

Coleford Town Council

Regeneration Committee Wednesday 19 February 2020 Minutes

Attendees: Clirs Elsmore, M Cox. Penny, S Cox, Drury, & Kay

B Watkins GCC Highways arrived at 12.05

- 1. Apologies were noted from Cllrs Barnham & Allaway-Martin. W Jackson & R Morgan FoDDC
- 2. There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda
- 3. There were no dispensation requests
- 4. The minutes of 22 January 2020 were noted
- **5.** To raise matters arising from the minutes of 22 January 2020 Cllr Elsmore noted that item should read GCC Highways not FoDDC
- **6.** To take comment from the public forum There were no members of the public present

7. To have an update on the potential Lime Trees on Old Station Way

B Watkins confirmed that there would be space for the planting of the trees on GCC Highways land but that this would entail the realignment & tarmacking of the path at a cost of £15,000.00. There would be an additional cost of the purchase of the tress and their planting. Care would need to be taken of the subterranean services.

There was a wide ranging discussion noting Lidl's choice to decline from helping with this project and that there was no budget allocation.

Recommendation

That the Council still pursue some negotiation with Lidl about their input

The Council notify the residents of the progress & the lack of funding but that a meeting with Lidl would be sought

8. To make recommendation re input to the Local Transport Plan consultation Recommendation

That a working group is formed to compile a response on 18 March 2020 at 10.00 am. All councillors be invited to attend.

9. To have an update on the feasibility study for the Perrygrove Road Cycle path

Mr Watkins reported that a rough costings had been obtained & the installation would cost in the region of £520,000.00:

Footway - £160,000.00
Gabions £25000 00
Stonewall - £30 -35000 00
Signalised crossing £120,000.00
Tufthorn lights £15,000.00

There is an issue with the signalised crossing which may need a 30 mph speed limit to be installed. This is not as simple as it would appear although could prove beneficial.

A cycle path on the other side of the road was an option but does not solve the issue of linking the two tourist attractions

Recommendation

That funding streams are sought for the financing of the project.

That Mr Watkins obtains definite costings for the project for the next meeting

That the LEP is approached as a possible funder



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10. To review the haulier trial and traffic survey

Thank you to everyone who took part. Report attached. It would appear that the flow did improve with the straight over crossing.

Recommendation

That targeted survey is done to:

- Identify the passage of lorries after going up Bank Street. i.e. to monitor Sunny Bank & Robin Hood junctions
- to monitor the flow of vehicles through the lights
- to measure the impact on the queue

Mr Watkins will see what information can be obtained from the traffic light data

That the report is distributed to all the hauliers

That the hauliers are asked to send lorries straight over the lights during the targeted surveys To clarify if the increased lorry traffic is a danger at 5 Acres High School

In Committee

11. To have an update the appointment of a Town Centre manager

Cllr Penny reported on the action taken

Recommendation

That Cllrs Penny, Elsmore & the Clerk are given delegated authority to determine the job description, job specification, contract & place the job advertisement as quickly as possible.