

MINUTES OF THE ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY AND SPEED AWARE WORKING GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY 2024

Present:

Bob Baxter, Penny Cohen, Cllr Andrew Foster (Chair), Lynn Ingram, Bill Goodall, Gary Strain (Warwickshire Police).

1. Apologies

Cllr David Henderson, Cllr Vaughan Blake, Cllr Corin Elliott, Liza Elliott, Laura Houel.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on the 18th October were approved.

3. Actions from Previous Minutes (not included on the Agenda)

No Update

4. Speed Watch Update

The meeting was joined by Gary Strain from the Road Safety team at Warwickshire Police based in Rugby. Gary explained his new role and provided the following updates:

There are 72 Community Speed Watch (CSW) groups across Warwickshire 43 of which are currently active. The Alcester group however has been assumed as being dormant.

The current UltraLyte speed detection device was being replaced in preference for a new Bushnell device which requires no training or re-calibration and costs in the region of £200 with batteries. Gary offered to share a training PowerPoint presentation and lend a device to the Alcester CSW group for one week.

It was advised that in future, data from CSW sessions should be sent to a central email address which has been communicated to the group.

It was confirmed that speed monitoring by CSW groups cannot be carried out in 20mph zones due to engineering that is already in place.

That Warwickshire Police can assist with liaison and awareness for local schools and parents.

5. Alcester Resident Survey Results

It was agreed that due to the lack of time the agenda item will be deferred until the next meeting.

6. Action Plan Update

Stratford Road - Bob Baxter reported that the issues reported to Warwickshire County Council regarding vegetation and signage had been resolved.

Evesham Street – No update.

Birmingham Road – Agreed to invite County Councillor Piers Daniel to receive an update regarding the transition from 30mph to a 40mph limit leading up to Roebuck Island.

School Road – The results of the bus survey had been shared with WCC. They have advised that 3 vehicles are public buses and are registered to travel along School Road, 4 are Home to School Transport on Warwickshire Contracts, 9 were Home to School Transport on Worcestershire contracts and 9 vehicles were Commercial/Private School services. Therefore only 4 out of 25 vehicles were under WCC jurisdiction.

St Faiths Road – Penny and Andrew will be visiting the Head of School at St Nicholas' on the 25th January.

7. Items for Communication

None

8. AOB

At the Full Council meeting on the 9th January, it was agreed that an allocation of £1,000 would be made to the working group to spend on projects during the 2024/25 financial year.

Next meeting Wednesday 28th February, 19:00 at the Depot, Eric Payne Community Centre.