

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.