

## **Minutes Traffic and Transport Committee held remotely 11 March 2021**

Present Cllrs: J. Battye (Chair)  
B. Beeley K. Dawson  
M. Woodvine  
V Leach (OMBC)

Press and Public:

Gordon Anderson N. Molden (joined at 19.00) Unity Partnership  
Royce Franklin (GRAG)  
Jayne Gibson (Dobcross Road Safety Group)  
Jennifer Greenwood (I Love Lydgate)  
John Warham (Dobcross Village Community)  
Joan Sykes (Springhead and Austerlands)

**1842. To receive apologies for absence**  
Cllr. Curley

**1843. To receive declarations of interest**  
None

**1844. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2021**  
Agreed as true record

**1845 Fatal Four**

GA- road signs all need to be approved by the Highways Agency. It was not possible to put up non-standard signs. All the 20 mph road signs were now in place on the appropriate roads included in the schemes.

Resolved that Cllr. Woodvine would identify specific road safety issues and send to GA before next meeting.

**1846. To consider a report from Mark Ashmore on the train schedule consultation and consider next steps.**

Reference was made to the lack of disabled facilities at Greenfield Station.

RF- The 1995 DDA only made it a requirement for "reasonable adjustments" to be made.

The act was replaced in 2010 by the Equality Act which has a similar provision.

Due to the planned Network Rail TRU funding for Greenfield station access was disallowed. Approximately one third of stations run by Northern are not yet fully accessible. RF's understanding is therefore that there would be no basis for any legal challenge and so there has never been one.

The government has promised to publish its delayed "Rail Improvement Plan" in the very near future which should give more information on its plans.

If, as expected there is to be no electrification between Stalybridge and Huddersfield in the near future then that will be the time to once again really make a big push for full disabled access at Greenfield in a joint campaign with Mossley and Marsden.

Cllr. Battye said that the council had shown its full support for the half hourly service from Greenfield as documented in the response from GRAG.

**1847. To consider issues brought forward by Community Associations present at the meeting.**

JW (DVC) - raised the issue of the bridge on the A road near to Dobcross school. DVC were previously told that a scheme had been designed to ensure single file traffic across the bridge for which funding was being sought.

GA- suggested that this scheme had been dropped as it was not technically feasible due to the closeness of the Wall Hill Road junction and the narrowness of the road, however he would clarify the position at the next meeting.

JS- raised concerns about pot holes. On the A62. And Higher Turf Lane.

Concerns were raised regarding more pot holes near Knowsley School off Den Lane Springhead. Cllr Woodvine said that the problem with the road surface near the Roebuck Inn Brighton Rd Higher Springhead was due to the run off of water from the adjacent fields.

GA said he would speak to the appropriate officers.

JS- Raised concerns regarding Heywood Lane turning into Cooper Street on requested a 'slow down' sign. GA said he would investigate.

J. Greenwood – gave thanks to the Unity team for their support and Lydgate was grateful for the introduction of the 20mph scheme.

GA- stated that portable traffic calming signs are available which also store data. Ward councillors had previously paid for them at a cost of £5K plus ongoing cost. Also, a review of all signs to be carried out, solar panel signs taking priority.

It was resolved that the clerk would contact Lisa Mc Donald (DP) to request possible funding from district partnership and to ask the whereabouts of an ANPR camera which was in use previously.

It was resolved to add this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

**1848. To consider the response from TfGM concerning bus scheduling issues raised in the January committee meeting.**

Not represented at meeting. It was resolved that the Clerk and Cllr. Beeley would send an email to TfGM regarding the issues of bus rescheduling raised at the last meeting.

1849. Information only. 'Travel safely out of Lockdown'- information from TfGM has been posted on SPC website.

**1850. Items for the next agenda (information only)**

Mobile traffic calming signs

TfGM bus schedules

Dates of next meetings:

**2 June 2021 18.00**