



Council Offices, Almada Street
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Friday, 12 November 2021

Dear Councillor

Petitions Committee

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

Date: Monday, 22 November 2021
Time: 14:00
Venue: By Microsoft Teams,

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Cleland Sneddon
Chief Executive

Members

Jackie Burns (Chair), Maureen Chalmers, Mary Donnelly, Fiona Dryburgh, Ian Harrow, Mark Horsham, Eileen Logan, Lynne Nailon, Graham Scott

Substitutes

John Anderson, Robert Brown, Stephanie Callaghan, Gerry Convery, Martin Grant Hose, Monique McAdams

BUSINESS

1 Declaration of Interests

2 Minutes of Previous Meetings

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Minutes of the meetings of the Petitions Committee held on 25 August and 25 October 2021 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Decision

3 Petition Requesting Resurfacing of Harrington Road and Cunningham Road, East Kilbride 9 - 12

Report dated 12 October 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

4 Petition Requesting Remedial Works at Willow Drive Blantyre 13 - 22

Report dated 29 October 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

Urgent Business

5 Urgent Business

Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

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PETITIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via MS Teams on 25 August 2021

Chair:

Councillor Jackie Burns

Councillors Present:

Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Mary Donnelly, Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor Monique McAdams (*substitute for Councillor Eileen Logan*)

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Fiona Dryburgh, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Lynne Nailon

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

S Laird, Traffic and Transportation Engineer

Finance and Corporate Resources

C Lyon, Administration Officer; G McCann, Head of Administration and Legal Services; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Petitions Committee held on 27 August 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Petition Requesting Installation of Major Traffic Calming Measures in Crossford

A report dated 4 August 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted to allow consideration of a petition lodged by A Carnegie (Lead Petitioner) requesting the installation of major traffic calming measures in Crossford.

The Petition had been assessed and met the criteria for being considered by this Committee.

Comments had been received from Roads and Transportation Services and were highlighted in the report. Comments from the Lead Petitioner, who was present at the meeting, were also detailed in the report.

The Lead Petitioner referred to:-

- ◆ the speed of the traffic travelling through the village
- ◆ concerns expressed by the school and other parents regarding the speed of vehicles, particularly near the school, therefore, measures were needed to slow traffic on this stretch of road
- ◆ the slow down sign on entry to the village was not operational
- ◆ an incident where he was nearly hit by a van travelling at speed
- ◆ the fact that he felt that it was unsafe for his child to walk to school

- ◆ the paths being too narrow to walk a child to school or for people with prams etc
- ◆ a number of dead animals on the roads which had been hit by vehicles travelling at speed
- ◆ the possibility of the school carrying out a project to make signs etc to encourage vehicles to slow down
- ◆ the dangers to children and the elderly when crossing the road

Officials from Roads and Transportation Services advised:-

- ◆ that the speed limit on the road was 30mph, with part-time 20mph at the school at the times children went into and came out of school
- ◆ that the nearest vehicle counter at Rosebank had been checked and showed a 5 day average, (Monday to Friday) of 7,000 vehicles a day passed through the village. Those were mainly cars and light vehicles
- ◆ that there had been zero injury accidents over the last 3 years.
- ◆ of the criteria and methodology used for identifying and prioritising roads engineering works
- ◆ that a speed limit review was undertaken 8 to 10 years ago on all A and B class roads within South Lanarkshire. From that, certain roads, including the A72, had sections of roads reduced to 40mph
- ◆ that a joint campaign involving the Council, Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on traffic speed within urban and rural environments was being considered
- ◆ that the Roads Service was unaware that a slow sign was not working and arrangements had now been made to have the sign inspected and repaired
- ◆ that the Roads Service had been liaising with Police Scotland and it had been agreed that an enforcement campaign would be carried out. If the issue of speeding was evident, then another campaign would be undertaken at a future date
- ◆ that the school travel plan was last updated in 2016 and the school would review the plan this term. This would include a questionnaire being sent to all pupils, staff and parents/carers. Thereafter, the school would identify issues and actions required. Should speeding be identified as an issue, further consideration would be given to initiatives and measures to address this issue

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Roads Service would progress the speed enforcement programme with Police Scotland;
- (2) that the Roads Service would assist the school in progressing the review of its travel plan;
- (3) that the Roads Service would carry out a speed survey;
- (4) that a report be submitted to the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on 7 December 2021 providing an update on actions taken; and
- (5) that members of the Committee and Mr Carnegie be kept updated with progress.

