

Minutes of traffic and Transport Committee held at the Civic Hall

Wednesday 1 December 2021

Present Cllrs. K. Dawson (CH) J. Batty
B. Beeley M. Scholes

Community group representatives

T. Baxter P. Clegg
J. Gibson P&J Sykes

Unity (OMBC) N. Molden G. Sutcliffe
S. Bird.

1863. Apologies for absence

G. Anderson A. Marland J. Warham r. Franklin

1864. Declarations of interest.

None

1865. Approval of Minutes 1 September 2021

Amendment to name from Walker to Warham.

Agreed as true record with amendment and signed at the meeting.

1866. Response from Unity to issues raised by Community Groups at September meeting.

The majority of issues GS said he would chase up and send updates by the 3 December 2021.

A62 Platting lane Junction. GS explained that the Doctor Lane side of the crossroads will be changed from a Give-way to a Stop Line control so that both side roads will have the same arrangements.

GS will bring a list of Vehicle Activated Signs to be replaced on the scheme.

When will 20mph be reviewed? GS said that they are currently carrying out speed surveys and will be liaising with GMP. Once the investigations are complete, findings would be brought together, and a decision made whether or not to retain the 20mph limit and if any other form of traffic calming is advised by GMP who will also consider the surrounding environment and injury accident when considering speed limit changes.

Changes at Dobcross Bridge. GS said that there is a programmed scheduled for next financial year to widen the footpath and introduce a type of traffic control; PG asked if any consultation would take place with residents and GS said there would be consultation.

Double yellows- Dobcross. NM said that this was general wear and tear and would programme in to replace. When complete would as parking control to visit.

1867. Cycle Routes.

Cllr. Beeley said that an application for planning is to be considered for 38 apartments in Greenfield which will impact on Chew Valley and Wellington Road.

It was resolved that GS would bring a plan of the proposed cycle routes to the next meeting.

1868. Rights of Way

NM said that a new officer had been appointed – Liam Kennedy.

- Brun Clough to Windy Hill 2/3 complete, the section at Windy Hill to start in the New Year 2022 delays due to SSSI Site.
- Replacement of missing PRow signs have been ordered and will be programmed for installation once posts and signs arrive.
- Footpath 242, volunteers are carrying out clearance and small drainage works, also re-erecting signs as required, Liam Kennedy (PRow Officer) provided signs and banding machine, Rowan Ashworth also providing resource as part of the social value commitment to Oldham council.
- Liam Kennedy (PRow officer) working with John Walton on the replacement of various Styles.
- Liam Kennedy (PRow officer) to meet Helen Bishop W/C 06/12/2021 weather permitting to discuss issues on Footpath 241

Cllr. Beeley requested that Liam attend the next meeting. GS said if there were appropriate agenda items he would.

1868. Issues from Community Groups.

PS-Milestones- Can the community group maintain?

NM said that this is a borough project and would need to go to leadership where a decision needs to be made. OMNC need to understand now many they are, which ones need maintenance, re-siting or re-painting. PS asked why the Community Group couldn't do it. NM said that this would set a precedent but if there were no funding made available from OMBC then the idea of the community maintaining it could be re-visited.

JG said that a yellow covering had been in situ near her for 2.5 years, GS said to email exact location.

Cllr. Beeley thanked Unity for turning the sign round at Springhead Community Centre.

Cllr. Beeley said that a car has been parked at the junction of Den Hill Lane making it unsafe to turn the corner as it is obscuring the view. GS said that the traffic team would investigate if Cllr. Beeley contacted them.

TB said that most of his issues had been dealt with.

Franklin had sent a report about the trains and the clerk had circulated this to all members.

GS replied to issues raised by JW and the reply is entered below and was also circulated to all members.

The monitoring strips at various locations are in fact speed survey and traffic count devices. These have been deployed at locations where we have introduced 20mph speed limits under the Covid legislation last year. The data collected will help to inform our discussions with the Police and Ward Councillors as to their lower limit's efficacy and suitability with or without any additional measures (traffic calming etc.).

With regards to the work on Dobcross New Rd and the associated temporary traffic lights, this was due to planned BT work on their apparatus. In terms of our proposals there we are intending to include a bid in next year's Capital Programme for the provision of a give and take system controlled by a permanent set of traffic signals. This will introduce single lane traffic on the bridge and allow us to build wider footways for pedestrians.

SB from Unity gave information regarding a drainage scheme to be scheduled for Spring Summer 2022. There would be a requirement to close Delph new Road for 6-8 weeks.

1869. Items for the next Agenda

None.

Date of next meeting 1 March 2022 18.00 hrs at the Civic Hall.