

TEIGNBRIDGE LOCALITY (COUNTY) COMMITTEE

28 February 2019

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

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

Councillor Mike Haines, Teignbridge District Council

Apologies:-

Councillor R Prowse

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2018 be signed as a correct record.

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South West Rail Resilience Programme (Teignmouth and Dawlish Line) (minute 36, 15 November 2018)

Mr David Lovell, Network Rail Senior Programme Manager IP Western & Wales gave an update on developments since the last Locality meeting.

The Transport Secretary had announced on 15 February 2019, further funding of up to £80 million to deliver the new sea wall at Dawlish. Phase 1 works (along Marine Parade, the town gateway and Boat Cove) included upgrades to the sea wall to increase its height by up to 2.5 metres with wave returns to reduce the impact of waves and over topping (by 90%) as part of a rigorous set of defences. This would reduce the likelihood of the line being closed during adverse weather, delivering a resilient and safe railway, protecting the homes behind it and helping to prevent the serious damage and disruption seen during storms in 2014 and subsequently from being repeated. There would also be improved public amenity and access, designed to be attractive, inclusive, safe and unique to Dawlish. Work on the new sea wall was to begin in the Spring 2019 and was expected to be completed in 2020.

The Phase 2 Colonnade to Coastguards' design contract was now awarded with site investigations, optioneering and concept works currently being undertaken. It was anticipated that the outline design would be completed by Christmas 2019, with construction to commence in 2020 and works completing in 2021.

In respect of the other designs:-

-at Parsons Tunnel – North Portal, the option selected was rockfall shelter and cliff remediation. Building on detailed geological surveys, Network Rail was continuing to develop a solution of the rockfall shelter and the design phase would be completed in April 2019;

-at Parsons Tunnel to Teignmouth, solutions for the cliffs along the coast immediately north-east of Teignmouth included work to obtain the necessary planning consent for work to maintain the cliffs and protect the railway. The approval in principle of the design phase was due in June 2019, with an estimated start date of 2021 and completion by 2027.

Members' discussion included:-

-Marine Parade height levels;

-maximising the retention of beach areas eg at Parsons Tunnel;

-material finishes sympathetic to environmental surroundings and Victorian Dawlish, noting landward offered greater option than seaward;

-sustainability and global warming design considerations, based on 100 years with further upkeep work to be undertaken on the foundations in 50 years.

Members welcomed the update and looked forward to hearing of further developments at a future meeting.

* **41** **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 wish 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>

* **42** **Dates for Future Meetings**

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

4 July 2019
14 November 2019
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**

The Meeting started at 12.10 pm and finished at 12.50 pm