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held via MS Teams on 25 October 2021

Chair:

Councillor Eileen Logan

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Anderson (*substitute for Councillor Maureen Chalmers*), Councillor Gerry Convery (*substitute for Councillor Graham Scott*), Councillor Fiona Dryburgh, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Lynne Nailon

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Jackie Burns (Chair), Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Mary Donnelly, Councillor Graham Scott

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

S Laird, Engineering Manager; A Martucci, Parking Unit Team Leader

Finance and Corporate Resources

C Lyon, Administration Officer; G McCann, Head of Administration and Legal Services; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

Appointment of Chair

In terms of Standing Order No 32(b), Councillor Logan was appointed Chair for this meeting.

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Petitions Committee held on 25 August 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record. However, as there was only one member present who was in attendance at the previous meeting and approval required a mover and seconder, it was agreed that the minutes be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided:

that, as there was only one member present who was in attendance at the previous meeting, the minutes be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee for approval as a correct record.

3 Petition Requesting Resident Only Parking in McNeil Street, Larkhall

A report dated 5 October 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on a petition lodged by Y Johnston (Lead Petitioner) requesting resident only parking in McNeil Street, Larkhall.

The Petition had been assessed and met the criteria for being considered by this Committee.

Comments had been received from Roads and Transportation Services and were highlighted in the report. Comments from the Lead Petitioner, who was present at the meeting, were also detailed in the report.

In support of the petition, the Lead Petitioner made reference to the following :-

- ◆ there were many common issues in relation to parking around community facilities and those residents who had stayed in McNeil Street, Larkhall for 40 years had been complaining for a number of years
- ◆ there had been issues with parking at certain points in McNeil Street before the railway was re-opened
- ◆ residents considered that the Council had taken into account the parking needs of commuters and parking areas to serve local business, however, had not taken into account the parking needs of residents
- ◆ residents did not expect to park outside their homes, however, they did expect to park within a reasonable distance
- ◆ the car park next to the railway station was never full, however, people still chose to park in McNeil Street
- ◆ many elderly residents in the street had chosen to purchase a house in the area as it was local to the community and its facilities
- ◆ many drivers who chose to park in McNeil Street arrived at 7.00am and did not return until 10.00pm
- ◆ recent works in McNeil Street had taken 3 days to complete due to drivers removing cones which had been placed there to restrict parking
- ◆ the volume of parked vehicles in McNeil Street which did not belong to residents
- ◆ an awareness that a review of parking was due to be carried out in 18 months, however, residents considered that they had waited long enough and were not being listened to
- ◆ having resident only parking in McNeil Street would not move the issue to another area as no other street was closer to the train station

Officials from Roads and Transportation Services advised that:-

- ◆ the current restrictions had been reviewed as part of the Streetscape works which dated back to around 2006
- ◆ McNeil Street was currently 'no waiting and no loading at any time' on the south side from the cross at Union Street to the other side of the railway bridge. On the north side, restrictions were in place for some of that length and there was on street parking available where the residential properties were situated
- ◆ the usage of the park and ride facility had been monitored for a considerable length of time and, prior to Covid-19, the car park was two thirds to three quarters full
- ◆ on street parking was available on Caledonian Road and the Service was conscious that other parts of the town were potentially also being used for town centre parking or commuting
- ◆ since lockdown, usage of public transport had reduced and the Service had undertaken a review of the park and ride facilities across South Lanarkshire. The park and ride facility at Larkhall was only 30% full during September 2021 which showed a reduction in both usage and commuting
- ◆ the Economic Development Team had completed a town centre strategy last year which involved community engagement with numerous bodies and all residents had the opportunity to comment. Some of the themes arising from the consultation referred to car parking within the town centre and commuter parking
- ◆ parking in the wider town centre area would be subject to a review over the next 18 months
- ◆ McNeil Street could not be considered in isolation for residents only parking, as a wider area required to be considered to ensure that the problem was not just moved to another area

