Minutes of a Meeting of the Traffic Working Group

held at the Town Hall

on Friday, 15th February, 2019 at 11:00 am

PRESENT

Councillor R. D. Gray (Mayor)

Councillor T. J. Davies (Deputy Mayor)

Councillor D. R. Sinnett (Chair, Finance and General Purposes Committee)

Mr. M. Owen, Streetcare Manager, Pembrokeshire County Council

Sergeant T. Harrison, Dyfed-Powys Police

PC N. Lees, Dyfed-Powys Police

Mr. and Mrs M. Ryan, Local Residents

County Councillor S. T. Hudson MBE (Milford North Ward) was also in attendance.

Mrs M. L. Galliford, Town Clerk

221. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. P. Rickard (Chair, Public Works and Planning Committee), Mr. J. Price, Traffic Manager, Pembrokeshire County Council and Mr. R. Forrest, Local Resident.

The Clerk advised that she had received notification from the South Wales Trunk Road Agent earlier that morning that there would not be any representation from Trunk Road as she had only given one week’s notice of the meeting. She had replied to the officer to ask how much notice was needed.

222. TO DISCUSS THE TRAFFIC ISSUES AT THE MARBLE HALL JUNCTION:

Mrs Ryan read out an email from Mr. Forrest who said that he had work commitments and was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Forrest referred to the problems caused by the Takeaway at the Marble Hall Junction and said that he has, on occasions, been unable to access his home because of the numerous cars parked outside his premises. Mr. Forrest feels that a handrail is the best option to deter parking.

Mr. and Mrs Ryan said that they were highlighting the problems at the Marble Hall Junction as their main concern was for public safety, particularly for children and the elderly.

They were asked what they thought would solve the problem and they replied that at a minimum, a railing.

Mr. Owen was asked whether there would be any issues with installing a railing and he replied that this was a matter for the Trunk Road as the frontage of Great North Road is trunk road.

Sergeant T. Harrison, Dyfed-Powys Police, stressed caution, advising that there have been issues when railings have been erected to no avail. People would cause more of an obstruction as they were parked entirely on the road, and not half on the pavement and half on the road.

Mr. Owen said that the proposal under discussion was a *No stopping and No waiting at any time* Notice. This would allow the Enforcement Officers to issue tickets immediately.

Mr. and Mrs Ryan said that they believed that the officers only worked until 5:00 pm.

Mr. Owen replied that this was incorrect and that Enforcement Officers work later than 5:00 pm. An Officer has been on duty for the last four weeks and he has said that there are no issues to report. Mr. Owen’s Supervisor is going to speak to the staff and delivery drivers at the Takeaway to remind them of their responsibilities to local residents.

Mr. Owen questioned who owned the parking spaces opposite the Takeaway. Mrs Ryan said that the Kingston Vets owned the spaces outside their premises and that they have publicised this. Mr. Owen said that he would review the legal status of the other parking spaces opposite the Takeaway.

It was RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) a representative from the South Wales

Trunk Road Agent be invited to the next

meeting and informed that it is important

that he/she attends;

(ii) Mr. and Mrs Ryan are to write to the

Town Council to give the local residents’

views on safety concerns at Marble Hall Road

Junction in general.

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