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Planning and Highways Committee (PH2)
WEDNESDAY 16th October 2019

Minutes

In Attendance

Charli Wilson in the Chair (CW), Phill Thorne (PT) Matthew Harris (MH) Paul Bohill (PB) Eric Parkinson (EP) Rob Woods (Clerk) (RW)
David Worsley (Speedwatch) from 7.20pm (DW)

The Committee agreed to take item 15/19 before 14/19 due to DW being unable to attend from 7pm

10/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Johnny Hunt apologised (pre booked holiday) and his absence was approved

11/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PT and MH declared an Other Significant Interest (OSI) in items 15/19 and 17/19

- i. Updating of Declarations of Interest for the Code of Conduct
Not applicable
- ii. To note the granting of any requests for dispensations and the decision
Not applicable

12/19 AGREE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (PH1) AND SIGN

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th August 2019 were **agreed** and **signed** as a true record

13/19 TO CONSIDER RESPONSES TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE THE MEETING DATE

None received

15/19 (Item brought forward) TO DISCUSS PARKING PROTOCOLS IN THE SAMUEL PETO WAY AREA AND RESPOND

A letter from Love Living Homes advising residents in Samuel Peto Way that visitors should only parallel park was discussed. It was **noted**

- a) That Samuel Peto Way was the only one of four un-adopted roads in the same area whose residents had been subjected to the advice and threats of parking enforcement.
- b) Samuel Peto Way is regularly used for free parking during the day by commuters and local businesses with parking space restricted or non-existent for residents' visitors
- c) That a visitor parking permit scheme or similar should be considered to overcome b) above
- d) That parallel parking will reduce the supply of parking space and have a knock-on effect on other areas of Newtown where residents are currently experiencing parking problems.

Agreed To send letter to Love Living Homes expressing concerns. Also to contact local ward members and Joint Transportation Board (**Action RW**)

14/19 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT FROM THE CLERK AND CHAIRMAN ON SPEEDWATCH EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ISSUES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

DW was introduced to the Committee and then informed Members about the role and operation of Speedwatch. Key points were

- a. Shortage of volunteers (Police assume responsibility for volunteers)
- b. SWAN area only but possibility of merger with Willesborough scheme
- c. Volunteers take on line test and have on the job training with DW
- d. Police agree the locations
- e. Police do not prosecute
- f. Fixed indicator devices are considered ineffective by comparison to interactive alternative
- g. Daylight only due to HASWA considerations
- h. Unclear about ownership of equipment bought with KCC Member grant

DW left the meeting at 7.50pm

After discussion it was **resolved to recommend** to Council that the relationship with Speedwatch should remain “arms-length” until legal ownership of the equipment and any insurance issues can be established. Concurrently to explore the cost protocols and likely effectiveness of fixed speed indicator devices.(SID’s) (**Action RW**)

Members held a further discussion on the dangers of speed

It was **agreed** to raise the issue of drivers being unaware of the speed limits on Orbital Park with the JTB and to explore the introduction of warning signs about children crossing the road near Samuel Peto Way (**Action RW**)

16/19 TO DISCUSS WINTER FLOODING IN THE “ASDA” UNDERPASS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee members recognised they had neither a budget nor a responsibility for the flooding problems but **resolved to recommend** the Council to lobby the responsible bodies, raise concerns, including those about child safety and offer solutions.

17/19 TO AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE PRE-APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND MEETING WITH QUINN DEVELOPMENTS ON THE NEWTOWN RAILWAY WORKS PROPOSAL

The Clerk reported that a planning application had been submitted but had not yet been distributed to consultees and that Quinn Developments had requested another meeting with Community Councillors but had not yet responded to questions posed by Councillors in September 2019

Agreed unanimously

- a) to invite Quinn Developments to respond to the questions in advance of a further meeting (**Action RW to write to Quinn Developments**)
- b) to lobby the Borough Council and Highways Authority to expedite works on the Crowbridge in advance of the start of the Railway Works development.

**18/19 TO AGREE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AS 13th NOVEMBER 2019
AND ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ION THE AGENDA**

Meeting date **agreed**. Items to include Speedwatch feedback

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed _____ Date _____

Chair

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