

CARLISLE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

Minutes of a Meeting of the Carlisle Highways and Transport Working Group held on Monday, 10 June 2019 at 10.00 am at Cabinet Meeting Room, Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle, CA1 1RD

PRESENT:

Mr J Mallinson (Chair)

Mr J Bell
Mr RW Betton

Mr LN Fisher
Mr C Weber

Also in Attendance:-

Mr K Crawley	-	Traffic Management Team Leader (East)
Mrs L Harker	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Ms S Nicholson	-	Traffic Management Senior Technician
Mr G Scott	-	Highways Network Manager

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Mrs V Tarbitt.

9 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 15 April 2019 were confirmed as circulated.

10 STOCKDALEWATH 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT INFORMAL CONSULTATION

The Working Group considered a report by the Acting Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which advised members of the outcome of the informal consultation in relation to the proposal to introduce a 30 mph speed limit at Stockdalewath. It was noted that the proposals were the result of resident concerns which prompted a speed counter survey and that Stockdalewath complied with the DfT Circular 01/13 – Setting Local Speed Limits.

Members were informed that the proposal had been well received at the informal consultation stage and the report sought approval to undertake statutory consultation and advertising of the proposal and to proceed to implementation should there be no unresolved objections.

A discussion took place regarding the existence of street lighting in the area and how this determined the speed of traffic. Members were informed that rules regarding speed restrictions in areas where street lighting existed had recently been amended and could not be relied upon in this situation.

The local Member for Brampton raised his concerns regarding traffic speeding issues in Lanercost, highlighting the effects of the influx of visitors to the area. During the course of discussion it was suggested that the relevant parties follow the agreed procedure with regards to a speed limit review being undertaken.

The local Member for Houghton and Irthington informed the Working Group that concerns regarding traffic speeding issues in Aglionby had been raised previously. Officers confirmed that this matter was being investigated further and the local Member would be kept informed.

The local Member for Harraby North raised a concern regarding traffic speeding issues on the Garlands housing estate in Carlisle and it was agreed this would be referred to the CRASH Group for further investigation.

The Highways Network Manager asked that members contact the Traffic Management Team with any further concerns in their divisions.

RECOMMENDED,

- (1) to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of the proposal to introduce a 30mph in Stockdalewath on the C1018 from its junction with the U1145 for a distance of approximately 474 metres and on the U1145 from its junction with the C1018 for a distance of 479 metres (as indicated on the plan in the Appendix attached to the report);
- (2) that any representations received will be reported back through the Local Committee process for determination. However, in the absence of any such unresolved representations the Local Committee agree that the restrictions (detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report) be brought into operation as advertised.

11 VARIOUS SITES - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER AMENDMENTS: CARLISLE VARIATION ORDER NO 56

Members considered a report by the Acting Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which advised of representations received in response to the statutory advertisement of additions, amendments and variations proposed to be made to The County of Cumbria (Various Roads Carlisle Urban & Rural Areas) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) Order 2001, by way of Variation Order No 56 (referred to at paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of the report (VO 56)).

The Working Group considered the objections regarding the proposal for double yellow lines on the access junction of Thornton Court. Whilst members acknowledged the number of objections received it was felt that following the completion of the new development it had become clear some vehicle movements were difficult due to parked vehicles close to the junction, therefore, recommended that the restrictions be introduced as advertised.

During the course of discussion attention was drawn to an unadopted area of land on Thornton Road and a suggestion was made that this could be considered as a parking area for residents.

Members considered the Broad Street Rear Lanes proposals and attention was drawn to the request from consultees for double yellow lines on all three access lanes. The Working Group were informed officers would need to establish the legitimacy of implementing this additional request, therefore, it was agreed to recommend to defer the “No Waiting, 8 am–6 pm, Monday to Friday” proposals for Broad Street Play Area (Broad Street rear lane, Petteril Street rear lane, River Street rear lane and River Street rear lane) from Variation Order No 56 Order to a future meeting of the Working Group.

