

TEIGNBRIDGE LOCALITY (COUNTY) COMMITTEE

15 November 2018

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

Councillors J Hook, J Brook, J Clatworthy, A Connett, A Dewhirst, G Gribble (Chair), R Peart and S Russell

Councillor Rosalind Prowse, Teignbridge District Council

Apologies:-

Councillors S Barker, G Hook and M Haines

34 **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

RESOLVED: that Councillors Gribble and Peart be elected Chair and Vice-Chair for the remainder of the current municipal year.

35 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2018 be signed as a correct record.

36 **South West Rail Resilience Programme (Teignmouth and Dawlish line) (minute 30, 29 March 2018)**

The Committee received a presentation from Mr David Lovell, Network Rail Programme Manager IP Western & Wales to update the Committee on developments since the last presentation in March 2018.

The 3 key packages of resilience work were explained, these had the final design completion due as follows, which would be presented to the local community and local stakeholders:-

- 1 Parsons Tunnel North Portal – March/April 2019;
- 2 Marine Parade – January 2019; and
- 3 Parsons Tunnel to Teignmouth – June 2019.

Department of Transport approval had now been given for:-

- further development of the 4 Central Tunnels to include rockfall shelters, rock anchoring and netting, with the specification now being formulated for the contract to be awarded in the new year 2019;

- the Colonnade to coastguards stretch and the underwall to Dawlish station, which would be a similar design to Marine Parade. There would be a continual programme from Marine Parade to Dawlish Station until work was completed.

Contractors would also be on site this winter for heavy repairs to the 4 breakwaters and to look at renewing groins to retain beach material and for rock netting. This work was to add resilience but was not the major works.

Discussion and points of concern raised by Members included:-

- Acknowledgement of the very real problem of the line continuing to close (eg twice last week and in Storm Emma 2018), with its effect on local communities and the £millions lost to the South West economy as a whole. This had to be addressed and Network Rail was committed to this. Finance was to come from central government and it was expected to be a high government priority within the next financial year;
- Cross Country trains were currently susceptible to large sea spray thus backing trains up at Newton Abbot, but new design trains and the deflective wave project design would resolve this.
- local Councillors felt frustration at the apparent slow progress since the severe storms of 2014 and the continuing effect on communities;
- the severe weather already experienced this winter and worsening weather was an indication of climate change;
- that remedial works were costly and not value for money;
- Members welcomed the recent inclusion of groins works which would also help improve the situation for Holcombe;
- Network Rail confirmed design proposals for Teignmouth being worked upon to retain a sea walkway which would be very similar to that for Dawlish and Marine Parade; and
- that the 2014 damage came with no advance warning and a further serious cliff fall could not be ruled out. However Network Rail had increased its walk the line inspections particularly in winter and was constantly inspecting the top and toe of the cliffs, the railway and sea wall. The water levels of the underground streams were not specifically measured but observed during the line inspections.

RESOLVED: that Network Rail be thanked for the update and be invited to a future meeting as developments progressed.

37 Council/Cabinet Forward Plan and Scrutiny Work Programme

The Committee noted the Council/Cabinet Forward Plan and the Scrutiny Work Programme were available for inspection by using the links below, in the event that the Committee may wished to provide evidence to specific Task Groups or otherwise comment upon specific areas of activity to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee or the Cabinet.

<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1>

38 Dates for Future Meetings

All meetings to be held at Teignbridge District Council, Forde House, Newton Abbot.

Thursday 28 February 2019

Thursday 4 July 2019

Thursday 14 November 2019

Thursday 5 March 2020.

Please use link below for County Council Calendar of Meetings;

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

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

South-West Rail Resilience Programme

Teignbridge Locality November 2018

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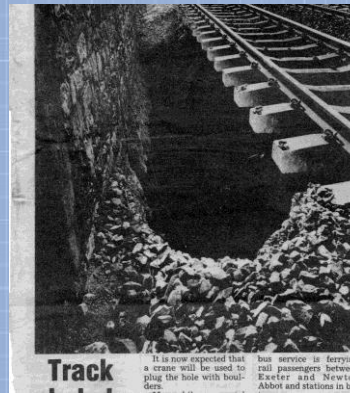
Teignmouth

Dawlish

Minute Item 36

Background

- The railway is a vital artery for the South West:
 - Government has stated that 'protecting the line at Dawlish is a national priority of the utmost importance'
 - 134 trains carry around 12,500 passengers along this section each weekday.
 - Up to 14 freight trains also use this section each weekday.
- Regular failures throughout the years – every failure has a huge cost to the local and regional economy as well as significantly disrupting residents and businesses that rely on the railway. Frequency of events is forecast to increase so **doing nothing is not an option.**
- Diverse community interests:
 - Cliff top residents
 - Beach users (dog walkers)
 - Tourism industry
 - Passengers – commuters and leisure
- Significant environmental and ecology considerations