- ◆ other restrictions might be requested or required as part of the wider town centre review and a traffic regulation order for McNeil Street could have a knock on effect for other areas, therefore, it was considered that this be part of a wider review
- ◆ consultation for any traffic order was open to the public and generally the process could take from 6 to 9 months to complete or longer if objections were received

The Committee decided:

that, as the request for residents only parking in McNeil Street, Larkhall and the issues raised merited further action, it be referred to the meeting of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on 7 December 2021 with the recommendation that the process to implement residents only parking in McNeill Street, Larkhall be commenced.

Councillor Anderson joined the meeting during this item of business

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Report

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Report to:	Petitions Committee
Date of Meeting:	22 November 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Petition Requesting Road and Footpath Resurfacing on Harrington Road and Cunninghame Road, East Kilbride
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ allow the Petitions Committee to consider a petition lodged by Matthew McCabe (Lead Petitioner)

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Petitions Committee is asked to:-

- (1) give due consideration to the petition lodged requesting road and footpath resurfacing on Harrington Road and Cunninghame Road, East Kilbride.

3. Background

3.1. A petition has been lodged with the Council which meets the Guidelines as:-

- ◆ the matter has been raised with the Council prior to submission and relates to issues that affect the community
- ◆ the number of petitioners exceeds the minimum limit of 50

4. Petition Details

4.1. The petition requests full resurfacing of the roads and footpaths on Harrington Road and Cunningham Road, East Kilbride and the statement by the lead petitioner states that:-

“The residents of Harrington Road and Cunninghame Road wish to petition the Council in regards to the dangerous condition of the roads and footpaths on Harrington Road and Cunninghame Road.

The roads are in a disgraceful condition and it is some years since they have been serviced let alone the gulleys or drains cleared which causes the street and nearby gardens to flood. The road surface is degraded to the point where it is littered with potholes and the entire surface has broken down. The footpaths are in a similar condition. I do not have details of who conducted any survey of these surfaces, however, I would strongly disagree with their findings.

I have testimony from residents who advise that year on year they are told the street will be included in subsequent fiscal years, however, this never transpires. One resident speaks of being promised resurfacing in 2001 which has yet to materialise. The roads were last properly surfaced circa 1980.

The streets are in a shameful dangerous state, complained about for decades. SLC are responsible for their upkeep, however, have chosen not to fulfil their responsibilities in this case.

The roads have not suffered from cuts to budget as is too often blamed by the Council but simply poor planned maintenance and neglect.

The promises going back decades to address the issues have been unfulfilled and are no more than stalling methods to quieten the residents of our 2 streets.

We, the residents, are not prepared to accept inaction and be fobbed off with excuses any longer, the fact remains these streets are in a terrible state and need immediate repair.”

5. Support for Petition

- 5.1. The petition contains 54 names, all from Harrington Road and Cunninghame Road, East Kilbride.

6. Comments from Roads and Transportation Services

- 6.1. As further background on the terms of the petition, Roads and Transportation Services have provided the following comments:-
 - ◆ The Lead Petitioner and other residents have been corresponding with Roads and Transportation Services largely on the subject of carriageway condition since August 2019. This has been in the form of direct enquiries, enquiries from elected members/members of parliament, complaints and Freedom of Information requests. Prior to this, defect reports were received via the Customer Service Centre and online reporting system.
 - ◆ Roads and Transportation Services have always agreed that both carriageways require to be resurfaced and have explained that a prioritisation system is in place to ensure the most needy resurfacing locations across South Lanarkshire are brought forward each year for the annual resurfacing programme. This prioritisation system considers the general condition of a road and its importance/traffic flow.
 - ◆ It was hoped that both carriageways would have sufficient priority to merit inclusion in the 2021/2022 carriageway resurfacing programme, however, they failed to make the final list when assessed against competing locations across all of South Lanarkshire. Both are expected to be included in the 2022/2023 carriageway resurfacing programme which is due to be confirmed in March 2022.
 - ◆ No records were found pertaining to historical resurfacing commitments. The first discussions between Roads and the residents/residents’ representatives in this regard appear to be from August 2019.

