

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Eden held on Tuesday, 15 November 2022 at 10.30 am at The LEP, Redhills, Penrith, CA11 0DT

PRESENT:

Mr P Dew (Chair)

Mrs PA Bell
Mrs HF Carrick
Mr A Connell

Ms C Driver
Mr N Hughes

Also in Attendance:-

Mr N Wright	-	Area Manager - Eden
Miss L McClellan	-	Traffic Management Team Leader - Eden
Mr J Banks	-	Local Area Network Manager - Eden
Mr S Green	-	Parking Manager
Ms K Bradburn-Sims	-	Community Development Officer

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

34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr T Wentworth Waites

35 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mr Hughes declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Bampton Parish Council.

36 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

37 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this meeting

38 MINUTES

Corrections:

Page 8. Minute 27. 3rd paragraph. Replace 'the Church' with 'a local Church Minister'.

Page 9. Minute 27. Resolution 2. Remove 'of the report'.

Page 12. Minute 31. 1st paragraph, 2nd line. Remove 'meeting'.

RESOLVED that, subject to the corrections above, the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2022 be agreed as a correct record

39 AREA PLANNING IN EDEN

A report was considered from the Assistant Director - Customer and Community Services regarding Area Planning in Eden. The report brought together information from across the community teams including Community Development and Services as well as Public Health. The report gave an update on each area, identified activity against priorities, highlighted current issues and provided an overview of the budget position.

The Area Manager presented the report. He highlighted the decisions to be made and reported on the funding request from PAUSE. He advised that following discussions on the additional funding available to help people with the cost of living, cash would be allocated to three organisations in Eden. Details were provided on the work being undertaken on supporting youth clubs in Eden and the funding ask from The Riverside Group Ltd of £8,000. This would leave a surplus of £12,000 in the 11-19 Universal Services Budget which members were asked to vire to the 0-19 Budget.

After a member asked for further details on the work of the three intended recipients of the cost of living support fund, the Community Development Officer detailed what the arrangements would be.

A query was raised on the surplus money in the Area Planning Budget. A member asked if it could be carried over into the new Westmorland and Furness Authority. The Area Manager advised that it was not anticipated that there would be a surplus at the end of the financial year.

A member felt that the priorities of the Rural Issues Working Group could be expanded to include transport.

The Community Development Officer detailed the reasons why 11-19 Universal Youth Provision Fund was not spent in 2019 after a member highlighted that 2019 was not fully affected by the COVID pandemic. The Chair thanked the Community Development Officer for her work.

The Chair put the recommendations to the Committee. These were agreed by assent.

RESOLVED, that

- 1 Members note the budget allocations for 2022-23 and the commitments and expenditure to date.
- 2 Members note the provisional unallocated resources in the 2022-23 Communities Revenue Budget of £61,796 as of 30 September 2022.
- 3 Members agree to award a grant of £11,040 from the Area Planning budget to support the PAUSE project as described at 4.31 – 4.32 of the report.
- 4 Members note the awards from the cost of living support allocation to enable food purchases via those named supporting agencies as described at 4.33-4.35 of the report.
- 5 Members agree to a grant of £8,000 to The Riverside Group Ltd from the 11-19 Universal Services budget as previously allocated for universal service provision in Penrith and as described at 4.37 of the report.
- 6 Members agree to vire the £12,000 unallocated balance from the 11-19 Universal Services Budget to the oversubscribed 0-19 budget as described at 4.38 of the report.
- 7 Members note the area planning update in 4.5 to 4.45 of the report.

40 PENRITH TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - CONSOLIDATION

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the Penrith Traffic Regulation Order – Consolidation. The report sought approval from Eden Local Committee to consolidate the Traffic Regulation Orders referred to at paragraph 3.1 of the report. The report also sought approval from Eden Local Committee to carry out an informal consultation on the introduction of the Penrith Parking Protocol.

The Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) presented the report and talked members through the reasons for the consolidation exercise and explained the reasoning behind the request for approval to carry out the informal consultation.

