

## **Minutes of the 41st Highway Authority Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 @ 09:30am.**

<b>Present:</b>	Hon. Cruyff G Buckley	-	Chairman
	Hon. Dr Corinda Essex	-	Deputy Chairperson
	Hon. Russell K Yon	-	Member
	Hon. Cyril K Leo	-	Member
	Hon. Gavin G Ellick	-	Member
	Mr Derek Henry	-	Director of Infrastructure & Transport
	Mr Deon Robbertse	-	Roads Manager
	Darren L Francis	-	Roads Inspector
	Mr David Price	-	Chief of Police
	Miss Karen Thomas	-	Secretary

### **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting.

#### **41.1 Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **41.2 Final Roads Policy.**

Comments were made on amendments to the draft Final Roads Policy:

- References to Signage should be made to the Road Traffic Regulations and not the Highway Code.
- The Policy should include Risk Assessments to be carried out before any road works is done.

When amendments have been completed, then it can be circulated to Members for approval.

**Action: Director of I&T**

#### **41.3 Draft Policy for the allocation of public carparks in St Helena for use by mobile food vendors.**

Members discussed whether a fee should be made to mobile food vendors for occupying a park.

The following is to be included in the policy:

- It should be spelled out that if vendors do not comply with the conditions of the policy then they will lose their “pitch”.
- While the Policy states that licence holders are responsible for the correct disposal of waste from their business, some vendors are still disposing of grease by pouring down drains/manholes. Therefore the correct way for disposal of grease at the Landfill site should be spelled out in the Policy.
- Where additional powerpoints are – HTH Clinic and Longwood Avenue

It was suggested that a charge could be made of either £1.00 per day or £5.00 per week. It is the intention that the fees will serve as a deterrent so that vendors will use the parks only when operating their business. However if vendors are paying for parking licenses, what is there to prevent them from keeping their mobiles in the parks. It was agreed to seek legal advice on the matter.

**Action: Chairperson**

Members agreed that in order to get vendors on board it would be beneficial to engage with them advising what the committee proposes and get their views.

**41.4 Confirmation of Minutes and Matters Arising from minutes of meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021.**

The Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 was confirmed.

**41.4.1 Update on Parking at the General Hospital Area.**

Councillor Yon reported that there was a positive response from the consultation regarding the proposed parking arrangements at the Hospital.

Comments from the public included that the retaining wall should be dry built and capped with lime and the majority would like to see the *fiscus* tree remain.

Councillor Yon will send details of the consultation to the Members.

**Action: Councillor Yon**

**41.4.3 Convex Mirror at the Museum**

Planning permission will need to be sought to place the mirror in the Museum area due to it being a heritage site. The mirror will be placed on the public toilet building for better visual for drivers.

**Action: Councillor Yon**

**Eucalyptus tree – Merrimans Forest/Go Cart track**

Roads Inspector to liaise with Forestry Services Officer whether they would be able to cut down the small eucalyptus trees at the bottom of Merrimans forest.

**Action: Roads Inspector**

Complaints have been received about the rocks in the road from the vehicles travelling to the Go Cart track. Reference should be made to Mr Paul Scipio's Decision Notice on this matter and a letter will be drafted from the Highways Authority.

**Action: Director, I&T**

**41.4.4 Minor Repairs – Access Junction Drummond Haye Square.**

Repairs to the Access Junction at Drummond Haye Square is still to be completed.

**Action: Roads Inspector**

**41.4.7 Update on Bus Shelters – Two Gun Saddle, near Judges Lodge and near Hutts Gate.**

Hutt's Gate—As the location for the shelter is to be changed, Crown Estates is liaising with Bishop Dale about the proposal before going further.

Two Gun Saddle – This concept has already been drawn up and Councillor Leo will liaise with the landowner to discuss the possibility of using some of his land.

**Action: Councillor Leo**

Levelwood – Technical Services have discussed the plans with the Planning Authority, and after a site visit, they would like to have a door to door consultation/survey with the Red Hill residents to get their views. The results of the consultation will give support when submitting the application.

**Action: Members**

Sea View - The Lands Section is in the process of defining the private land at the area that was chosen for the Proposed Bus Shelter. This will help determine how much land is available and whether it is necessary to approach the land owner for permission to use a portion of their land/bank.

**41.5 Any other urgent business**

**41.5.1 Parking Plan for Jamestown.**

The Chief of Police asked about a completion date for the parking plan for Jamestown as he would like to enforce the Fixed Penalties Ordinance. No date has been set at this time however the parking plan is in progress.

**41.5.2 Road repair at Cow Path.**

A Member said that there is a Pothole in the main road at Cow Path near Nicholas Yon's home, which is posing a danger to drivers.

**Action: Roads Inspector**

**41.5.3 Change of signage.**

Chief of Police said that coming down from the hospital there should be a Give Way Sign, not Stop Sign.

**41.5.4 Solar lights—Upper Cow Path.**

A Members asked whether two solar lights could be installed in the upper Cow Path area. There are poles already in place. The Roads Manager will consider this request when the lights are replaced in Jamestown under the next phase.

**41.5.5 Verge Markings Hutts Gate to Levelwood Road.**

A Member said that he has spoken to the bus drivers and they will liaise with the Roads Inspector where they would like the verge markings to go.

**41.5.6 Speeding Traffic at Pounceys.**

The Chairperson had received a report about speeding traffic near St Pauls School. It was agreed that there are issues regarding speeding across the island.

The CoP provided some updates regarding the proposed prevention for speeding.

- The new Road Traffic Ordinance will introduce a Point System which should be effective towards the prevention of speeding.
- Alternatives could be considered eg in accordance with what is being done in the UK instead of giving a speeding ticket for minor offenses there will be an option to take an awareness course.
- Getting school children involved – if anyone speeds past a school, the Police will stop the person, take them into the school and the children will educate the person about speeding. This is very effective in the UK.
- Driving tests will be reviewed.

#### **41.5.7 Speeding near China Land.**

The Chairperson had received a letter from Mrs Olive Brown regarding four vehicular accidents that have happened near her home as a result of drunk driving. The last accident could have been fatal.

Members discussed what could be done to prevent this from happening again. It was noted that speed bumps could cause accidents if drivers are speeding under the influence of drink.

A member expressed that traffic calms should be in place in that area or something fatal is bound to happen.

It was noted that driving carefully is the responsibility of the driver not the authority. There should be tariffs, public education, particularly with young people and more enforcement with speed guns and penalties, this would be more effective than a speed bump in the China Lane area.

The Chief of Police said that he would arrange for a Sergeant to speak to Mrs Brown and give her assurance that the Police are taking measures to prevent speeding near her home.

**Action: Chief of Police**

#### **41.5.8 Tree limb at Thorpes.**


A tree limb at the Canister needs cutting as it is a hindrance to drivers, however there are heritage issues involved. It was agreed that due to safety reasons the limb should be cut.

Later, during the Open ENRC meeting the Director of ENRC advised that this request must be given Tree Preservation Approval (TPO). The Director of ENRP to liaise with the Forestry section and Crown Estates.

**Action: Director, ENRP.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:55am.

The next meeting of the Highway Authority will be held @ **09:00am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in the Council Chamber**

Confirmed..........Date...18 March 2021....