

SOUTH HAMS HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

4 November 2022

Present:-

Councillors R Croad (Chair), J Brazil, R Gilbert, J Hart, J Hawkins,
J Hodgson, D Thomas

Apologies:-

Councillors P Smerdon and Cllr H Reeve (S Hams District Council)

Members attending in accordance with Standing Orders 8 and 25

Councillor S Collinson

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2022 be signed as a correct record with the addition of extra wording to minute 15 to highlight Inclusive Totnes concerns around the survey assessment methodology, equality considerations, engagement, user hierarchy and 2004 correspondence regarding inner bypass/need for pedestrian crossing.

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Items Requiring Urgent Attention

There were no items requiring urgent attention.

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Road Casualty Data Dashboard Demo

The Committee received a detailed presentation by the Road Safety Team on a website dashboard which provided detailed information on road casualty data in Devon at Devon-wide, District/Parish/ Town Council and electoral division levels.

Link to Councillors' Dashboard Landing:

[Councillor Dashboard Landing Page - Power BI](#)

Link to public webpages:

[Collision & Casualty Data - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

The Committee were shown how to use the councillor dashboard and the wide range of different detailed information and data available to them about collisions on public roads.

Members discussions (in summary) included:-

- Clarification regarding the different data available to members and to the public. It was confirmed the member information was more detailed such as with the contributing factors for the incidents.
- Using the data to bring about relevant measures to help reduce further collisions. Information could be pulled together to build up an evidence base to support a project or campaign,
- Information about perceived difficult or dangerous areas. The Road Safety Team's focus was on reducing collisions in high-risk areas where there had been fatal and serious injuries. Where there were serious concerns regarding road safety remedial measures could be installed such as improving signage.
- Using difficult road junctions – members were informed people usually took more care in areas that were perceived as being more dangerous.
- Routes were reviewed especially on rural roads and there was collaboration with the highway maintenance teams such as with lining and signing.
- Reducing speed limits on roads such as outside schools. It was highlighted that inappropriate speed limits on roads could make them less safe by increasing inappropriate behaviour such as more vehicle overtaking.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to note the presentation and information regarding the councillors' dashboard and public webpages on collision and casualty data.

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Clearbrook to Roborough Multi-Use Trail

The Committee considered the Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/22/57) regarding route and public consultation (Spring 2022) results, for a proposed new multi-use trail between Clearbrook and Roborough along the A386 corridor, developed by Devon County Council.

This provided an opportunity to improve active travel along the A386 corridor and the Council's Cycling and Multi-Use Trail Strategy set out the ambition for a new link to complete provision between Tavistock and the northern growth area of Plymouth, connecting to new development and providing improved access to Dartmoor. This new route, aligned with the Strategic Plan and in combination with existing infrastructure between Yelverton and Clearbrook, would complete a missing link in the existing Multi-Use Trail Network and open up sustainable access between communities, employment, health, and leisure opportunities along the A386 corridor. The Report also advised that a detailed cost estimate had not been provided at this early design stage, with funding yet to be secured.

Members were also shown a presentation and informed that a consultation with the public had resulted in more than 900 responses. The proposed route took into account the feedback of having a direct route, being scenic and not too close to the main road.

The local County Councillor John Hart commented the recommendation was a good compromise which was practical and more accessible to members of the public on foot and using other transportation methods not just bicycles.

Members discussion (in summary) included:-

- Impact on the environment was carefully considered and the proposed route had less impact on the sensitive environment of Dartmoor.
- There would be good use of existing paths and the proposal was for the route to be about 30 to 40 metres away from the main road.
- Easy access for members of the public as it would link to residential areas and there could be funding towards the scheme from new developments.
- The main road was quite a dangerous route for cyclists and there were many collisions recorded, with a high percentage involving cyclists.
- Discussions with landowners would need to take place but officers were confident of a positive outcome.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hart and **SECONDED** by Councillor Croad and **RESOLVED:**

(a) that approval be given to proceed with preliminary design for the preferred multi-use trail route between Clearbrook and Roborough as show on Appendix 1 to Report (CET/22/57); and

(b) that approval be given to progress with land acquisition by agreement and to progress a planning application for the preferred multi-use trail route between Clearbrook and Roborough as shown on Appendix 1 to Report (CET/22/57).

* **21** **Local Waiting Restriction Programme - Dartmouth and Stoke Gabriel**

The Committee considered the Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/22/68) on the submissions to the statutory consultation on proposed restrictions in Dartmouth and Stoke Gabriel as part of the local waiting restriction programme, aiming to improve road safety, traffic management and parking.

The advertised proposals were set out in Appendix 1 of the Report, together with associated plans (supplementary information) on the agenda.

680 responses were received to the advertised proposals, with Officer responses and recommendations as set out in Appendix 2 to the Report.

The Committee discussed each proposal in Appendix 2 and listened to the comments of the local County Councillor Jonathan Hawkins.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hawkins and **SECONDED** by Councillor Croad and **RESOLVED**:

(a) that work on the local waiting restriction programme be noted;

(b) that the recommendations in Appendix 2 to Report (CET/22/68) be approved with the exception of the recommendation of Coombe Road, Dartmouth, in which it was agreed not to progress with any waiting restrictions.

* **22** **Totnes, The Lamb - Pedestrian and Vehicle Survey (8 July 2022, Minute *15)**

(Councillor Collinson, Totnes Town Council spoke with the consent of the Committee).

The Neighbourhood Highway Manager gave a verbal update following the last meeting when requests that had been received for a pedestrian crossing were considered. He explained that, following a vehicle and pedestrian survey at the site, the scheme was not a priority for County Council funding and there were procedural constraints for such a scheme being community funded, which needed to be examined so that a mechanism can be put in place. It was explained that the town council had been asked by Devon County Council to determine local priorities, so that there could be some certainty on investment for future schemes.

The local County Councillor commented that clarification on who to propose schemes and the steps involved would be helpful and the importance of diversity as well as public safety are considered to help local groups bring forward ideas.

Further discussion included:

- Interest in further pursuing the idea of local communities paying for some road safety schemes with information about timescales
- Members were informed that officers were investigating how to progress with this.
- The issue of pedestrian safety and the effects on the elderly, accessibility and air quality were being discussed with the local community to be brought back to a future Totnes Town Council meeting.
- Members were reminded that all schemes would have to be assessed to consider whether they are safe and if they are a priority.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hart and **SECONDED** by Councillor Croad and **RESOLVED** that further work be done to progress with a process in which

communities are able to provide funding for highway projects and this will be reported back at the next committee meeting. It was further requested that Totnes Town Council work with the community to determine its highway project priorities and report back to Devon County Council.

* **23** **Actions Taken Under Delegated Powers**

The Committee received the Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/22/69), setting out action taken under delegated powers on advertised Traffic Regulation Orders since the last meeting, at various locations across the South Hams area and/or countywide.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Report be noted.

* **24** **Dates for Future HATOC Meetings**

All meetings at 10.30am.

Please check meetings arrangements using link below for County Council Calendar of Meetings:

<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

Friday 3 February 2023

Friday 30 June 2023

Friday 20 October 2023

Friday 16 February 2024.

NOTES:

1. *Minutes should always be read in association with any Reports for a complete record.*
2. *If the meeting has been webcast, it will be available to view on the [webcasting site](#) for up to 12 months from the date of the meeting*

* **DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.51 am