



Minutes of the Anti-Speed Campaign Working Group held on the 2nd February 2021

Virtual Meeting during the Covid 19 Restrictions

Present:

Cllr Mike Elgin (Chair of Working Group)
Cllr Andy Smith
Cllr Syd Gaskin
Cllr Ann Davies
Cllr Charlotte
Ben Wilcox Jones
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Cllr Bleddyn Williams
Project Officer
Town Clerk
Denbighshire County Council Senior Engineer.

Apologies:

Cllr Reg Davies

Declaration of Interest

None

Minutes of last meeting

Minutes were proposed by Cllr Arwel Roberts, seconded by Cllr Ann Davies as a true record, and all voted in favour.

Matters arising

A member had been in contact with North Wales with regards to monitoring speed in Rhuddlan and they have been seen on Rhyl Road between the Kings Head and the Golf Course.

In the last meeting a member of public had asked what had happened to the paperwork that he submitted to become part of the Community Speed Initiative. It was confirmed that the paperwork has been completed but because of Covid 19 the Community Speedwatch Initiative is not currently active.

Speed Indicator Devices (SID's)

In the last meeting two possible locations had been identified:

A547 on Rhyl Road to be placed opposite Highlands Road, near the junction of Pentre Lane.

Abergele Road

The Senior Engineer favoured a SID to be located on A547 on Rhyl Road, a decision based on a survey in October 2020 where it concluded that over 85 percentile speeding vehicles is approximately 36.1 m.p.h. which is 6 miles over the limit.

Another location for possible consideration is on Rhyl Road between the Texaco garage and the roundabout as there is good footfall in the location.

A member asked if the speed limit on Abergele Road can be reduced from 40 mpg to 30 mph and extend the speed limit along Abergele Road. There is a potential to do this but DCC do not currently have the resources as there is a backlog of request from communities. However, it is a discussion to be had. There is a potential to reduce it past the residential.

DCC are led to believe that Welsh Government will roll out the 20-mph in residential areas within the next 18 months. This will be a monumental exercise and communities will need to be patient due to pressure on resources.

The SID's are manufactured in the UK manufacturer, are of very good quality but as it is a small manufacturer, there may be a slight delay in timescale.

There is an officer in County Council whose will be responsible for overseeing this project and **can work with RTC on the exact location. 2-year guarantee.**

DCC will employ a specific contractor to set up. Approximate cost is £4k

With regards to the best location for SID, members agreed to get costings for signs on Rhyl Road (near Pentre Lane) and Abergele Road but that priority be given to Rhyl Road.

DCC have two portable SID's which they can put in for a limited period of time. These are used in locations where resident have concerns over speeding vehicle but there is no specific evidence to back it up. There is 12 months waiting list for portable signs and Rhuddlan is on the list. Pentre Lane has been added to the forward programme because of community concern.

Anti-Speeding poster competition

Following a Project Child Speed Sign report that had been submitted by a member of public, members agreed that this should not be a competition but an exercise that gets the community involved. One member felt that it was important to have parameters in place to control the number of posters that would be displayed.

Head of Ed had agreed that it was a great idea and stated that he was aware that posters and signs designed by children have been very effective in other areas.

Concern about placing signs during Covid 19

Members agreed to support the project in principal but that it needs to be deferred for a period of time due to Covid 19.

Enquiries need to be made with DCC about permission of placing posters in bus stops, lampposts etc.

Pandora

Town Council will have asked to buy a speed device on Rhyl Road to be placed opposite Highlands Road and Pentre Lane. It will be discussed in full Town Council meeting next week . Also, a price for another on Abergele Road.