RECOMMENDED, that

- (1) the representations which have been received to the statutory consultation and advertisement of The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Carlisle Urban and Rural Area) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation (No. 56) Order >< (“VO 56”) be considered and that:-
 - (a) in respect of the “No Waiting At Any Time” proposals for Etterby Road/ Austin Court the comments be noted and the restriction be introduced as advertised;
 - (b) in respect of the “No Waiting At Any Time” proposals for Thornton Road the objections/comment be noted and the restriction be introduced as advertised;
 - (c) in respect of the “No Waiting, 8 am–6 pm, Monday to Friday” proposals for Broad Street Play Area (Broad Street rear lane, Petteril Street rear lane, River Street rear lane and River Street rear lane) this be deferred to a future meeting of the Carlisle Highways and Transport Working Group;

- (2) the following restrictions proposed under The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Carlisle Urban and Rural Area) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation (No. 56) 20>< be brought into operation as advertised, namely to:
- (a) Introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions at the junction between Eden Park Crescent and Victoria Road; on Lancaster Street and Currock Road; and
 - (b) extend the "No Waiting At Any Time" restrictions on the north-west side of Marconi Road by some 37 metres in a southerly direction; and
 - (c) extend the "No Waiting At Any Time" restrictions on the south-east side of St Aidan's Road, Carlisle, by removing the "Disc Parking Places – Residents of Zone B exempt, between the hours of 8 am–8 pm, Monday to Friday and 8 am–6 pm Saturday";
 - (d) introduce "No stopping, Monday-Friday, between 8.30am-9:30am and between 2.30pm and 4.00pm on School Keep-Clear markings, on the west side of Langrigg Road, Mortonrigg.

12 PARKING ISSUES ON CALIFORNIA ROAD, CARLISLE

The Working Group considered a report by the Acting Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which updated members on discussions with James Rennie School regarding parking issues on California Road and possible actions that could be taken to reduce school created parking demand on the road. Members were informed that the school was making efforts to manage their daily parking demands and reduce the impact on the surrounding highway.

A discussion took place regarding the possible use of land adjacent to the School as a parking facility. It was agreed that the Traffic Management Team Leader (East) would investigate this further and report back to a future meeting of the Working Group.

RECOMMENDED, that the report be noted.

13 2019/20 HIGHWAYS BUDGET/PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

The Working Group considered a report by the Acting Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which detailed the Highways Revenue, Devolved Capital and Non-Devolved Capital Budget finance reports, combined with the highways programme progress information (as detailed in the appendices attached to the report).

A discussion took place regarding the 2019/20 Devolved Highways Capital report and members were informed that there was a slight delay regarding the start date for the '5 Man Permanent Repair Team' which would initially begin in Carlisle before being rolled out across all areas in the county. It was explained this was due to the introduction of the dedicated inspectors role but it was anticipated this would begin on 1 July 2019. Members noted that following clarity on the cost of the Team any excess revenue would be returned to the appropriate budget.

The Working Group noted that £38,000 had been allocated to the U135 Civic Centre scheme. Members were informed that the Authority would co-ordinate their works in conjunction with the enhancement works proposed to be carried out by Carlisle City Council. It was explained that the budget would be carried forward if the works did not take place during the current financial year.

A discussion took place regarding the Hardening of Grass Verges and it was agreed the Highways Network Manager would provide a list of locations to Local Committee members.

Members were informed that the C1032 Farlam to Milton scheme had been cancelled as the landowner had undertaken the drainage works required.

A discussion took place regarding the 2019/20 Non Devolved Highways Capital report. The local Member for Botcherby raised his concerns regarding the lack of reference to any schemes regarding the bridges at Botcherby and Eastern Way being included in the schedule. The Highways Network Manager confirmed that those schemes are not funded from the Devolved Highways budgets and that funding decisions would come from the Central Structures Team. It was agreed that the Highways Network Manager would investigate this further and report back direct to the local Member and Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee.

RECOMMENDED, that the following be noted:-

- (1) the revenue and capital budget allocations for 2019/20 and the commitments and expenditure (detailed appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report);
- (2) the programme progress information (referred to in appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report);
- (3) the Highways Revenue budget has been split for use against various budget headings.

14 TREE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Members considered a report by the Acting Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which gave an update on the current tree management process and policy.

A discussion took place regarding the longer-term management strategy for Council maintained trees located within the highway boundary.

The local Member for Brampton raised a concern regarding the removal and lack of a replacement tree in Warwick Square, Carlisle. It was agreed this matter would be discussed further with the Highways Network Manager.

The Working Group welcomed the comprehensive report and acknowledged the time factor involved for the process.

RECOMMENDED, that

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the annual budgets will need to provide for both the ongoing maintenance and the proposed longer term management strategy for Council maintained trees located within the highway boundary.

15 REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan was noted.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Working Group would take place on Thursday 10 October 2019 at 10.00 am at Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle.

The meeting ended at 11.00 am