- ◆ The footways are not considered to be a high priority for resurfacing at this stage. Potential footway resurfacing locations are assessed against four criteria with general condition and importance given the greatest weighting. The original enquiries received from residents, Councillors and MPs all related to carriageway condition with footways first being mentioned much more recently.
- ◆ In terms of routine inspections and maintenance, safety inspections of the carriageways and footways of Harrington Road and Cunninghame Road are undertaken annually and road drainage gullies are cleaned two-yearly. Ad hoc inspections and repairs are carried out as needed in reaction to specific defect reports from residents and other road users.

7. Options open to the Committee

7.1. In terms of the approved guidance, the Petitions Committee can:-

- ◆ agree that the issues raised deserve further action and agree to refer the petition to another Council Committee, officer or other organisation with recommendations
- ◆ agree that the issue raised does not merit further action
- ◆ refer back to the Resource with recommendations for further action

8. Employee Implications

8.1 There are no employee implications as a result of this report.

9. Financial Implications

9.1. There are no financial implications at this time.

10. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

10.1 There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

11. Other Implications

11.1 There are no implications for risk in terms of the information contained in this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

12.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

12.2. There is also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in the report.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

12 October 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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Report

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Report to:	Petitions Committee
Date of Meeting:	22 November 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Petition Requesting Remedial Works to the Footpaths and Roads on Willow Drive Bardykes Road, Larch Court and Sycamore Drive, Blantyre
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ allow the Petitions Committee to consider a petition lodged by Mary Bennett (Lead Petitioner)

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Petitions Committee is asked to:-

- (1) give due consideration to the petition lodged requesting remedial works to the footpaths and roads on Willow Drive, Bardykes Road, Larch Court and Sycamore Drive, Blantyre.

3. Background

3.1. A petition has been lodged with the Council which meets the Guidelines as:-

- ◆ the matter has been raised with the Council prior to submission and relates to issues that affect the community
- ◆ the number of petitioners exceeds the minimum limit of 50

4. Petition Details

4.1. The petition requests significant remedial works to be undertaken to improve the footpaths and roads on Willow Drive, Bardykes Road, Larch Court and Sycamore Drive, Blantyre and the statement by the lead petitioner states that:-

“I write on behalf of the residents of this estate who have individually and collectively expressed concern about the condition of the pavements and roads in the area, the main issue being the pavements. A number of residents have contacted the Roads Department outlining the issues but, to date, there has not been a satisfactory outcome.

From the 54 residents who have signed the petition, 47 are over 60 and 15 have impaired mobility. With this in mind, we believe that it is imperative that significant remedial work is carried out to improve the situation.

The conditions are bad in good weather but are absolutely treacherous over the winter period.

Photographs of the condition of some of the pavements are attached as Appendix 1.

5. Support for Petition

5.1. The petition contains 54 names, all from Willow Drive, Bardykes Road, Larch Court and Sycamore Drive, Blantyre.

6. Comments from Roads and Transportation Services

6.1. As further background on the terms of the petition, Roads and Transportation Services have provided the following comments:-

