plan attached as Appendix 1 to the report), following the resolution of Allerdale Local Committee not to proceed with the statutory advertisement and consultation of the proposed reduction of the speed limit to 50 mph between Nealhouse and Thursby Roundabout.

## **25 PARKING ISSUES ON CALIFORNIA ROAD**

The Working Group received a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which advised members of the ongoing parking issues that were being experienced in California Road, Carlisle. Members were provided with details of

inspections that had taken place over a period of approximately three years and measures that had previously been undertaken to attempt to alleviate the concerns of residents. The report also considered options for parking management on this street, and the implications for the rest of Carlisle should they be introduced.

Members noted that over the last three years the County Council had received a small number of requests, including one letter from the Local MP, to address issues of inconsiderate parking and obstruction on the road. This was allegedly as a result of overspill parking from both the school and other businesses. It was explained that as a result the site had been inspected on a number of occasions. The Working Group were informed that the school and local businesses had been contacted and requested to ask their staff and visitors to park considerately. It was believed that this had generally been effective although it had been necessary to contact the school on more than one occasion.

The local Member drew attention to the significant expansion of the school and the impact this had on parking in the area requesting that residents' parking be considered. Officers agreed that this option could form part of any future consultation process. Following discussion it was

**RECOMMENDED**, that officers undertake a further dialogue with James Rennie School to look at measures that could be put in place to reduce on-street parking demand created by the school and report back to the next meeting of the Highways and Transport Working Group.

## **26 STREETWORKS PERMITS**

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Working Group.

## **27 REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan was noted and the 'Speed Limit Reviews' item was removed.

## **28 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Working Group would take place on Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 10.00 am at Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle.

The meeting ended at 10.35 am