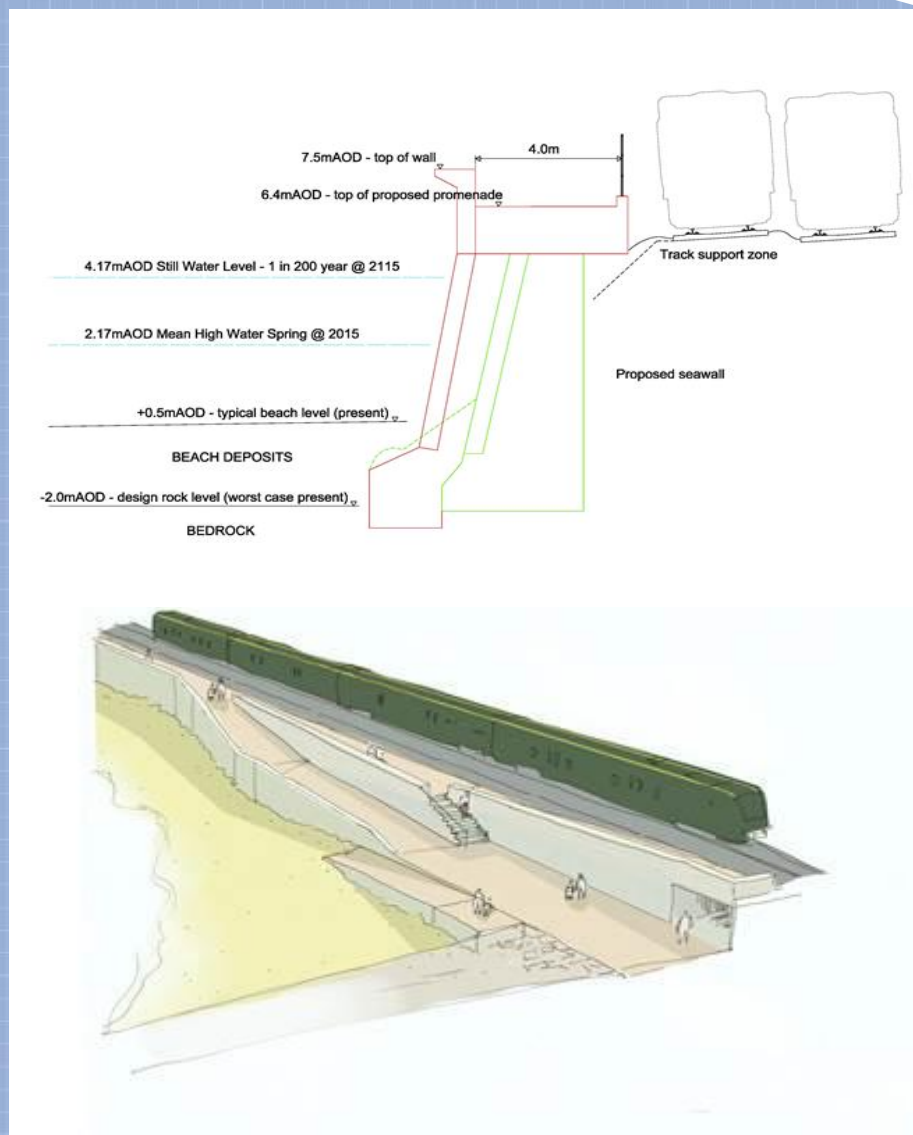
Parsons Tunnel North Portal

- Planned and additional surveys and ground investigations completed.
 - No immediate intervention required
 - Interpretive report to be produced by Arcadis
- Design of rockfall shelter commenced.
- Design completion April 2019.



Marine Parade

- Recommended Option presentation completed on the 3rd October.
- Single option was formalised in October 18
 - Height of sea wall 7.5 meters
 - Width of walkway 4 meters
 - Finishes on the seaward and landward side of sea wall to be developed through design phase
 - Lighting to be proposed and agreed with TDC during design phase
 - ARUP have confirmed erosion of rock on the beach and how this affects the sea wall height as above
 - Decision on the Town Gateway end of the promenade to be formalised during design phase.
 - We will present the final design to the local community and local stakeholders in 2019.



Parsons Tunnel to Teignmouth

- Planned surveys and ground investigations completed as scheduled.
- Designer currently developing track alignment (structures at Parsons tunnel, Sprey point and Teignmouth cutting) to reduce reclamation.
- We are continuing to work up options, based on these extensive investigations
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping to be completed at the end of option selection to allow EIA to be started earlier.



Central Tunnels

- DfT approval for further development.
- Requirements currently being formalised.
- Works to be tendered using the design framework.
- Contract to awarded in the new year.

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Colonnade to Coastguards

- Requirements meeting took place with TDC & EA on the 2nd November.
- Contract to be awarded scheduled for the new year.



Dawlish Beach & other works

- Contract awarded to BAM Nuttall 1st November 2018.
 - Breakwaters to commence November 2018.
 - Breakwaters complete March 2019.
 - GPR of sea walls November/ December 2018.
 - Due to timber procurement and MMO licence groynes works will commence in March 2018.
- Contract to be awarded to Alun Griffiths November 2018.
 - Clearing debris
 - Tactile/ roped access rock cutting and netting



Any Questions

