

Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Highways Authority held in the Council Chamber on 19th March 2015 @ 09.00am.

Present:	Hon. Wilson Duncan	-	Chairman
	Hon. Gavin Ellick	-	Deputy Chairman
	Hon. Cyril George	-	Member
	Hon. Mrs Christine Scipio-O'Dean	-	Member
	Mr Trevor Graham	-	Director, ENRD
	Mr Derek Henry	-	Deputy Director, ENRD
	Mr Ben Hathway	-	Roads Manager
	Mr Nicky Lawrence	-	Secretary
Apologies:	Mr Derek Henry	-	Deputy Director, Overseas
Absent:	Inspector Jonathon Thomas	-	Police Representative

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and informed members that Councillor Scipio-O'Dean will be arriving a little later. He then opened the meeting.

There was a member of the Media in attendance.

Open Agenda.

23.1 Matters arising from meeting of 19th February 2015.

Police attendance at HA meetings.

The Chairman had undertaken to pursue the matter of Police attending Highway Authority meetings.

Again there was no Police Representative in attendance although the Chairman had sent an email to the Inspector of Police informing him of Committee's concerns and requesting that a Police Representative attend HA meetings. There has been no reply. Members suggested that the Chairman speak to the Chief of Police regarding the matter. The Chairman undertook to do so.

Change to Road Traffic Ordinance.

At the last meeting members were asked to support a proposal to form a group to review the Road Traffic Ordinance with representatives of the Highway Authority and Police as members. The Director said that no group has been formed as yet but the wider issue of change to the Road Traffic Ordinance will be discussed in the ENRC meeting.

23.2

Speed limit for New Bridge Road.

The Chairman, Roads Manager and Inspector of Police had made a site visit of the area, identified several issues that needed addressing and concluded that a 10mph speed limit would not solve the problem. The entrances to homes on the eastern side open directly onto the road and the road narrows in a busy area due to the presence of a shop. It was recommended by the Roads Manager to erect Bollards either side of entrances to dwellings to make motorists aware of potential hazards. If this fails then consideration would have to be given to installing speed bumps, but this cannot be done without public consultation due to the noise created when the bumps are passed over by traffic considering this is a residential area.

Another option would be to remove the shipping container situated near the Pond and create parking spaces for residents. The owner of the container will have to be offered an alternative site. Double Yellow Lines could then be painted on both sides in the Shop area. A member suggested that Double Yellow Lines might encourage speeding in the area due to the road now being clear of vehicles. It was suggested that 'Slow Down' signs could be placed in strategic positions along the road. The Roads Manager will check his stock for appropriate signage to be placed in the area.

The Roads Manager said preferred options are:-

- Placement of Bollards outside houses
- Speed bumps
- Consider other options such as painting a white line outside of residences creating a pathway for pedestrians.
- A final letter will be sent to the owner of the container.

The Roads Manager undertook to install the bollards as soon as possible and will report at the next meeting. Other measures may be taken if the first initiative does not solve the problem.

The Roads Manager told members that he was advised by the Police Inspector that another Anti-Social Driving Campaign will soon be put into place.

Another member asked if any recent inspections have been carried out on residences situated below the road where in the past rainwater runoff had entered onto properties causing considerable damage.

The Roads Manager undertook to carry out inspections in the area.

Action: Roads Manager

23.3

Safety Rails near Larry Johnson's House.

This is an item for the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and has been moved to ENRC Minutes.

23.4

Permission of Highways for Road Closures or events.

The Roads Manager took members through a paper issued by the Inspector of Police concerning procedures to follow for road closures or events. Comments were made on the following points:-

Road Signage: Persons or organisations requiring signage for road closure or special events should give 7 days notice to the Roads Section. There may also be a small fee if this is for a non-charitable event. Contractors or the private sector should be providing their own equipment and not be reliant on SHG.

The Roads Manager said that in the past he had been approached on the same day of an event for signage, now this paper will make the public aware of the requirements for road closures etc.

A Police Officer will be assigned by the Inspector of Operations who will be the point of contact for any advice the applicant may require.

A member said that Councillors cannot be responsible for operational issues such as road closures. When legislation is updated this matter should be addressed as a matter of priority.

Members suggested that the responsibility should be delegated to the Roads Manager and a Representative of the Police. Members agreed and asked that criteria be brought to the next meeting.


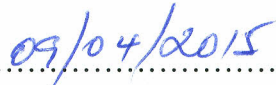
Action: Roads Manager

23.5

Any other urgent business.

These were items for the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and have been moved to the ENRC Minutes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 09.45am with the next meeting scheduled for **16th April 2015 @ 09.00am in the Council Chamber.**

Confirmed..........Date..........