

Lancashire County Council

Lancaster Three Tier Forum

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 10th April, 2014 at 6.15 pm in Town Hall, Morecambe

Present:

County Councillor Janice Hanson (Chair)
Councillor Jon Barry
Councillor Jonathan Dixon
Councillor Paul Gardner
Councillor Margaret Pattison
Councillor Robert Redfern
Councillor Roger Sherlock
Councillor David Whitaker
County Councillor Ken Brown
County Councillor Gina Dowding
County Councillor Niki Penney
Councillor Michael Helm

1. Questions from members of the public

The Forum heard submissions from representatives of Caton-with-Littledale and Wray-with-Bolton Parish Councils. Both representatives spoke in support of the Lune Track cycleway, in particular on recent developments to the Hornby – Farleton stretch.

The Forum noted the comments.

2. Apologies

County Councillor Susie Charles, County Councillor Darren Clifford, County Councillor Tony Jones, County Councillor Richard Newman-Thompson, County Councillor Chris Henig, Councillor Ian Pattison

3. Note of the last Meeting.

The note of the meeting on 9 December 2013 was agreed as a correct record.

4. Action Sheet Update from the Last Meeting.

The Forum considered the Action Sheet of the meeting on 9 December 2013. It was noted that the application for the Greaves Park cycle path had now been withdrawn. In relation to school crossing patrols, it was noted that there appeared to be an issue in several places with school crossing patrol warning lights being

left on out of school hours and during school holidays. It was suggested that a reminder to crossing patrols may be needed.

5. 2013/14 Quarter 3 - Environment Directorate Performance Dashboard.

The Forum considered the Quarter 3 Environment Directorate Performance Dashboard.

In relation to the Galgate recreation Ground Masterplan, it was reported that the bid to Sport England was unsuccessful, but would be resubmitted later in the year. The work of Michelle Holroyd, Senior Environmental Projects Officer, on the scheme was commended.

Further information was requested on a government announcement for additional highways repairs funding targeted at rural areas, and how this would be allocated.

Further information was also requested on progress in relation to bicycle storage at Lancaster Station.

6. 2014/15 Environment Directorate Capital Programme

The list of capital schemes to be delivered in the Lancaster district in 2014/15 was noted.

7. Review of the Three Tier Forums

An update on the review of the Three Tier Forums was provided, noting that an alternative model for the Forum in Lancaster was in development. A report would be submitted to the County Council Cabinet in May. It was agreed that the new arrangements would provide an opportunity for consideration of the processes outside of the meeting.

8. Minimum Unit Price for alcohol in Lancashire

The Forum considered the information presented on minimum unit pricing for alcohol. It was felt that there was a problem with off-licence sales, which this would help to address. It was also felt that education was a key element in tackling the issue of young people and alcohol misuse.

The Lancaster Three Tier Forum agreed that the initiative should be supported.

9. Items raised by members of the Forum.

a. Role of the County Council legal officers in Rights of Way

The report was noted

b. Support given to young people on release from prison

The report was noted

c. Lancaster District Highways and Transport Masterplan.

A briefing noted was circulated. The forum expressed the view that engagement with members was required at the earliest possible stage. It was agreed that:

The extension of the Lune Track should be included in the Masterplan, with particular reference to the Hornby – Farleton section

An email should be sent to all forum members with the up to date masterplan information, so members can comment and input into the development of the Plan

The Masterplan is an item on the agenda for the September meeting of the Forum

10. Themes for future meetings.

Forum members were invited to suggest items for future meetings. It was proposed that the Highways and Transport Masterplan should come to the forum in September. An update on Traveller provision was also requested, as was a report on Domestic Abuse services.

11. Urgent Business.

None

12. Schedule of Future Meetings

It was agreed that the future meetings of the Forum would be as follows:

Monday 15 September 2014– Lancaster town Hall
Monday 24 November 2014 – Morecambe Town Hall
Monday 6 April 2015 – Lancaster Town Hall

All meetings to commence at 6.15pm.

I M Fisher
County Secretary and Solicitor

County Hall
Preston