



Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

**Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the Road Safety Working Group held on the 25th
October 2022**

Hybrid Meeting

Present:

Cllr Mike Elgin (Mayor)
Cllr Mike Kermode (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Jackie Burnham
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Cllr Val Simmons
Town Clerk
Clerical Assistant/Minute Clerk

1. Apologies

Ben Wilcox Jones, DCC Principle Highways Officer

There were three officers from Sustrans Cycling Charity present. Gwen Thomas, Paria Mundhra, and Sophie Lloyd.
Edward Parry, Traffic Engineer, DCC was also present.

2. Setting the Scene

The Mayor reminded all that an Active Travel Strategic Plan had been offered to Rhuddlan Town Council at the last working group meeting held on 14th September 2022. Edward Parry was then invited to introduce the Welsh Government policy and process that must be followed in creating such a plan for Rhuddlan.

DCC are using the Active Travel initiative at various town locations in the County including Llangollen which is now completed and been forwarded to the Welsh Government for funding. The Llangollen plan will be used this evening to explain how this works and provide examples of what interventions might be considered in Rhuddlan.

DCC have found the planning a very useful exercise in developing a list of what is wanted to be achieved in individual towns and now want to pursue this in Rhuddlan with a view to secure funding in the long term for active travel initiatives. It provides a logical and strategic approach and this will be led by Sustrans.

3. Sustrans

Gwen Thomas shared the Llangollen Master Plan and highlighted certain aspects of the processes undertaken, the completed master plan maps, and four schemes from the plan

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that forms the basis of their funding application. The plan was completed in April 2022 but no schemes have yet been undertaken.

It included pedestrian collision data, traffic data, employment hubs, local public amenities, the Welsh Indices of Multi Deprivation, and town centre improvement schemes.

Once a master plan is completed and agreed the town would then need to select a few schemes or projects to develop and apply for funding for their completion.

Paria Mundhra is an urban designer and suggested the process that Rhuddlan should adopt to engage with the local community by holding via workshops held at suitable venues.

Rhuddlan TC would need to assist with providing details of community groups, venues, and advising on a marketing campaign for the workshops. Gwen Thomas thought that the engagement workshops could be done this winter and was hopeful that the first draft plan would be done by the end of the financial year.

Several Members asked some probing questions as to what can be included and what is already known as what the community wants in Rhuddlan. This included speed reductions on certain roads, e-scooter problems, better cycling controls, drop kerbs provision, better signage, cycle parks, and safe walk to school routes to mention but a few.

Edward Parry answered that the list of what can be included is long and versatile in nature but added that road safety and anti-social behaviour seen with e-scooters and cyclists are not included.

Paria Mundhra believed the later road safety issues might be included following the engagement workshops if brought forward there.

Sophie Lloyd had been involved with the Llangollen plan and echoed the need to learn from the local workshops as to what the problems are, what the local character is, who uses the various routes of active travel and then design the interventions into the plan that could solve the issues raised.

4. Summing Up

The Mayor thanked the various officers present for their presentations and informative discussions and was looking forward to the next steps. He reiterated that the Town Council is supportive of active travel issues but asked that correspondence be through the Clerk. The Clerk provided his contact details and some ideas as to how the Town Council could help with publicity, engagement, and stakeholder group lists.

5 Date of Next Meeting - TBA

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