A member advised that she and residents were disappointed to learn that Local Government Reorganisation was holding up the important work in Penrith but reassured members that this would be progressed by Westmorland and Furness Council. This was considered to be the proper way forward by one member. The Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) talked about her intentions to progress the work and was thanked for her work to date by members.

The Chair put the recommendations to the Committee. These were agreed by assent of the Committee.

RESOLVED that,

- 1 That the Local Committee agrees that The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, District of Penrith) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations Order 2023 (“the Consolidation Order”) be brought into operation, the effect of which is to consolidate the provisions of the following Orders: -
 - (i) The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, District of Penrith) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations Order 2021; and
 - (ii) The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Penrith) (Consolidation and Provision of the Traffic Regulations) (Order 2021) Variation Order (No.1) 2022.

- 2 That the Local Committee give consent to Officers to progress with the informal consultation on the introduction of the Penrith Parking Protocol (“the Protocol”), a draft of which is attached as Appendix 1, with the intention that the representations received through that informal consultation are brought to the attention of the new Westmorland and Furness Members following vesting day for their involvement in progressing the Protocol and agreeing to the statutory procedures to incorporate the Protocol into the relevant Traffic Regulation Order.

41 EDEN SPEED LIMIT ORDER REVIEW FOLLOWING ADVERTISEMENT

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the Eden Speed Limit Order Review Following Advertisement. The report set out the responses to the statutory consultation and advertisement of the Order.

The Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) presented the report. She talked members through the responses received adding that every proposal had received a response.

The Chair welcomed the input of the public and their support for the proposals and encouraged progression of the Order on that basis.

A member thanked residents and the Parish and Town Councils who had engaged in the consultation. He urged that all work together with officers after Vesting Day.

In supporting the recommendations, a member thanked officers for progressing the work at pace, adding that Parish Councils were welcoming the proposals after years of engagement. The proposals made a huge difference to communities.

A member thanked the Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) for the provision of signage at Carleton Brow, following the recent changes through development works

The Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) advised that the 40mph restrictions would be regularly reviewed with speed data being gathered. Melmerby would be

monitored by the Police and the arrangements at Bampton would be regularly reviewed.

The Chair thanked the Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) for her work which had a positive impact in Eden.

The Chair put the recommendation to the Committee. This was agreed by assent.

RESOLVED that, Having taken into account the representations which were received during the statutory consultation and advertisement, and having also 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 this Report, that The County of Cumbria (Various Towns and Villages in the District of Eden) (Consolidation and Provision of Speed Limits) Order 20>< (“the Order”) be brought into operation as advertised.

42 HOWTOWN ROAD 24 HR RURAL CLEARWAY AND NO STOPPING ON VERGE RESTRICTION

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the Howtown Road 24 hr Rural Clearway and No Stopping on Verge Restriction. The report updated Members in relation to the Experimental 24 hr Rural Clearway and supported No Stopping on Verge restriction Traffic Order, which was introduced in August 2021 along that section of highway in the Eden District known as ‘Howtown Road, Pooley Bridge’. A decision was required from Members on making the restrictions permanent.

The Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) presented the report. She talked through the proposals, the reasons why they had been progressed with support from the Lake District National Park Authority and why the rural clearway was viewed as the best method to resolve the issues. The responses received through the 6 month consultation period were referred to as was the work of the Civil Enforcement Team. She talked of her meeting with Martindale Parish Council Highway Representatives and the resulting outcomes. She confirmed that the proposals would be monitored and amended if necessary.

A member commented positively on the work with the Martindale Parish Council representatives. He stated that not all of the Groups who had responded through the consultation were unanimously in favour of the proposals, in some cases there had been majority vote in favour. He noted that a number of objectors identified as visitors lived in Penrith, talked about the main issues around the Outward Bound centre and commented on the concerns of Howtown Hotel. He welcomed the proposals and highlighted the best times for Civil Enforcement to attend the area. He asked that signage be judiciously placed, that legitimate parking spaces be made clear to the public and a scaled down version of the proposals be introduced at Howtown.

The Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) explained the reasons for the proposal, why a scaled down version was not possible and why the urban clearway was the best option in her professional opinion.

The member reiterated a number of points made above and stated that he would welcome lobbying on the matter from the public. He considered it to be in the best interest of the community.

