

SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2021 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. London (Chairman)

County Cllr. London (Vice Chairman)

District Cllrs:

Ball, Eyre, McGarvey, McGregor and Roy

County Cllrs:

Cole, Gough, Streatfeild

KALC Representative, Mr Parry

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllrs. Brazier and McArthur, and KALC Representatives Mr Kirby and Mr House.

Cllr Clayton was also present.

15. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board held on 14 September 2021, be approved and signed as a correct record.

16. Declarations of interest

No additional declarations of interest were made.

17. Matters Arising/Update (Including Actions from Previous Meetings)

The Sevenoaks District Manager (KCC) confirmed that in regards to Action 1, and email had been sent to the Councillor on 17 September 2021 and the audit had been carried out. Action 2, safety measures at Marlpit Hill, Edenrbridge was an agenda item.

18. To receive a petition requesting for the speed reduction and increased safety on A25, Seal Road

The Chairman used his discretion and the Local Ward Member, Cllr Tony Clayton, addressed the Board.

Resolved: That the petition be received and a report be brought back to a future meeting of the Board.

19. Statutory Consultation - TRO 2013 Amendment 38 - Proposed Electric Taxi Rapid Charge Point/Bay - South Park, Sevenoaks

Members considered the report which set out the representations received during the statutory consultations in respect of the provision of a proposed rapid charging point/parking bay for electric taxis in South Park, Sevenoaks.

Resolved: That the

- a) representations received during the statutory consultations in respect of the proposed conversion of an existing pay & display parking bay into a rapid charging point/parking bay for electronic taxis and to granting a licence to install a charging point on the public highway in South Park, Sevenoaks, together with Officers comments, detailed in Appendix A to the report, be noted;
- b) relevant objections received during the statutory consultations be set aside;
- c) Kent County Council (Various Roads in the District of Sevenoaks) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading and On-Street Parking Places) (Amendment 38) Order 2022 be made, as published, and a licence to install a rapid charging point for electric taxis on the public highway be granted; and
- d) objectors be notified of the decision.

20. Update on Road Safety Measures at Marlpit Hill, Edenbridge

Members considered the report which updated the Board on the progress following a petition for highway improvements at Marlpit Hill, Edenbridge. The Local Member requested that a meeting take place with the Town Council to update and progress discussions.

Action 1: For Schemes, Project Manager (KCC) to arrange a meeting with Edenbridge Town Council to update on the scheme.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

21. Update on request for waiting restrictions at Station Road & High Street Otford

The Board considered the report which detailed further investigations by KCC for the request of waiting restrictions at Station Road and High Street, Otford. Members were advised that following the detailed assessment, it did not meet the criteria to be taken forward, and to extend the restrictions of waiting times on High Street, Otford, there were concerns that this could have an impact on residents of the High Street who park in this road. An informal consultation by the Parish Council would need to be undertaken to gauge the level of support locally.

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Should the informal consultation be well - received, KCC could look to progress to a formal consultation.

The Board discussed the report and heard from the Local Member, who expressed concerns regarding the displacement parking and pushing vehicles further into narrower areas, and requested if Officers could revisit the site, due to the changed circumstances.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

22. Update on Request for Speed Reduction in Shoreham

The Board considered the report which updated Members on the request for a reduction of the national speed limit to 40mph on Shoreham Road, Shoreham. KCC had produced proposals for a speed limit reduction on Shoreham Road, Shoreham which would be a mixture of 40mph and 50mph. A meeting was to be scheduled between KCC, Shoreham Parish Council and Eynsford Parish Council to agree the next steps.

The Chairman used his discretion, and Parish Councillor, Neil Powell addressed the Board.

Members discussed the report.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

23. RTC Data Report

The Board considered the report which detailed how Kent Police provide information on Road traffic crashes.

Members expressed concern that the details provided were not in a timely manner and could also be inaccurate, and requested information to know how accurate the reporting process was from Kent Police, including how a wider dialogue between the Parish Councils, KCC and Kent Police could happen in the future.

Members discussed the report and advised by a fellow member that there was also an emphasis on the emergency vehicles in attendance to report crashes but this was usually only if there was a personal injury. Kent police only report on slight, serious, life threatening and fatality and there was an onus that any vehicle crashes should be reported to Kent Police if they are not in attendance. Members expressed concerns that no official records were there to record all Road Traffic Collisions whether it involved a person or not.

Action: For an email update to be provided to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr McGarvey regarding crash details and to include whether information could be used from the Motor insurance Bureau.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

24. Brasted and Sundridge Temporary Average Speed Camera Trial

The Board considered a report which advised that KCC were introducing a trail of average speed cameras along Main Road (A25) through the villages of Brasted and part of Sundridge (west of Junction with Church Road / Chevening Road) starting February 2022 for a period of 4 months after which an additional 2 sites within Kent would be chosen to continue the trial.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

25. Update on Sevenoaks Town Proposed 20mph speed limit

The Board considered the report which updated Members on the petition request for 20mph speed limit in central Sevenoaks. KCC had carried out an initial feasibility which indicated that a reduced speed limit may be suitable, but further investigations were required. Findings so far indicated that the roads proposed by the petitioner could be broadly broken down into three main categories. Where speeds were 24mph and below, 20mph speed limited using signage and road markings could be introduced. Where speeds were between 24 - 28mph, assessments would need to take place for additional lighter touch/ 'psychological' traffic calming measures may be needed to be self-enforcing. Sections where the average speeds were above 28mph were likely to require traditional physical traffic calming measures.

The findings from the studies into the area wide 20mph in Tonbridge and Faversham were being waited for, and this would help inform the approach going forward.

Members discussed the report and requested that an update on costings be brought back to the next meeting of the Board, and for any progress to be updated to the Local KCC Member.

Action: For costings be brought back to the next meeting of the Board, and for any progress to be updated to the Local KCC Member.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

26. Highways Works Programme 2021/22

The Board considered the report which updated them on the identified schemes approved for construction in 2021/22 with the Sevenoaks District Manager (KCC) giving any relevant updates on the schemes listed.

Members discussed the report and the requested that once the final certificate had been issued for two new bellmouths in, Seal Hollow Road that they be notified.

Action: To notify the Member once the final certificate for two new bellmouths in, Seal Hollow Road that they be notified.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

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27. Work Plan

The Work Plan was noted, with the additional reports for costings for 20mph and Electrical Vehicle charging.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 8.00 PM

CHAIRMAN