



Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the Road Safety Working Group held on 7th February 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Present:

Cllr Mike Kermode (Mayor)
Cllr Val Simmons (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Mike Elgin
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Steve Wilson - Town Clerk

Representing DCC was Ed Parry DCC Highways engineer

1. Apologies

Cllr Jackie Burnham
Paul Smith – Assistant Clerk

2. Declarations of Interest

None given

3. Election of Chairperson

Mike Elgin proposed by Cllr Arwel Roberts and seconded by Cllr Val Simmons. **Resolved.**

3. SIDs Review

The Clerk updated the council on the latest situation regarding SIDs with one awaiting repair and one awaiting being repositioned.

Cllr Mike Elgin welcomed Ed Parry to the meeting and clarified the SID situation with Ed Parry who confirmed this was his understanding.

4. Poster Competition

Cllr Mike Elgin reminded the working group of the successful previous anti-speeding poster competition for children which resulted in the winning entries being painted onto the local bus stop shelters. He stated the bus shelter paintings look in poor condition and the 20mph limit has been implemented.

It was suggested that Ysgol Dewi Sant and Ysgol Y Castell are asked to participate and the subject being “speeding”.

Recommendation – Town Council approve holding a poster competition for children with the winning entries to be painted on the bus stop shelters again. Consideration be given to focus the competition on the default 20mph speed limit. The Clerk was requested to write to both schools with a closing date of the last day before the Easter Holidays. 10 prizes will be given to the winners and certificates given to all participants. The 10 winner’s pictures will be painted onto the bus shelters. The working group will judge the competition.

5. Active Travel Plan Update

The Clerk informed members that he has requested an update from DCC and Sustrans but has not yet had one. The Mayor clarified that further consultation on the School improvements was required and that RTC had not considered the full draft report. Ed Parry could not provide an update as the DCC team was currently tied up with some big projects that finish at the end of this financial year but funding was secured for the coming financial year. Cllr Arwel Roberts stated Ysgol Y Castell have been encouraging pupils to walk, scooter and cycle to school.

Recommendation – Clerk to chase Sustrans for an update

6. Problem areas re rat runs/speeding

Members discussed these issues which have got worst as a result of the introduction of the 20mph speed limit. Ed Parry was asked if he had any ideas to reduce the problem. He said that traffic calming could be introduced but would be unlikely as no collision data is available nor money to fund. He also mentioned the Community Speed Watch initiative.

7. 20mph Update

Members noted that the Welsh Government had asked County Councils to revisit roads where a 30mph could be reinstated and that RTC had provided its views to DCC. It was stated there is a 12month review of the 20mph speed limit by the Welsh Government. Ed Parry did not have any update on the situation but stated that anecdotal evidence indicated that drivers were reducing their speed as a result. It was identified that South Wales has significantly more 20mph exceptions than North Wales but Ed Parry did not know why this was the case. Cllr Val Simmons stated this had adversely impacted some bus routes and affected less able residents.

5 Date of Next Meeting – To be confirmed