

MINUTES OF THE ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING – A AGENDA
HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2020 AT 9.30AM

PRESENT:

Constable S Crowcroft (SC) (Chairman)
Mr P Pearce (Procureur du Bien Public) (PP)
Mr B Le Feuvre (BLF)
Mr J Baker (JB)
Mr B Manning (BM)
Mr J Rogers (JR)
Mr R Le Brocq (RLB)
The Very Rev'd. M Keirle (MK)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr G Jennings (Procureur du Bien Public) (GJ)
Mr S Alves (Head of Infrastructure) (SA)
Mr A Sty (Infrastructure Manager) (AS)
Mr J Turner (Chief Executive Officer) (JT)
Mrs A Sweeney (Parish Secretary) (ASW)
Mrs A Bienvenu (Executive Assistant) (AB)
Ms S Finch (Cycle 4 Jersey) (SF)
Mr C Wood (Cycle 4 Jersey) (CW)
Mr D Malpas (Growth, Housing & Environment) (DM)

APOLOGIES

None

OPEN MEETING

There were no declarations of interest.

Having been previously circulated, the 'A' Agenda Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2020 were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

**26/20 – LA CROIX DE LA
REINE, CHARING
CROSS, ST HELIER, JE2
3RP**

Previous minutes 03/20, 25/20 and 26/20 refer
This project has stalled due to the Covid-19 pandemic; inappropriate to restart at the current time due to physical distancing requirement. SA will keep Roads Committee updated.

**28/20 – TO RECEIVE AN
UPDATE ON ANN
COURT PUBLIC REAL
IMPROVEMENTS
27/20 - ANY OTHER
BUSINESS**

Previous minute 28/20 refers
PP had queried Roads Committee previously having given permission for closures of Provident Street, and SA confirmed that The closure of Providence Street to through traffic, subject to consultation being carried out with residents and traders and on the understanding that a Safety Audit will be carried out. This is to be at the expense of the applicant.

SA circulated previous Roads Committee minutes form 20 September 2017.

AGENDA ITEMS

**34/20 – TO RECEIVE A
PRESENTATION ON
CYCLE ROUTES &
GREEN LANE
REVIEW/REVIVAL
(www.CYCLE4JERSEY.ORG)**

Simon Finch from Cycle 4 Jersey, formed in 2018 with help from Jersey Sport and Government of Jersey, and made up of a collection of cycling enthusiasts from all areas, gave a presentation to the Committee. The group is wanting to encourage a broad diversity of people to take up cycling and have fun using the bike as a mode of transport, and in particular to encourage and provide the ability for children to be able to cycle safely to school and their clubs. The health of Jersey's children isn't where it should be, and cycling across the world it seems forms a more important part of day-to-day activity for children who go on to lead much healthier lives. There will be a report on CTV this evening to promote Deputy Ward's proposition. Cycle 4 Jersey is the instigator of the JEP's fortnightly supplement, 'Ride', and successfully campaigned for proposed work at Green Street Car Park to be withdrawn. There are just under 50 miles of green lanes across Jersey with priority given to cyclists, walkers and horse riders, but these are not enforced. St Helier itself is on the lower end of the green lane network, but it does have some great opportunities, i.e. Vallée des Vaux, and it does have a number of schools that the group would like to see connected into a green lane 'safe cycling to school' network.

JB said that St Helier's Shadow Conseil Municipal also had plans to improve cycling routes through St Helier. GJ said that lack of connectivity in to the town centre may discourage people from using the existing green lane network, and asked if there were plans to improve this. SF said that there were plans to improve entry from the Western side. CW said he would like to see connectivity of the Avenue moving into and through town, and towards the schools, which would allow children to safely cycle from the West through to town and on to school. Through Hill Street was a suggestion, making it one-way to traffic and the opposite way for cycles, as it connects to the top of town and through to the schools. From the East, attempts have been made to improve the cycle route there but it is not used often due to kerbed areas which keep

