



Residents Against Speeding



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

Present: K. Plow (chair), S. Watt (Note Taker) E. Lake, N. Baicher, A. Hill, F Taylor, R. Ollerton, L. Dymock, S. Rodda

In Attendance: (Clerk to the Council) Beverly Cawley (BC)
(Mon CC) Mark Hand and Graham Kinsella

Apologies: Alun Fuller, M Bisi

K. Plow welcomed everyone to the meeting. B. Cawley left the meeting.

1. Welcome & Apologies

See above.

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 12/01/2021

Delegates approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

3. Severnside 20mph pilot project

Mark Hand and Graham Kinsella, MCC were guest speakers.

Completed a presentation on plans for Magor and Undy to become a 20MPH zone. All roads will be 20 MPH inclusive of B4245

MH and GK answered questions from the RAS group.

There will be bar markings on road marked in yellow to alert drivers

Flash up speed signs that are in red / green if within the speed limit

This will continue to be monitored during the 5-year period

N. Baicher asked when will start in the community?

GK – in May / June 2021 – targets communications are aimed at particular user groups such as younger motorists, drivers who speed, commuters, parents / carers and will use social media, TV and Radio to advertise this.

K. Plow asked will there be increase in police presence during this time to monitor speed?

GK – drafting a permanent Road Traffic Offences Order will be updated for August // September 2021.

There will be an enforcement plan with Go Safe and Gwent Police.

It needs to be effective and will take some time to bed in for people to get used to the new speed limit. There will be an increase in presence during this time.

K. Plow said that we could help assist by advertising this on Local Community Council website. K. Plow asked if these could be posted to local residents?

MH – will look into this but it may not be possible to do this as it is government funded.

R. Ollerton suggested that once RAS are using the radar gun this will also be advertised that it is a 20 MPH zone. Should people speed then letters will be sent out to addresses. R. Ollerton and K. Plow were able to update MH and GK on the process of identifying speeding traffic with radar gun so far.

MH – said it was a real benefit for the whole community and positive having a community speed watch.

R. Ollerton suggested that observations had been made by all drivers speeding not just those identified during a school run, such as buses, lorries etc.

MH confirmed that all will be taken into consideration.

MH- will be monitoring side streets of B4245 such as Redwick Road / Dancing Hill.

E. Lake asked about active travel such as new cycle lane from Magor / Undy to Rogiet?

MH – said that this was not within this project but this could be looked at further down line, there will need additional engineering advice re paths etc. So for now just looking at the speed limit.

MH – also considering applications for funding from Welsh Government from Magor to Caldicot so will update in early financial year should this have been successful.

RAS were able to identify some hot spots for them to concentrate on.

RAS suggested to MH and GK that they will support this project as much as possible and help to make wider community aware of this to ensure that this is successful. It was felt that on the whole at times the community could be resistant to this sort of change, however, plans are afoot to involve local businesses / schools etc.

MH and GK also acknowledged that Road Safety / Cycle proficiency with children reminding them about the speed limit will aid this, as well as involving Heddlu Bach / Children's voices and involve children to make posters for the community to be safer.

F. Taylor thanked MH and GK for outlining the proposals and asked what else we can do to help?

How can they keep the RAS group informed so they can provide local intelligence with community insight.

F. Taylor suggested the involvement of both schools - Undy Primary School had a Christmas Campaign and was she was very impressed with the work that the children completed around this, both schools are very keen to support. Both N. Baicher and S. Rhodda are school governors at Undy Primary School and are able to promote this further.

Action

S. Rhodda to speak to Undy Primary School head teacher Miss Edmunds regarding this – who is very willing to get on board with the children.

N. Baicher suggested coming up with a prize for the children – L. Dymock has access to prizes once able to get into the Memorial Hall in Undy.

To invite MH and GK back to future meetings to provide feedback and updates on situation.

AH will disseminate the presentation to all members of RAS.

S. Rhodda excused herself and left the meeting.

4. Go Safe! Applications

People have completed their Go Safe applications. S. Watt and N. Baicher hadn't received theirs. R. Ollerton will drop applications through letterbox. Go Safe will come and do risk assessments on effective placements with R. Ollerton. There will be training on this possibly in June, to be confirmed. Will need 10 volunteers to man the roads at random times, with radar guns. Suggestions of where will go out on social media, discussion on helpful if we are able to go out without the radar guns but in high vis to remind drivers at any time and place to drive slowly through the village.

ACTION: R. Ollerton is nominated organiser and will keep everyone informed about Go Safe application / training etc.

5. Sites for Speed Checks - EL

E. Lake has put together questionnaire for people to fill out. Discussion on to put it on FB group page and how many options. Agreed to have it on the FB group page for those to complete by 16/3/2021.

R. Ollerton would like to give the survey to Chris Higgins when back from leave.

ACTION: AH to analyse the spreadsheet of results when completed.

6. Group Admin

R. Ollerton suggested if all agreed to share emails amongst the group.

N. Baicher suggested for one or two people to act as a central source for the RAS group email. L. Dymock felt it would be useful for all members to have access to the group email.

ACTION: R. Ollerton to send an email out to group and for responses to agree if happy for email to be shared.

7. Bank Account

A Hill apologised as has not managed to set this up yet but will do so before the next meeting.

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

8. Future Speakers /Next Steps

R. Ollerton felt that high vis jackets would be a positive move forward and wondered if could access grants or funds. N. Baicher suggested to complete community council funding application for this. F. Taylor said that community council bought lots of high vis jackets for litter picking perhaps we could borrow these.

Future speakers

F. Taylor suggested the Police and Crime panel may be interested in doing some work around this but to bear in mind about pre-election campaigns that start around 25th March.

R. Ollerton spoke about Rob Campbell has now passed direct responsibility to another person but did not have the full name.

A. Hill suggested John Griffiths (MS) to be a speaker at future meetings.

R. Ollerton suggested Christopher Evans from Go Safe local coordinator.

L. Dymock suggested Damien Wade and Darrel from police / Jayne Prack B4245 Cabinet member?

Action: N. Baicher will email B Cawley re jackets

K. Plow to complete community council application form for this.

R. Ollerton to find out who in the Police can speak with RAS group

9. **Appointment of chair for next meeting** – S. Rodda

Appointment of note taker for next meeting – N. Baicher

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th April 2021