

Minutes of the 36th Highway Authority Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 20th August 2020 @ 09:00am.

Present:	Hon. Cruyff G Buckley	-	Chairman
	Hon. Dr Corinda Essex	-	Deputy Chairperson
	Hon. Russell K Yon	-	Member
	Hon. Gavin G Ellick	-	Member
	Hon. Cyril K Leo	-	Member
	Mr Derek Henry	-	Director of Infrastructure & Transport
	Mr Deon Robbertse	-	Roads Manager
	Mr Darren Francis	-	Roads Inspector
	Inspector Julianne Stevens	-	Police Representative
	Mr Nicky Lawrence	-	Secretary

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting.

36.1 Declarations of Interest.

No one declared an interest.

36.2 Matters arising from minutes of 16th July 2020.

Parking at disused Quarry.

Cllr Yon reported that he has met with Health Staff who are reluctant to use the Quarry area for parking due to safety concerns such as rockfall. Late workers have worries about theft and damage to vehicles, incidents which have occurred in the past.

Cllr Yon suggested that a Business Case for parking on Maldivia Road be resubmitted.

Action: Cllr Yon.

Deadwood Junction.

The Roads Manager has circulated designs and costings for a road junction, however, there is no funding for new works at this time. The resident garage owner will be removing vehicles and with the placement of appropriate signage the area will be made safer.

Funding is needed for two junctions from Deadwood to the Haul Road.

A Business Case will have to be made to the Infrastructure & Transport Directorate and a bid to the Capital Programme to fund an Intersection next year.

Action: Cllr Yon/Roads Manager

Sunnyside Road.

Cllr Yon reported that a meeting still has to take place to identify where water is entering the property due to the resident being unable to attend a previously arranged meeting.

Action: Cllr Yon.

Access to Fire Station, Ladder Hill.

The '*boxed hatching*' has been painted outside the entrance to the Fire Station and appears to be working well.

Solar Lights.

A long discussion took place regarding solar lights and lighting in general in Jamestown especially Market Street. A report was made of unsocial behaviour in the Ladder Hill Corner area due to lack of adequate lighting. The Police Inspector will address this.

Concerns were raised at a Jamestown constituency meeting regarding darkness between lights from Botanical Gardens up to Drummond Hay Square. A member asked if the Police are involved in Dark Skies discussions. The Police Inspector offered to discuss with colleagues.

Another member spoke of the risk of accidents due to insufficient lighting and asked that funding be found to prevent this happening. The Roads Manager suggested changing alternate lights from the Police Station and work up Market Street. The Chairman said this could be incorporated into the monthly work programme. Members agreed for the Roads Manager to trial two lights per pole in Market Street to assist residents who have to travel up unlit entries. Extra lighting has been placed in Castle Gardens using Heritage type lights.

It was suggested that a Business Case be developed for additional funding to address health and safety issues and also create economic benefits through Tourism. The Police Inspector said this should have a Multi-Agency approach.

Action: Roads Manager/Police Inspector

Jamestown Parking Review.

A meeting is still to be held with the Roads Manager to discuss the proposed parking layout.

Action: Chairman

Access for resident of Longwood.

This matter is currently being addressed by the Planning Department.

Use of Herbicides.

The Roads Manager said he will trial the alternative mixture suggested by a member but he must obtain an industrial grade vinegar. He believes this can be a cost effective solution.

Action: Roads Manager.

Maldivia Road.

The Roads Manager reported that suitable equipment is still required to undertake this work.

Action: Roads Manager.

36.3 Roads Works Programme.

The Roads Inspector circulated a new Roads Works Programme showing priority areas earmarked for the upkeep of the Roads Network. The Programme is not exhaustive with weekly checks being made and updated monthly.

Action: Roads Inspector.

36.4 Highway Safety Rails.

A resident of Levelwood has asked for consideration to be given to installing safety railings behind a family member's home. Reflector posts had been in place but vehicles have come off the road and into a hedge which has a 20 foot drop.

Members discussed this matter and agreed to make a site visit before deciding the way forward.

Action: Committee

Any other urgent business.

Application for 'Merchant – No Parking' sign.

An application for a '*Merchant – No Parking*' sign for Benji's Store at MacKnights in Upper Jamestown was approved. The Secretary will inform the applicant.

Action: Secretary

Condition of Guinea Grass Road.

Residents of Guinea Grass have contacted a member complaining of the state of their access road. The member was informed that this is not an SHG adopted road and the residents should seek assistance under the Community & District Roads Grant Funding Scheme.

Action: Member

New Speed Meter.

The Police Inspector reported that a new Speed Measuring Meter has been acquired by the Police Directorate. This will be brought into use when the new Road Traffic Regulations come into force.

Action: Police Inspector.

Parking in Napoleon Street.

A complaint was made to Solomon & Company from their tenant of Eastbridge who could not exit the premises due to a truck being parked across the front door. This is not the first incident of this nature.

It was suggested that a '*Keep Clear – Access required at all times*' sign similar to that placed at the rear of Greenland's be erected on Eastbridge.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 10:20am.

The next meeting of the Highway Authority will be held @ **09:00am on Thursday 17th September 2020 in the Council Chamber.**

Confirmed..........Date.....9/09/20.....