

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SECTION 106 STEERING GROUP HELD ON THURSDAY  
10 OCTOBER 2013 AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, PENRYN

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Councillors: Mrs Beverley Hulme (Chairman)  
Mark Snowdon (Vice-Chairman)  
Mrs Gill Grant

Co-Optees: Andrew Marston  
Martin Northern

In attendance: Hollie Nicholls, Senior Development Officer, Cornwall Council  
Ian Pearne, Group Engineer (Transportation), Cornwall Council  
Natalie Warr, Town Strategy Officer, Cornwall Council

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**53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Mary May and Christopher Smith.

**54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**55. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2013**

**RESOLVED** that Minute Nos. 47 to 52 of the meeting of the Section 106 Steering Group held on 12 June 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

*Proposed by Councillor Mrs Gill Grant and seconded by Martin Northern*

**56. COMMERCIAL ROAD**

Andrew Marston presented the Group's proposals for Commercial Road to officers from Cornwall Council to seek their views. Ian Pearne advised that the current layout of Commercial Road was a legacy of a scheme delivered twenty years previously, which had also included crossing points and speed cushions which did not get taken forward due to strong opposition. He added that the major objective of the previous scheme was to improve walking and cycling along the road in addition to limiting the speed of the traffic. In regards to the proposals for herringbone parking he advised that risk assessments would need to be carried out and consideration would need to be given as to whether parking would be unrestricted or time limited. If parking was intended to be short stay only, then consideration would need to be given to the consequent increase in traffic movements. He added that cycling connectivity was a key objective, but that this did not necessarily need to be by way of cycle lanes.

During discussion, the following additional points were raised:

- The current arrangement caused cyclists to leave the cycle lane and join the flow of traffic to avoid parked cars and consequently, cyclists with young families tended to use the pavement as an alternative.
- The current restrictions of one hour on one side of the road and two hours on the other side had greatly improved the flow of traffic with a consequential increase in trade.
- Time restrictions would require appropriate signage and lining.
- It was desirable that any scheme should highlight access routes to the town centre.
- The proposal to open a new pedestrian access from Commercial Road car park was noted.
- Pedestrian crossing points should be located at access routes to the town centre.
- Parking provision needed to take into account loading and unloading by commercial vehicles.
- There may be useful data on the movement of traffic through Commercial Road arising from an imminent traffic survey at Treluswell Roundabout.
- The junction of Quay Hill and Commercial Road had been judged to be at capacity by 2030 and £140,000 of Section 106 funding had been earmarked for a scheme to improve the junction which was currently at a draft stage.
- When considering a proposal for a roundabout at the junction with Church Road, it must be borne in mind that in order to be effective, roundabouts needed an equal flow on all approaches and must deflect the traffic and not allow vehicles to travel straight across.
- If a roundabout was installed, there may be a need to re-route essential underground services to allow future access.
- Section 106 funds in relation to the development at Poltair Road had been earmarked for £800,000 of improvements to the footpath and cycle network in Falmouth and Penryn.
- It was noted that the Highways Authority had the power to veto the use of street furniture in pedestrian refuges if it was considered hazardous.

## **57. NEXT STEPS**

It was agreed that the next step was to formulate a list of priorities for Commercial Road with the intention of working towards the overall plan, and to review the membership of the Group following changes to the co-opted members.

## **58. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 18 November at 10.00 a.m. in the Town Hall.

## **AGREED ACTIONS**

- (a) Natalie Warr to circulate details of the draft scheme for the junction of Quay Hill and Commercial Road.
- (b) Town Clerk to forward list of unspent Section 106 contributions to Ian Pearne.

There being no further relevant business the meeting was declared closed at 3.30 p.m.

Chairman