The Traffic Management Team Leader (Eden) advised that there would be social media posts about the restriction and what it means, she would identify legitimate parking spaces and would work closely with Parish Councils in relation to these matters. She would address the signage concerns received through the consultation and would be working with the LDPNA in relation to their signage works.

The Chair put the recommendation to the Committee. This was agreed by assent.

RESOLVED, that Having taken into account the representations which were received during the statutory consultation and advertisement, and having also 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 Report, that Eden Local Committee agrees to The County Council of Cumbria (C3042 Pooley Bridge) (Known locally as Howtown Road) (Main Carriageway Clearway and Prohibition of Stopping on Verge) Experimental Order 2021 (the ETRO) being made permanent, save that the exemption at Article 4(h) shall be amended to read as follows:-

(h) a farm or other vehicle waiting on the main carriageway referred to in Article 3 while any gate or other barrier at the entrance to premises to which the vehicle requires access, or from which it has emerged, is opened or closed, if it is not reasonably practicable for the vehicle to wait otherwise than on that carriageway and/or to enable farm vehicles to undertake any duties within the extents of the carriageway or verge when no alternatives are available;

43 ANNUAL REPORT - PARKING SERVICES

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the Annual Parking Service Report. The report provided an update to Members on the enforcement of on- street parking in the Eden Local Committee area.

The Parking Manager presented the report. He talked to members about the impact of COVID on the Annual Report publication in 2020/2021.

A member expressed his thanks for the parking enforcement taking place in his division. The Parking Manager advised on the parking enforcement around Pooley Bridge and the joint working that takes place with the Traffic Team on appropriate restrictions there. He reported on the hours spent by officers in one day travelling to

various locations. He advised that following Local Government Reorganisation there would be additional officers to draw upon in Eden. This was welcomed by the Committee.

The Committee welcomed the report, congratulated the work of the team and commented positively on the working relationship between the Traffic and Civil Enforcement Teams. Some commented on the rurality of their divisions adding that additional enforcement officers would ensure a wider coverage of the Eden area. A member highlighted that parking restrictions would be enforced more effectively with the increase in officer levels.

Mrs Carrick queried the Contractor's Waiver asking who paid for them and highlighted that the financial summary information appeared to be different to that set out in Part 5 of the Annual Report. The Parking Manager explained that this had previously been an administrative task but was now done digitally so was more efficient to use. The Parking Manager undertook to email members on the correct figures.

The Parking Manager advised on the income received from civil enforcement and what it was spent on. A member explained what the income received in the last financial year was spent on in Eden. Referring to the Howtown Agenda item, the Parking Manager commented positively on the benefits of a rural clearway.

The Chair referred to parking issues in Kirkby Stephen, adding that he had raised this with the Parking Manager. Members highlighted the parking issues in rural tourist hotspots such as Haweswater, Patterdale and Howtown.

The Parking Manager asked members to contact him if they had any issues with enforcement or parking management issues.

The Chair put the recommendations to the Committee. These were agreed by assent.

RESOLVED that,

- 1 The report be noted as an update on the performance of the on-street parking enforcement service in the Eden locality.
- 2 The Parking Services annual report 2021/22 be noted.
- 3 Issues raised during the meeting relating to parking in rural tourist hotspots and Kirkby Stephen be noted.

44 UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Mr Connell gave a briefing on the business conducted at the recent Miller Riches Trust meeting. This included the number of grants awarded and that grants should be more widely publicised. The Committee would continue to meet in the Westmorland and Furness authority, post Vesting Day.

Mr Dew gave an update on the business conducted at the MASCG meetings held on 26 September 2022 and 24 October 2022. This included information on the Consultants that had been appointed to evaluate the possibility of the Fair becoming an organised event.

Mr Hughes advised that as a member of the Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority he had asked for a place on the MASCG. The Community Development Officer reported on her work to date in order to ascertain if this was possible.

The Senior Democratic Services Officer was thanked for her work with the Committee as this was her last meeting supporting members.

45 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 31 January 2023 at 10.30am at the LEP, Penrith

The meeting ended at 11.55 am