

## **Minutes of the 21st Highway Authority Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 @ 09:00am.**

<b>Present:</b>	Hon. Russell K Yon	-	Chairman
	Hon. Dr Corinda Essex	-	Deputy Chairperson
	Hon. Gavin G Ellick	-	Member
	Hon. Cyril K Leo	-	Member
	Mr Derek Henry	-	Director of ENRD
	Mr Deon Robbertse	-	Roads Manager
	Mr Darren Francis	-	Roads Inspector
	Mr Nicky Lawrence	-	Secretary
<b>Apology:</b>	Hon. Cruyff G Buckley	-	Member (CPA meeting)
	Tutor Constable Gary Balme	-	Police Representative (Police operations)

### **Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting. The Police Representative had informed the Chairman that he was required for Police operations and could not attend. The Hon. Cruyff Buckley is attending a CPA Conference.

### **21.1 Matters arising from minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

#### **Parks behind Canister.**

The disabled park has been temporarily moved to a taxi park to enable works on the Canister building. Parks will return to normal on completion of works.

Police radio publicity concerning traffic and parking issues in Jamestown will commence soon.

**Action: Police Representative.**

#### **Henry's Car Park.**

The Chairman will meet with Solomon's Operations Manager regarding beacons to demarcate emergency exits from Greenland's Department Store.

**Action: Chairman.**

#### **Disabled park at General Hospital.**

The Chairman has written to the Assistant Director of Health regarding the proposed location of a park for disabled persons who drive.

**Action: Chairman**

**Water run-off at Woodland's West.**

Due to lack of rain it cannot be determined if the remedial works have been successful. It was also reported that the resident was told to install a cattle grid which he cannot afford. The Chairman said he will address this matter with Solomon's.

**Action: Chairman**

**Sign at Bates Branch.**

A site visit was made to Bates Branch with Police representation and it has been confirmed that the sign is in the correct position. A 'Give Way' sign needs to be placed in the area.

**Action: Roads Inspector.**

**Police presence in Lower Jamestown.**

The Chairman suggested forming a Working Group with Police representation to monitor 2 hour parking and traffic management in the lower areas of Jamestown.

**Action: Chairman.**

**Process for road closures.**

The Chairman said he has to arrange a meeting with members of the Emergency Planning and Sea Rescue Services in attendance.

**Action: Chairman.**

**Replacement of speed bumps near Pilling School.**

The Roads Manager reported that the speed bumps are on order and should arrive soon.

**Action: Roads Manager**

**Disabled park on Grand Parade.**

The proposal to create an additional disabled park will be addressed as part of the Jamestown Parking Review and the planned walkthrough of Jamestown.

**Action: Committee**

**Request for parking space for disabled driver.**

The Chairman said he is in agreement for this request, however, the park will have to be shared and not dedicated to one person. Several areas were suggested for a disabled park and the Roads Inspector offered to take pictures of these areas and forward to members for their consideration.

**Action: Roads Inspector.**

### **Request for permanent access to house site.**

The outcome of the Planning Application is still awaited before a decision can be made.

**Action: Chairman**

### **Cruise ship visits and landing at Rupert's.**

The Chairman said the impending opening of the Haul Road might solve some of the issues previously raised.

Road diversions and tackling congestion on the Tomb Road must be addressed with Tourism and Solomon's before the arrival of the next cruise ship in October.

**Action: Chairman.**

### **Signs for Jamestown and Field Road.**

The Roads Manager said that speed limit signs of 15mph and '*dangerous bends next 600m*' will be erected in the affected areas.

**Action: Roads Manager**

### **Road Traffic Ordinance and next steps.**

A draft Ordinance/Regulations will be presented to Informal Legislative Council on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

**Action: Chairman.**

### **Haul Road.**

A memorandum is being prepared to be presented to Executive Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 requesting approval for the handover of the Haul Road.

If approved signs showing the names for the different sections of the road are to be installed. The names were selected following a competition for school children who conceived names for different sections of the road. The Secretary was asked to check minutes and map for the correct placement of signs. Also to check if maps were awarded to the winners.

A member asked if was there any feedback regarding a risk assessment carried out by the Police Representative, Roads Manager and Chartered Engineer on the Haul Road. The Chairman said he will address this with the Police and Chartered Engineer as he believed another assessment was to be carried out.

**Action: Chairman/Roads Manager/ Secretary**

### **Bottom Woods Roads.**

Following concerns from a resident of Bottom Woods, the Roads Manager has addressed the issues raised.

Other issues discussed were:-

- Success of the different slurry trials on Knollcombe's Road  
*The Roads Manager gave an update on the trials.*
- Overhanging vegetation.  
*The Chairman said owners should be asked to cut back their overhanging vegetation.*

**Action: Roads Manager/Inspector**

### **Lights and road repairs.**

The following was raised at a Constituency meeting in Half Tree Hollow and has now been addressed by the Roads Manager.

- Funding for Street lights – *non available at this time.*
- Faulty Light near Community Centre – *solar light not faulty – was in dim mode.*
- Gully at Scott's Mill – *works being carried out by Connect St Helena on the Harpers Dam. Will be remedied when finished.*
- Drains near Police Station – *drains have been cleaned.*
- Bump in road leading to Head O' Wain – *residents have expressed appreciation to the Roads Section for removing the bump.*

### **Protection for residence near General Hospital.**

Following a complaint from the resident this matter will also be addressed as part of the Jamestown Parking Review and the planned walkthrough of Jamestown.

**Action: Committee**

## **21.2 Safe cycling in St Helena.**

The Chairman said a proposal to lift restrictions on cycling on certain roads came to the fore at a recent special meeting of the ENRC. He has since met with the Roads Manager, Alan Hudson, Damon Miller and also received input from Kevin Hudson on Ascension Island which was circulated to members. He said there is sufficient information to consider lifting restrictions for cycling on certain roads. He would like to have further discussions with this group and feed back to Committee for their input before a decision is made.

It was realised that there are no restrictions in Sapper Way and Sandy Bay beach roads. Modern bikes can be used on these rides.

Members raised various concerns such as rider protection, age limits and raising cycling awareness in schools.

A member voiced concern about the traffic and suggested a trial period and avoid peak times. It was also suggested that cyclists be registered and licenced. Lifting restrictions will encourage others to cycle and could also inspire cycling business ventures. Mitigation measures are also to be considered and a list of roads to be compiled.

**Action: Chairman**

**Any other urgent business.**

**Bus Shelters.**

A member expressed his appreciation to all for the provision of Bus Shelters.

**Proposed parking near St John's.**

A member asked how many parks are proposed for St John's. The Roads Manager explained that there are some issues to address regarding the power pole and cables.

**Give Way sign on Maldivia Road.**

A member reported that staff of the General Hospital are parking their vehicles on the 'Give Way' sign on lower Maldivia Road. The Roads Manager was asked to address this.

**Action: Roads Manager.**

**Mirror at Harford School.**

Following a request to install a traffic mirror near Harford School, The Roads Inspector suggested to trim the tree to improve visibility.

**Action: Roads Inspector.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:35am.

The next meeting of the Highway Authority will be held @ **09:00am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in the Council Chamber.**

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