

Minutes of the 38th Highway Authority Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 15th October 2020 @ 09:00am.

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

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting.

38.1 Declarations of Interest.

No one declared an interest at this meeting.

38.2 Matters arising from minutes of 17th September 2020.

Parking in area of General Hospital.

Cllr Yon asked for the heading to be changed to 'area of General Hospital' instead of disused Quarry. He said this process is ongoing and he has met with Connect St Helena (CSH) regarding removal and replacement of the two water tanks near Pikes Cottage. CSH is working with the Chief Planning Officer on this matter. A site visit has taken place with the Roads Manager, Roads Inspector and members of the St Helena National Trust and Heritage Society to the complete area around the Hospital including the proposal for Maldivia and St John's. Feedback is now awaited from these stakeholders.

Nothing further will be done regarding parking at the disused Quarry at this time but focus will be on the Maldivia and St Johns areas.

Action: Cllr Yon.

Deadwood Junction.

The Roads Manager reported that the necessary signage has been erected at this junction.

Sunnyside Road.

Cllr Yon reported that this matter is ongoing and he still has to meet on site with the users of this road.

Action: Cllr Yon

Solar Lights.

The Roads Manager reported that he has been in contact with James Patterson. He has been providing information on dark skies compliant lighting and is investigating ways in which to limit dark areas between streetlights.

Jamestown Parking Review.

The Senior Design Draughtsman/Surveyor presented a plan of the Jamestown Street Layout showing areas where parks are to be demarcated. The Roads Section will undertake painting of these parks next month. The parks will vary in size due to the absence of pavements in some areas and reduced parks to aid visibility.

A member asked that consideration be given to traffic calming measures in the Bridge area which was agreed to.

Action: Roads Inspector

Use of Herbicides.

The Director of I & T reported that he has been informed that the chemical 'Roundup' is safe for use for the spraying of invasives. The same chemical is used by farmers. This chemical is not sprayed near water sources.

Use of overweight vehicles.

A revised Press Release regarding the use of overweight vehicles has been issued.

Roads Works Programme.

A new Roads Works Programme for October & November has been circulated to members.

Safety Rails at Peak Dale and Sandy Bay Ridge.

With reference to a request to remove vegetation and have rails painted a member suggested that this work could be undertaken by persons who are required to perform community works.

The Acting Chief of Police said that there is currently an active programme of works, however he could work with probation officers to arrange having this work carried out.

Action: Ag Chief of Police

Blocked Manhole at Three Tanks, Ladder Hill.

A member suggested having the outflow from this manhole diverted away from Three Tanks across to the Ball Alley and down past Rosie's.

Action: Roads Inspector.

38.3 Highway Authority – Terms of Reference.

Members discussed the Terms of Reference for the Authority under the 1985 Road Traffic Ordinance. This was followed by a review of the proposed new Terms of Reference for a revised 2016 Road Traffic Ordinance due to be implemented at a later date. The TORs were accepted with a few minor amendments.

Action: Director of I & T/Chairman

38.4 Commonwealth Avenue Traffic Calming Measures.

A member of the public has raised concerns about recent accidents and 'near misses' in the Ladder Hill area. This road has no obstructions affecting visibility.

Members also considered concerns raised by the public with regards to certain accident "Hotspots" around the island. The Highway Authority recommended that the Police remain proactive and visible in the community and that the Press Office continue to raise awareness around key issues with regard to traffic management.

The Highway Code is very basic and the Acting Chief of Police said it would be necessary to educate newcomers to the island or have them take a test.

Action: Chairman/Chief of Police

38.5 Any other urgent business.

Sign at Longwood Gate.

It was brought to member's attention that there are two signs at Longwood Gate, one being a 'Stop' sign and the other 'Give Way'. It was asked which is the correct sign. Members agreed this should be a 'Stop' sign.

Action: Roads Inspector.

One Way Traffic at Plantation.

A member asked if there could be a one way traffic system at Plantation. It is proposed that traffic entering from White Gate will use the lower road and transit through the Stables onto Model Cottage. Upcoming traffic will use the upper road near Cape Villa and travel to White Gate.

The Chairman asked for this to be put on hold.

Overweight vehicles.

The Acting Chief of Police commented on the recently issued Press Release regarding overweight vehicles, but there is no weighbridge on island. A member said there have been weigh pads on island but their whereabouts are unknown at this time.

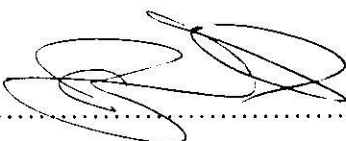
Mirror at Hospital.

The Health Directorate has requested a traffic mirror to assist Ambulance drivers when they exit the rear of the Hospital. It has been agreed with the Health Directorate that they will provide funding and the Roads Section will install the mirror.

Action: Roads Inspector.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:10am.

The next meeting of the Highway Authority will be held @ **09:00am on Thursday 19th November 2020 in the Council Chamber.**

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