



Residents Against Speeding



Minutes of a Meeting held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 7pm

Present: (Residents) Andrew Hill (AH), Rob Ollerton (RO), Sheree Watt (SW), Jeffrey Harris (JH) E Lake (EL) (Community Council) Cllr Sally Bailey (SB), Cllr Keith Plow (KP), Cllr Neeta Baicher (NB) Cllr Mario Bisi (MB) (Mon CC) County Councillor Frances Taylor (FT)

In Attendance: (Clerk to the Council) Beverly Cawley (BC)

Apologies: Alun Fuller, Sarah Rodda

00021 Welcome & Apologies

RO welcomed everyone to the meeting. B Cawley left the meeting (19.05pm).
Apologies (as above)

00022 Approval of Minutes of Meeting 12/01/2021

Delegates approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

00023 Discussion with CSO Rob Campbell

CSO Campbell was unable to make the meeting due to technical difficulties.

00024 Go Safe! Applications

RO said he discussed the RAS Group with the local Go Safe! co-ordinator, who will send application forms for interested RAS Group members to become Go Safe! Volunteers.

This will mean volunteers being registered with Go Safe! and receiving training to use speed radar guns. Once volunteers are trained the community would get its own radar gun.

Volunteers could select locations for the radar gun to be used, which need to be approved by Go Safe! to monitor traffic speeds as often as we like. If caught speeding, motorists wouldn't be prosecuted but would receive a letter, with follow-up visits organised by Go Safe! for repeat offences.

KP supported the idea.

AH said he knew about previous plans to do something similar and asked why it hadn't worked. KP said it hadn't got off the ground previously and eventually petered out.

RO will email Go Safe! application forms to every group member, who can fill out an application if they're interested.

SW said that there was an opportunity to use locations raised by members of the Facebook group as a starter for locations to submit to Go Safe! for approval.

RO said that he had asked the Go Safe! co-ordinator about the role of speed guns in reducing traffic speeds. RO reported that they had replied that 'narrowing' of roads was more effective, but requires support of highways authority, which would need to be convinced that there was a problem.

EL asked what happens to the Go Safe! data once it is collected by volunteers.

FT said a few years ago the local Crime Prevention Panel (CPP) had attempted the same thing and had got registrations from volunteers etc... but there were issues with providing training, equipment. FT suggested it would be worth catching up with members of the CPP, who may be able to explain why they were unable to proceed. Also, she added, there may be some members of the CPP who want to get involved in this new move.

FT mentioned that she had met with Graham Kinsella, from MCC, about putting speed loops in the village. She had issued locations of 3 separate speed loops by email to the group. RO shared the locations over the screen.

RO asked if it would be possible to include Redwick Rd and Dancing Hill in future. FT said that may be possible, but the B4245 has been prioritised this time. FT said there was potential that data from the new speed loops may be available by the RAS Group's next meeting and that GK had offered to come and discuss results with us.

ACTION: RAS Group members to consider applications to become Go Safe! volunteers on receipt of application form from RO. **ALL**

ACTION: EL and SW to email CPP to invite them to future RAS meeting and to seek further information on reasons why attempt to establish Go Safe! volunteers failed. **EL/SW**

00025 Letter to Local Business

EL has written a letter from the RAS Group to local organisations/businesses requesting them to support our effort.

RO/EL asked for feedback on the letter.

EL asked how the letter should be circulated and suggested setting up a group email address to issue it from. RO asked for group members to come up with ideas for the group email name.

SW also suggested using social media to link to businesses to share the letter. Also, suggested that local schools may get involved and suggested sharing the letter with them. Suggested the letter may need to make some tweaks for schools. NB is an Undy school governor and said that the traffic issue was an ongoing one. Group members were asked to share ideas for which businesses/organisations to send the letter to and decide when the letter should be sent. Use email or WhatsApp to share ideas. NB asked who would manage/monitor group email account? EL/SW volunteered to share duties on the group email. FT volunteered to help out with supplying email addresses for local businesses and mentioned that the Community Council may also have some business email address that can be shared. SB said that council has a list of local business to share. The letter could also be shared on the council website.

- ACTION:** RAS Group provide feedback on letter. **ALL**
- ACTION:** RAS Group members submit ideas for group email name. **ALL**
- ACTION:** RAS Group members consider which businesses/organisations to send letter to. **ALL**
- ACTION:** FT/Community Council to share list of local organisations/businesses with RAS Group. **FT/MUCC**

00026 Bank Account

AH said he had researched charity bank accounts and suggested that Barclays was the best option. RO and KP agreed.

- ACTION:** AH to open RAS Group bank account with Barclays Bank. **AH**

00027 Next Steps

RO invited discussion on next steps for the RAS Group. AH asked if it was possible to get the Go Safe! locations approved immediately, ahead of getting volunteers identified and trained. EL/SW suggested regular reports about the RAS Group activities/meetings could be posted in the Facebook group to raise awareness of what we're doing. SW talked about trying to encourage more feedback on the Facebook group. SW volunteered to post on FB. MB talked about encouraging FB group members to like and share posts.

- ACTION:** RO to investigate submitting locations for use of speed gun to Go Safe! for approval. **RO**
- ACTION:** SW to post on Facebook about RAS Group meetings/activities. **SW**

00028 AOB

KP said he had attended a Mon County Council meeting on 26/01 chaired by C.Cllr Lisa Dymock, during which speeding on the B4245 was raised. The discussion hadn't been up to date and no specific actions were taken.

RO said it was important that police and county council understand how serious we are about the group and that it was important they attend future RAS Group meetings. FT said she was disappointed police hadn't turned up and asked if group members wanted her to follow up. (Later, RO reported that CSO Campbell had made contact to apologise and explain he had experienced technical difficulties. He will attend March's meeting.)

FT said that when she had met with Graham Kinsella he had mentioned that as part of the planning conditions for the Magor & Undy Community Hub there is provision for a crossing in proximity to the site. FT had asked GK if there was potential for an engineering solution to be included in the crossing installation that could help slow traffic. FT also asked GK what opportunities were there for the RAS Group to be involved in decisions over the siting of a crossing.

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| 00029 | Appointment of chair for next meeting – K. Plow | KP |
| | Appointment of note taker for next meeting – S. Watt | SW |
| 00030 | Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 9th March 2021 | ALL |

