

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

February 2022 Community Council Meeting

Road Safety Working Group Feedback

20 mph Experiment

The new policy is in place and work is proceeding to make the whole-town 20 mph limit permanent. We have been told that Traffic and Networks will not be looking at any modifications of the existing set-up at this stage, so to deal with the weak points we will need to start the process all over again.

Pop-up Police

On vacation, but will be back. Volunteers to help still sought.

Highland Action Partnership Road Safety Group

Has not met since our last ACC meeting.

“Driving Driver Safety”

Events held, review conducted, looking to build on the work done.

Traffic Calming across Highland Perthshire

Will continue to work with PKC Traffic & Networks to progress on traffic calming now the policy is decided. Look to see a uniform approach across all communities.

Action Partnership Umbrella

Continuing to press via Mike Williamson, in consort with our other Councillors, to develop the model whereby community priorities developed through the Action Partnership process can get implemented. In our case this would be the Victoria Park entrance plan. Met with Mike last week, but no clear way forward yet. Action Partnership has a new chair and deputy chair and they are presently engaged on the same purpose.

Local Issues

School Travel Plan (STP) – A high quality and up to date STP is essential in any attempt to gain support or funding for any improvements to Road Safety in the vicinity and hinterland of the school. Parent Council are again making noises about Road Safety and Jimmy, and I had a walkabout with Karl (from the PC) to share where we got to last time around and have passed on documentation related. This should lead to another attempt to update the school travel plan and in turn to improvements to promote Active Travel.

Met with PKC Road Safety Coordinator last week. Among a number of topics we discussed solutions for Tayside Crescent. He is to meet with his manager this week and will discuss next steps.

I also mentioned the proposal discussed at our last meeting of a Stop sign at the bottom of Urlar Road and he will support that proposal in his contacts with Traffic and Networks.

Update of the Highway Code

As you are probably aware a major overhaul of the Highway Code came into force on January 29th. We will be working on ways of raising awareness of this locally, as the changes are significant for Highland Perthshire, but they cannot help if road users of all hues are not familiar with the changes. I did an interview on this topic for Heartland Radio today that will probably go out next week.

Pat Spicer, 01/02/2022