

Minutes of the 20's Plenty Working Group – Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Present: Cllr Antony Hook (AH)
Cllr David Simmons (DS)
Cllr Mike Henderson (MH)
Amanda Russell (AR)
Tim Stonor (TS)
Chris Oswald Jones (COJ)
Alison Eardley (AE)
Ellie Jupp (EJ)

In Attendance: Allison Andrews taking minutes

1. Apologies for Absence

Gulliver Imminck (GI)

2. Election of a Chairman

TS was unsure what type of person to elect and suggests that there be a chair for the meeting and the election should take place at the end of the meeting

It was proposed by MH that AH should be appointed as Chair for this Group. This was seconded by COJ.

EJ asked AH "How do you see this group in the future and are you happy to continue as Chair for the group"

AH said that is objective is to get limits in Faversham to 20mph. He not only has an interest as a Cllr for Faversham, but a personal one also. He is very happy to continue as chair if elected to do so.

AR asked that this be postponed until the next meeting as TS was not available for voting. This was met with some hostility as the majority were available to vote, but was agreed that it would be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Meeting with Mike Whiting was good. He was supportive of what was trying to be achieved. He legally has to sign traffic orders and will do so if KCC traffic orders say it is safe to do so.

KCC A & B roads – B roads are more flexible. A2 is out of the picture at the time being. Possible in the future with new developments.

DS – Air quality leads change for the A2. He had met with a lady from KCC and discussed low emissions strategy and felt it would be an advantage to change the groups approach to 20mph impact on air quality, as this will build a stronger case. TS & AR both stated that this argument had already been made and evidence can be made available to support this.

TS would like to see the list of all roads included in the survey. **Action Item: Survey list to be provided to all members.** AH said that Love Lane can be included as currently 40mph.

5. Organisation

TS asked what was the purpose of the meeting; the remit of the group and the Terms of Reference for 20 is Plenty Group.

The structure of the group is the same people

AE asked for confirmation on whether she is a member of the group and COJ said that she was introduced for communication purposes. AH is happy to have her as a member and this needs to be confirmed and communicated to all.

MH agreed that the structure and objectives have not changed. We are a working group for Town Council and the secretariat is from the Town Council.

6. Feedback on KCC Walkabout

MH – Meeting with Paul Brand said that they may not get A2 for 5yrs, but if they can get everything else then it is a step forward

AE is the zone approach for traffic calming the right approach? AR said that Scotland & Leeds did whole zone area signage and it was effective. DS informed the group that parking on Newton Road would be as blocks to ease flow of traffic. TS had already made this suggestion and proposed that this group works to a town wide limit with some small exceptions to make a stronger argument. Signage is costly and damaging to the historical sites of the town.

AH gave a list of roads that have been agreed to have traffic calming measures.
Action Item: AH to email list to rest of group

AR - said that there has been a lack of engagement from them as they had not been included in the walk around so it is therefore impossible to get the message across. Suggests that things like this are done on a Friday when the majority of people can

attend. AH said that the meeting was held at short notice as AH & PB were available and already out. He confirmed that no one would be deprived of their thoughts and this was just a starting point. MH referred to a meeting that was held on 10th April, which he could not attend, but was happy for others to make decisions. AR said that meetings go ahead without knowledge, so therefore cannot attend.

AE has had no communication and is not being included on emails. Only discovered this when she was later copied into an email. AH - stated that AE would not be included as she is not a member, but a very welcome guest. It was agreed that LB needs to make the group more cohesive and ensure that communication is followed through along with clarification of who the members are.

Action Item: Confirmation of group members to be distributed to all parties

TS asked what are the criteria for Town Council? Maybe the town just needs signs? Speed bumps on a concrete road are very costly, but a two-dimensional hump is a cheaper alternative. He suggests a technical meeting be held between this group, Paul Brand, Andrew Saffrey and Andy Cameron and tie it in with the Duchy meeting. Is there a budget for this?

EJ asked about the speed survey and why certain roads are not included in this. COJ said that this was a visual look at the roads and not looking at figures from the survey. EJ wondered why it was necessary to go to the expense of the survey in the first place if this was the intention. MH said that Paul Brand didn't know Faversham and it was purely his thoughts. Its important not to over traffic calm and look at costs and sensibility.

7. Scheme Funding

There is more work to be done. Miles and Barr have shown interest in crowd funding initiative. MH said that we should not yet ask for funding until the group are very clear on what is needed or they could be in danger of not raising enough funds. AE spoke of the Coastal Community Funds and asked if there was any scope of getting funds this way. More research needs to be done. AR said that the scheme needed around 30K 3yrs ago, so it's likely to be substantially more now.

AH said that we may be able to use the deprivation approach. EJ looked at this previously and would look again and report back at next meeting.

8. Westbrook Traffic Calming

This is separate from the 20 is plenty. Its difficult to cross roads and an island in the middle was suggested, however the thoughts are that the road is not wide enough.

MH said that the group need to be careful about widening the group to other areas and it should stay within Faversham.

AR suggested that design and enforcement unite and need to be sure both are met otherwise it will be costly. She suggested that everyone take a look at the Mayor of London's initiative Vision Zero where they are trying to reduce casualties and emissions. The group needs to be cohesive and not fragmented.

9. Miles & Barr's Speed Awareness Campaign

Miles & Barr are offering free of charge boards to anyone who asks that advertise a reduction in speed. This initiative was thought up after the death of a young schoolboy and forms part of their 30yr anniversary and the creation of a legacy for a positive impact.

10. AOB

Group haven't seen minutes from JTB Meeting

AR said that she didn't know where the group was at this point. There have been no formal discussions/agreements between the groups to create the TC Working Group. DS said that it was his proposal to create a Working Group rather than a committee, as he is keen to get on with this project. A lot has been done, but nothing has been achieved. Some have concerns about TC processes. DS confirmed that this is not a take over and needs to be a cohesive and inclusive group. AR & TS thought it would have been better to have met beforehand to discuss this and that everyone has email, so communication can be maintained between all parties.

Action Item: Terms of Reference for the group need to be circulated.

Next Meeting to be held on Wednesday 27th June – 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Mike Henderson is unable to attend this meeting and it was agreed that Election of Chairperson could be received by proxy.