- ◆ The Council operates a maintenance and repair policy in accordance with that recommended by the publication “Well-managed Highway Infrastructure” Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance Management. As part of this, road safety Inspections are carried out in accordance with the recommended frequencies therein, and repairs carried out are aimed at keeping the network in a safe and serviceable condition until more significant resurfacing or reconstruction works can be undertaken.
- ◆ The establishment of an effective regime of safety inspections is a crucial component of road maintenance and seeks to apply best practice in terms of risk management and fiscal accountability. Our procedure aims to provide a consistent and methodical approach for the management of the road and footway network that focuses on delivering a programme of permanent repairs to improve the condition and safety of the network.
- ◆ I can advise you that improving the road and footway network is one of the Council’s priorities and as a result significant capital investment has been targeted towards our roads investment programme. This investment has been sustained over recent years to ensure that we are funding at steady state levels to maintain the condition of our road network.
- ◆ In terms of our decision making process, I can advise you that roads and footways are resurfaced only if they meet the assessment criteria which is based upon several factors, which collectively contribute towards an overall score to enable us to prioritise our resources. It should be noted that this is carried out on a council wide basis to ensure that our funds are targeted at those roads and footways that are in most need of repair.
- ◆ For roads the system takes account of road condition and maintenance category to allow the service to create a Council wide scheme priority list. Those schemes with the highest score (maximum 100 points) will be delivered on a priority basis subject to available funding. Any schemes that fall out with our available budget for that particular financial year will be rolled over into the following years programme subject to available funding. It must be noted that the scoring system takes account of risk to ensure that the most strategic routes receive higher priority.
- ◆ The tables below provide details of our scoring system as well as explanation of score allocation.

◆ **ROAD MAINTENANCE CATEGORY GUIDANCE**

Road Type 1 (strategic carriageway)	30 points
Road Type 2 (district distributor)	24 points
Road Type 3 (local distributor) -	18 points
Road Type 4 (Housing / Low Volume)	12 points

◆ **CONDITION RANKING GUIDANCE**

<u>Points</u>	<u>Description</u>
60-70	Road condition represents a significant danger to road users. Significant and substantial deterioration is evident and continuing and road condition is such that temporary repairs will not hold.
50-60	Road condition is generally very poor. Significant safety defects are recurring frequently and the rapid emergence of such defects present significant road safety risks.
40-50	Road condition is generally poor. Deterioration is widespread but while safety defects are occurring they are being repaired and road safety is generally manageable at present.
30-40	Overall condition is considered to be fair to moderately poor. Permanent patching and perhaps a preventative maintenance treatment may be a viable option.
20-30	Overall condition is considered to be fair.
10-20	Overall condition is considered to be very good.
0-10	Overall condition is almost pristine.

- ◆ The assessment criteria for footways are as follows:-

<u>Footway/Footpath Scoring System</u>				
	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Max Score</u>	<u>Weighting</u>	<u>Score</u>
1	Condition	10	5	50
2	Importance/Accessibility	5	2	10
3	Claims/Defect Reports	10	2	20
4	Assistance to Other Priorities	10	2	20
Maximum Total				100

- ◆ The locations referred to were inspected on 27 August 2021 and while no safety defects were present that required immediate repair, the footway was showing signs of natural wear and tear deterioration.
- ◆ Arrangements have been made for these roads and footways to be “scored” for potential inclusion in a future resurfacing programme. However, no firm commitments can be given as to when this would be likely to happen as it is “scored” and considered against other competing priorities.

- ◆ Any footway resurfacing works will be dependent on other priorities and funding allocated to the service in future years.
- ◆ In the meantime, the roads and footways will continue to be monitored as part of the scheduled inspection regime and any further safety defects will be identified and instructed for repair. Willow Drive, Larch Grove and Sycamore Grove are on a driven yearly inspection route and Bardkyes Road is on a monthly driven inspection route.
- ◆ The Service requires to adopt a strict assessment process to ensure that funding is allocated to those roads and footways based on our scoring system and the professional engineering judgment of our team.

7. Options open to the Committee

7.1. In terms of the approved guidance, the Petitions Committee can:-

- ◆ agree that the issues raised deserve further action and agree to refer the petition to another Council Committee, officer or other organisation with recommendations
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Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

29 October 2021

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Previous References

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List of Background Papers

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