

Minutes of the 20's Plenty Working Group

Dated Wednesday 28th November 2018

Present

Amanda Russell
Cllr Antony Hook

Cllr Claire Belsom

Chris Oswald-Jones

In attendance

Louise Bareham
Town Clerk

Chris Wright

Alistair Gould

1. Apologies

Cllr David Simmons
Gulliver Immick

Cllr Mike Henderson
Ellie Jupp

Tim Stonor
Alison Eardley

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

4. PJA Report/JTB Meeting

The updated report from PJA was agreed and will be forwarded to the JTB, together with the Policy Context document written by AR and EJ. It was agreed that a cover note should be included asking the JTB to welcome the report.

It was agreed that as many from the group as possible should attend the JTB meeting on 17th December. Members of the KALC Swale Area Committee would also be encouraged to attend. There is a risk that KCC officers may not agree with the report, but it was important to get them around the table to engage meaningfully and accept the recommendations.

AH noted that Cllr Mike Whiting had asked for a review of KCC's 20mph policy following the Atkins Report, which is expected to be concluded by February/March 2019. AH had been pushing for a policy document, as it appears that KCC do not have one. The National 20's Plenty Campaign disputes the Atkins Report.

Simon Jones, Director of Highways, Transport and Waste is noted for preferring other aspects of road calming. The Atkins Report contradicts itself and it was agreed that, rather than undermining the report, to pick out

sections where it confirms 20mph works. Work on social engagement and police enforcement and how it is implemented and funded; look at best practise elsewhere. AH suggested finding out the lead person for the KCC review and feed in vital points.

It seemed that 20's Plenty is being nationally undermined; with national papers being persuaded to write negatively on the Atkins Report.

It was agreed to share positive items on Twitter and Facebook.

5. Feedback on Meetings

Bryan Clark had suggested an amendment at the KALC AGM to change KCC's policy, using local authority speed wardens for enforcement. This is not yet being reported widely as the Executive may wish to change it.

Ospringe AQA meeting noted little difference between petrol and diesel vehicles, with super Minis producing more fumes than an 8 wheeled lorry. The worst vehicles noted at Ospringe were vans; also the EKR vehicles were easily recognisable. Traffic turning into Water Lane affected the main flow of the traffic and increased air pollution, but children were still better off walking as there would be more pollution inside the car.

Various discussions took place on how to mitigate traffic at school times; whether Water Lane should be closed for an hour; pupils encouraged walk to school, even if they are dropped at the nearby car parks.

AH considered this junction needed to be a future agenda item for the JTB. It was agreed that this area would be considered for the next PRG walkabout. Other considerations included engaging with local schools across the whole town, particularly with regard to the loss of independent mobility of children which was leading to an increase in child obesity.

6. Any Other Business

COJ noted that Speedwatch operators were not speed wardens and the Faversham Speedwatch group would not support carrying out enforcement. If cars were caught going over the limit they would receive a letter via the Speedwatch online system and at least two letters have been sent out following the Faversham group's work.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 30th January 2019, at 7pm

The JTB Meeting is Monday 17th December 2018 at 5.30pm, Swale House