

Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the Highways Authority held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 27th May 2015 @ 09.00am.

Present:	Hon. Gavin Ellick	-	Acting Chairman
	Hon. Cyril George	-	Member
	Hon. Dr. Corinda Essex	-	Member
	Hon. Mrs Christine Scipio-O'Dean	-	Member
	Mr Trevor Graham	-	Director, ENRD
	Mr Derek Henry	-	Deputy Director, ENRD
	Mr Ben Hathway	-	Roads Manager
	Constable Jonathon Clark	-	Police Representative
	Mr Nicky Lawrence	-	Secretary

Apologies:	Hon. Wilson Duncan	-	Overseas Conference
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The Acting Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting.

There was a member of the Media in attendance.

Open Agenda.

25.1 Matters arising from minutes of 16th April, 2015.

Speed limit for New Bridge Road.

The Roads Manager informed members that reflective posts had been placed outside of residences of the Upper New Bridge Road as a protective measure and there has not been any negative reaction from residents. The shipping container has been removed and the area resurfaced for a car park which is expected to accommodate five vehicles. It is planned to paint double yellow lines in the narrower areas of the road to prevent congestion.

Action: Roads Manager

Permissions for road closures for events.

The Roads Manager said this issue is being trialled and he is working with the Inspector of Police on the matter. There have been a few requests for road closures which were effectively dealt with. Work is ongoing to have the process for road closures refined.

Action: Roads Manager

Double Yellow Lines behind Canister.

The Roads Manager told members that the Double Yellow Lines at the rear of the Canister appear to be having the desired effect with no evidence of illegal parking or congestion.

Members did not agree with this as there had been complaints from the public who just wanted to park for short periods for loading and offloading. It was also alleged that taxi drivers had difficulty in accessing the taxi ranks.

The Roads Manager said the trial period of three months should be allowed to run its course and he will make a decision on it. However, the matter will be addressed as part of the Jamestown Parking Review.

Action: Roads Manager

25.2

Any other urgent business.

Road Traffic Ordinance.

The Director told members that the review of the Road Traffic Ordinance (RTO) is still work in progress. There will be a number of proposals drawn up to be submitted to Legislative Council meeting in July. A member questioned why were these proposals not being presented at today's HA Meeting for endorsement if they are to be presented to LegCo in July.

The Director assured the member that the RTO is on track and being drafted by the Attorney General's (AG) Chambers with issues concerning parking, cycling and traffic signs being incorporated into the draft. The member expressed concern that the RTO was not being drafted in its entirety for presentation to LegCo and stated the 'piecemeal' approach was not acceptable as it would confuse the public.

Another member agreed stating that the process should have started sooner but realised that other priority issues need to be addressed.

Another issue discussed was the Constitution of the Highway Authority. The Director told members that the RTO states that the '*Highway Authority*' means *the Authority appointed by the Governor*. Ideally operational issues such as road closures and signage should be the responsibility of the Police and Roads Section. Other major issues would be brought to the ENR Committee.

Unloading in Napoleon Street.

A member of the public has asked the Highway Authority permission to reserve a car park on Napoleon Street for the purpose of unloading goods to her premises. This cannot be done during off peak hours because the goods can only be collected from Customs during issuing hours which are busy times.

The matter was discussed in depth and members agreed that the applicant should be allowed to use a car park on the same terms and conditions as traders on Main Street.

Action: Secretary

There being no further business the meeting closed at 09.40hrs.

The date for the next scheduled meeting is on **Thursday 18th June 2015 @ 09.00am in the Council Chamber.**

Confirmed..........Date 10th June 2015