



Minutes of a Meeting held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7pm

1 - Welcome and 2 - Apologies

Present:

Andrew Hill
Martin Johnson

Cllr Keith Plow – MWUCC
Cllr Neeta Baicher (Chair) - MWUCC
Cllr Penny Kirkham (Note Taker) – MWUCC
Cllr Frances Taylor - MWUCC

Apologies:

Sheree Watt, Emma Lake, Sarah Rodda

Also joining the meeting Graham Kinsell, Traffic & Road Safety Manager, Monmouthshire CC

- 3 Approval of minutes from meeting 9th November 201 approved, no further actions noted
- 4 Matters arising from the Minutes:
 - a. Bank Account - confirmed now open. AH joint signatory with MJ. £500 gratefully received from MWUCC.
 - b. 20mph pilot – Q: how can RAS help with 20mph pilot? Led on to ...
- 5 Address from GK
 - a. Things had moved on (slowly) since last meeting, including resourcing issues (2 available positions).
 - b. Prior to Christmas Traffic Order had been issued out for consultation (22/12/21) and this period runs until 20/01/22.
 - c. Public comments invited re proposed reduction to 20mph – documents on MCC website:
<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/speed-limit-changes-abergavenny-llanfoist-magor-with-undy-rogiet-caldicot-portskewett-and-caerwent/>

- d. Will then go to Cabinet member for approval – Cllr Jane Pratt, Cabinet member for Infrastructure, MCC
- e. Detailed design work (re signage & “linings”) had been taking place in the meantime, this will be required to be completed by end March 2022.
- f. Contractors had been sought via SE Wales Framework
- g. Funding was in place from WG

AH - asked if there was anything that would stop Traffic Order

GK - replied not “fait accompli”. Any adverse comments should not outweigh the benefits a reduction in speeding will provide to road safety, along with other Community benefits. Traffic engineers will consider comments and a Public Enquiry would be possibility if unresolved issues.

AH – queried scope of Signage. Also was there sufficient budget for road signs, electronic displays and other street furniture as required?

GK – Budget for electronic signs where required (SIDs), roundalls and “further interventions”. The “30” terminal signs would be replaced by “20”s both sides of the road with “repeater” 20s. There would be “a lot of messaging”.

AH – the main problem is Dancing Hill. Will there be SIDs there?

GK – definitely B4245 also looking at either end of village, where signs already exist and the road past the school (Pennyfarthing Lane around into Dancing Hill).

AH – Is there a risk on resources, ie. If funds can’t be rolled forward?

GK – Missing the deadline is not an option. Consultants are supporting the project. There have been no applicants for vacant Traffic Engineer position.

FT – There is a current (non-working) sign on Dancing Hill also Redwick Road. These have not been maintained. FT attending Planning mtg (re Vinegar Hill development) this will send additional traffic down Dancing Hill adding to the problem. The area will be a priority with the additional housing. SIDs are needed plus ongoing maintenance.

GK – Current SIDS have a 3 year extended warranty. Above that units revert to street lighting inventory. MCC will eventually get broken ones fixed or replaced. They are aware of issue and it is a revenue drain. SIDs are good at “reminding” people what speed they are doing.

MJ – It would be a good idea for the units to record a count on how often the unit is triggered ie. over the 20mph limit

GK – Data loggers are available, built into SID sign, the issue is downloading the data via a cable to a laptop or via Bluetooth. Time & resource an issue.

MJ – Isn’t this something RAS group can help with? **Volunteers: NB / PK / MJ / AH**

AH – great idea

GK – Yes. If RAS are willing then GK would consider if this can be done in a safe manner.

NB – suggestion for signage to say “Diolch”. Could we put article in “The Villager”?

GK – variations include smiley/sad face OR green or red display depending on speed residents are doing. Potential for “Slow/Araf”.

Should we be thanking people for what they should be doing?

KP – has sent circa 40 photos to Mon CC over last 3 years regarding dangerous parking and parking infringements. Disappointed that nothing has happened. Maybe advertising (schools and/or The Villager) may have an impact.

MJ – lorries appear to be worst offenders

KP – issue of nuisance with electric scooters on Dancing Hill, plus residents being stuck on island(s) on B4245.

AH – Data logging SIDs are a priority

FT – will provide link to consultation (see above)

Thanks to GK

AH – Presented project plans and activities with a potential to go live March 2022.

AH circulated this by email (13th January 2022). Please review the document and respond with your choice of priority for the Group regarding this project, in the WhatsApp Group by 31st January 2022.

Discussion regarding use of the Facebook Group, a Villager article, wider use of social media and a potential leaflet drop; all to reinforce the positive message of the 20mph introduction and awareness of the Residents Against Speeding Group.
GoSafe – extend membership

A concern over numbers in the Group to achieve all activities in the Plan. Should we focus on the priority actions?

NB – Members to review and report

AH – need commitment from the Group to see it through. Members to review and report (see above)

6 Any other business

NB – Now that we have an initial budget, and funds in the bank, we need someone to setup the regular Zoom meetings.

Agreed MJ to do

7 Appointment of Chair and Note Taker for next meeting:

Chair - MJ

Note Taker - AH

8 Date of next meeting Tuesday, 8th February 2022 7pm (19.00). All agreed 2nd Tuesday on a monthly basis.