

# Totnes and District Traffic & Transport Forum

27 July 2022

18:30 - 20:00

Via Zoom

*Present:*

John Scanlan – Chair

Maggie Cornhill – Chamber of Commerce

Cllr Jacqi Hodgson - Acting chair

Graham Bennett - Totnes Ramblers

Cllr John Cummings

Luisa Auletta – resident

Maiken Hutchings - Green Travel Coordinator (notes)

Overview of recommendations and actions at end of document.

## Notes

### 1. Welcome & Who is here

- Apologies from Cllr Bennett, Cllr Sweett, Pruw Boswell

### 2. Agree minutes of previous Forum

- No issues, minutes agreed

### 3. Update on GTC projects - MH

#### a) E-bike trial

- i) TTC submitted a bid to SHDC to run an e-bike trial scheme in collaboration with Co Bikes. Nothing to report yet but hopefully within the next month.

#### b) Stakeholder meeting

- i) Being organised for September
- ii) Working with the facilitators, TTC has identified groups that need representing
- iii) Sending out invites this week
- iv) **ACTION:** GTC to share invite text and identified stakeholder groups

#### c) Bike parking map

- i) A map has been created, available on Traffic & Transport page of TTC website, plus on Green Travel Totnes Facebook page
- ii) A work in progress – still need to add Bridgetown parking
- iii) Way of identifying gaps in provision
- iv) Anyone can email the GTC with suggestions

Comments:

- The group mentioned lack of provision at Leatside Surgery, St John's Church, and Dart Dental Surgery
- **ACTION:** GTC to add map layer to keep track of gaps

**d) Active travel map**

- i) GTC has been discussing with TTC Marketing Manager re possibility of creating a map dedicated to active travel, for people not travelling by car.
- ii) Highlighting bike parking locations, walking and cycle routes, location of e-bikes (Baltic Wharf), possibly slimmed down Bob the Bus timetable

Comments:

- The group suggested adding extra layers to the bike parking map
- Brief discussion around how to make it more cohesive

**e) Bike infrastructure in town**

- i) GTC considering creating a survey to identify places/people who would like secure residential bike parking, interest in central lockers, suggestions for bike parking in town, etc.

**f) Totnes Climate Hub is now open – at the Mansion**

- i) Launch was a big success
- ii) They may be doing themed months which we could feed into when the travel one comes around

**g) Cycle routes**

- i) Totnes – Buckfastleigh (via Staverton & Riverford) – feasibility study being carried out by Sustrans, paid for by Riverford. Study should be ready end October
- ii) Totnes – Stoke Gabriel (and onwards to Paignton) – GTC met with group last month
- iii) Littlehempston route – uncertain about current situation
- iv) An overarching campaign group is being formed to share ideas

Comments:

- Cllr Hodgson gave brief update on Littlehempston route. Proposed route thrown out by DCC in 2019, told to come back with a different route. Discussions for this are ongoing.
  
- h) Wayfinding phase 2 – walkaround
  - i) TTC met with Chamber of Commerce and two DCC Highways officers for a walkaround town to identify key priority areas for the wayfinding phase 2.
  - ii) Two key areas to highlight were the entrance to Fore Street (roundabout by Seven Stars) and Morrisons crossing
  - iii) Discussion re how to make the Morrisons crossing safer, cars come in very fast with poor visibility
  - iv) Totnes Trust have some suggestions for this area, plus TTC will be looking into potentially clearing some of the bushes to increase visibility. Totnes Trust have been invited to speak at a future meeting about this.

Comments:

- Cllr Hodgson suggested putting rumble strips in on the filter/approach lane to slow down traffic
- **ACTION** – Cllr Hodgson to get land registry documents from DCC
  
- i) Green Travel Coordinator role is changing slightly from end of September. Increase of hours from 15 to 24 hours a week, and title is changing to Sustainability Officer. This will broaden the remit slightly which will be beneficial to consider issues more holistically

#### 4. AOB

Various points were raised

- Maggie, representing CoC, asked for clarity on the bike rack behind entrance to Fore St sign being moved
  - Before it's moved, please can someone make sure it doesn't negatively impact visually
  - **ACTION** – GTC to feed this back to Town Clerk
  
- The bike rack the other side, by Waterside Bistro/Food for Thought was raised as being problematic. It is not bolted down so gets moved around a lot. It is also a hindrance to

pedestrians when there are bikes parked there. Moving it may also help with pedestrians using the proper crossing point (where the dropped kerbs are) rather than cutting across, this possibly avoiding falling accidents (which happen quite frequently)

- Suggestion to move this somewhere else, possibly to the Market Square.
  - **ACTION** – GTC to get it moved somewhere else
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- Bike rack under stairs on Market Square need moving a bit to the side as currently the last two rungs cannot be used
    - **ACTION** – GTC to get bike rack moved to side
    - **ACTION** – GTC to look into bike parking provisions in Market Square upgrade documents

### 19:30 End of meeting

Date of next Steering Group meeting, subject to outcomes from Stakeholder meeting: 28 September 2022

Date of next Forum meeting: 26 October 2022

### Actions

1. GTC to share stakeholder meeting invite text and identified stakeholder groups
2. GTC to add map layer to keep track of bike parking gaps
3. Cllr Hodgson to get land registry documents from DCC for the corner by Morrisons
4. GTC to feed back to Town Clerk that moving bike rack behind welcome sign needs to be double checked for visual aesthetic issues
5. GTC to get bike rack by Waterside Bistro moved somewhere else
6. GTC to get bike rack under stairs in Market Square moved to side
7. GTC to look into bike parking provisions in Market Square upgrade documents