



Residents Against Speeding



Minutes of a Meeting held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 7pm

Present: Rob Ollerton (Chair) , Sally Bailey (Note Taker) Alan Fuller, Sarah Rodda, Sheree Watt, Emma Lake, Neeta Baicher

In Attendance: Jonathan Griffiths MS, Mark Hand MCC, Andy Betteridge

Apologies: Andrew Hill, Mario Bisi

- Minutes from meeting in May 2021 approved, no further actions noted
- Community Engagement, M. Hand reported there had been some progress in community engagement. The initial rollout was to be around August / September this time scale is likely to be pushed back a few months. Ideas for Community engagement could involve, radio time, car stickers, school involvement, local campaign and poster desi
- M Hand thought there could be a whole Severnside competition or a local competition.
- General discussion centered around people speeding in the village. There was acknowledgement that there would likely be resistance when the 20mph comes into force.
- The Pilot project is to look at what measures are to be put in place, how effective the measures are, how they work and to look at educational tools to promote speed reduction.
- J. Griffiths MS asked M. Hand about Active Travel route between Magor, Rogiet and Caldicot along the B4245. M Hand responded that this is not on the current program of work. Travel within communities is on the program not travel between different community towns and villages.
- John Griffiths MS shared with the group the Welsh Government plans and that by 2023 are looking to make 20mph the default speed limit rather than 30mph. It's about feeling safe in our communities. Wider engagement will be important. He had attended a Road Safety conference in Newport to build up momentum for the project. Pilot projects are in place. Engagement and providing information will be essential in keeping with the spirit and connection with local communities. With the reduction of speed there should be an

improvement in air quality and less pollution. Improvements in sustainable transport should improve.

- In April 2023 the policy of Local Traffic Orders using the default of 20mph for all roads will be rolled out throughout Wales.
- M. H , Changes can be difficult and moving from 30mph to 20mph will be difficult for some drivers. Lessons have been learnt from work undertaken during Covid 19 restrictions. Social media has an important part to play in not just capturing objections but it is essential positive comments are also captured. Important to look at what has worked and what has not worked.
- R.O. Thought public meetings would be a good place for things to be discussed
- A.F. The public need to be aware of what is going on. Its important to share with other groups in the area.
- R.O. When introducing change there will be resistance, is the Welsh Government able to provide support.
- J.G. Recognition needs to be made on how information is distributed . A tool kit to work through a situation would be helpful. Welsh Government want to help, there will be a central resource and MCC are aware of this. The local authority will work with local communities, the feelings of local communities will be facilitated by MCC. The timings of consultations will be important before the 20mph is introduced.
- S.R. There is a need to report more issues to 101. The group needs to grow to put the message forward. Flyers for public information could be distributed.
- A.F. Raised the issue of a cycle lane on main road. M.H. This could be looked at in general B4245 improvements.
- John Griffiths MS congratulated the group on all their efforts and that local people would benefit from the groups actions.
- John Griffiths MS and Andrew Betteridge left the meeting

Meeting continued

Go Safe

Sunday 20th June is the most convenient date for training. The training should take approximately 1 hour.

Article

Poor feedback from article in Magor Events Magazine.

Comments

E.W. and S.W. to reply to emails directly and comments to be passed on to the web address for Go Safe.

Communication

An article in the Angus would provide information and set the scene for the 20mph initiative. The public need to be aware and understand why there is a 20mph pilot project and how this came about. This is a Welsh Office directive.

There are 300 people on facebook and there have only been 2 emails against the initiative.

Members need to listen to public reactions and the feelings within the village regarding the 20mph limit.

Links between speeding and accidents can be explained by MCC and the police. Statistical information can then be shared with the public.

R.O. We need a campaign to let people know what is going to happen and why.

A.F. Flyers on all doors, Facebook. Have to try a pilot project to see what works and how the project is working.

Abergavenny is also in the pilot area, they may have groups and we could learn from each other.

It would also be useful to find out what is happening in Caldicot.

School poster update

S.W to make contact with Magor school re the poster

John Griffiths MS could publicise posters.

Eight entries had been received from Undy school

Each child a prize and a well done certificate, book voucher suggested as a prize, members would contribute financially towards prizes.

AF and N.B to visit Undy school

Undy school are working with the police on various projects.

Chair of next meeting Andrew Hill

Note taker Emma Lake

Meeting closed at 8.15