

# Traffic & Transport Steering Group meeting

25 May, 2022 | 18:30 – 20:00

Guildhall

## Notes

### *Present:*

John Scanlan - Chair

Cllr Tim Bennett

Cllr John Cummings

Cllr Jo Sweett

Maggie Cornhill - CoC and Market traders

Howard Cotton - citizen, cyclist

Cllr Jacqi Hodgson

Maiken Hutchings – Green Travel

Coordinator, TTC (notes)

### *Apologies from:*

Cllr Collinson, Graham Bennett, Jane Kennedy (Maggie Cornhill attending in her place), Sarah Kidd, Pruw Boswell.

## 1. Welcome & introductions

## 2. Update on the Fore St consultation report / key results (MH)

- Key results
  - 767 responses in total
  - 48.6% opposed the measures, 36.2% supported the measures
  - 13% supported but with amendments
    - However, the amendments they listed were often entirely different solutions/
  - So overall there is not majority support.
  - The vast majority of business-owners/workers do not support. More evenly split amongst residents but veering towards supporting.
  - Frequent comments that came up:
    - Requests for pedestrianisation of some sort
    - Opposition to loss of car parking
    - Focus should be higher up in High Street and the Narrows
    - Improve signage
    - Enforce 'access only'
  - Officer recommendations are:
    - No action taken until after an independently facilitated stakeholder meeting as taken place. This has been requested by DCC
    - Given the lack of support, that other more cost-effective and less disruptive measures are considered first
    - That accessibility issues related to the proposal need clarifying with DCC

- The Planning Committee have agreed to support the recommendations for Full Council.

#### General discussion around the report/frequent comments

- Signage
  - Why isn't signage considered properly? Constantly discussed and wide agreement in town that it should be improved. Request by CoC that it is pursued quickly.
  - TTC Wayfinding project
    - Perception amongst some residents/businesses that it would include Highways signage as well, not just signage for pedestrians
  - "Pedestrian priority" signage not possible as pedestrians don't have priority. Could cause legal problems. However, "pedestrian friendly" or "free range pedestrians" would be a possibility.
  - Need for clear signage about where the parking areas are
  - Through routes / all routes signage to encourage drivers a different route
  - Entrance to Fore St sign – "welcome to historic town centre"
  - Improve "access only" sign
    - Chamber of Commerce – have a list of suggestions for improved signage
- Discussions around rickshaws
  - Previously in town but there were complains re noise, especially through the arch
  - Were sold off, they were waiting for electric versions
  - Possibility to reintroduce
- Discussions of e-cargo bikes
- Discussions re managing to get home from town late in the evening, e.g. between Meadowbrook, Totnes, Staverton, Riverford
  - Market for something like Bob the Bus running a late service?
  - How would this be managed? Cost?
- Discussion re Riverford Green Travel Plan
  - Issues with traffic around there

### **3. Discussion of DCC requested stakeholder meeting**

Discussion re the proposed measures in the matrix that the Steering Group created in February

- This would make a good starting point for the meeting
- How to enforce 'access only'?
  - Discussion around ANPR cameras
  - Jacqi to ask DCC about options and how this might work

Would be useful to have DCCs views on the various suggestions

- Would be most valuable to have someone from DCC at the meeting so they provide input into feasibility and also hear people talk about the different options/issues
- Important that the meeting isn't a waste of people's time but actually produces something valuable and actionable
  - An agreed strategy for the town centre that DCC can help us implement

Discussion of how to identify stakeholders to invite

- Needs to be representative
- Look to list of organisations/bodies created for 2021 AGM
  - Conservation officer?
  - Police?
  - The Grove school?
  - Adjacent Parish council reps?

### **4. Steering Group recommendation**

- Support officer recommendations in Fore St report
- Matrix to provide a starting point for the facilitated meeting
- Meeting needs to include a representative group

### **5. AOB**

- DCC 20mph speed limit project
  - Jacqi will ask DCC to increase the number of applications that they will consider as currently only 3-5.
- Kingsbridge Hill residents proposal update
  - Full Council supported their motion to pursue changing access at the top
- Plymouth Road crossing issue
  - This was dismissed by HATOC last year

End of meeting 20.00

**ACTIONS**

- Cllr Hodgson to contact DCC re info on cameras