people on the road. Vallée des Vaux is the suggested route to connect from the North. La Grande Route de St Jean has the third most number of accidents, and development seen there, particularly around Sion (new Co-Op and other housing developments) and traffic jams on Queen's Road during school term times etc create a huge issue for congestion, pollution etc. There is potential for a route in and around Sion to be made safer, perhaps with a similar scheme to that in St Mary. A route from the top of Tower Road down to Cheapside or People's Park is being considered. JB said that he shops at Waitrose and drives a car, and asked why cars were to be expelled from the green lanes by law. SF said that Deputy Ward's proposition is taking guidance from the Highway Code, i.e. that green lanes are for essential access and essential sightseeing, and therefore it wasn't too much of a stretch to bring this into law. Speed cameras would be a good idea across Jersey to capture those who flaunt speeding restrictions, with a fining/penalty points system in place. Speeding fines accrued, after costs, could then be allocated to better provision for the safe cycling/walking infrastructure. As parishes struggle to meet Honorary Police quotas, policing of the green lanes remains a challenge. Feedback on this matter can be emailed to SC or ASW. PP said that Jersey has adopted the English Highway Code with certain additions. Rule 218 of the English Code refers to home zones and quiet lanes, which roughly corresponds with Jersey's green lanes, so Jersey could just amend this one Rule. However, two parishes don't have any green lanes at all, and if the criteria were tightened, several parishes would do away with them – a retrograde step to be avoided. SC said that the Shadow Conseil Municipal has an Environment Portfolio Committee addressing a cycling project, of which JB is Chair; JB to progress.

35/20 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITE DU BRACHAGE DUE TO COVID-19

AS gave an update: SC, one Vingtenier, two Centeniers and two Roads Committee members are required on the Branchage to comply with law, plus two PoSH Infrastructure staff members, so a total of 8. Due to social distancing requirements, use of minibuses (two passengers per vehicle plus driver) is not appropriate, and there will be no lunch, so the event will be a morning only one.

Infrastructure Officers will carry out an inspection in the two weeks before the Visite, writing to those with issues prior to the Branchage, and then the day itself will be a reduced scale visit on EVie electric bikes. The Visite will be accompanied by Hon. Police, concentrating on town and Havre des Pas areas, with the route restricted to the pre-determined locations for inspection. Cycle helmets to be worn, face masks and gloves. Following the Visite, infraction letters will be issued, and then follow-up visits to those written to. Those places identified prior to the Visite but not able to be visited on the day will be written to with an 8-day time limit. PP asked if the list of personnel able to go on the Visite was based on the quorum of smaller country parish Roads Committees, as St Helier, being bigger, should be able to add another Roads Committee member; AS to check legal advice.

JB mentioned discussion that was meant to have taken place prior to Branchage regarding a traffic light fines system for level of fines; discussion will be required regarding fining, as once done there will be a lot of communication requesting the waiving or halving of such fines, so are they worth issuing? SC to discuss with the Procureurs and JT, and will then advise Comité of the decision. Roads Inspectors have not been out pre-Branchage issuing notices for people to attend to Branchage issues due to the Covid situation. Discussion will be required.

Members to let AS know if they will be attending, and whether they'll be using their own bike or an EVie one. The EVie bikes are being provided free of charge, and training sessions have been offered. JB asked where liability lies if an accident occurs for any group member on an EVie bike; JT to check PoSH insurance policy.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

36/20 – GARAGE SITE, OLD ST JOHN'S ROAD, ST HELIER

RP/2020/0440

Garage Site, Old St John's Road, St Helier

Demolish existing garages. Construct 8 no. 1 bed and 7 no. 2 bed residential units with associated parking and amenity space. 3D Model available.

There have been a lot of objections from residents in the area. BLF: requested that wording be added to the application to advise that there has been a number of complaints about the loss of the existing garage parking. SA responded car parking and a lack of business and unloading spaces, and a lot of comments from residents about loss of these garages. No actual traffic plan or traffic study; this has been highlighted as a concern, and GHE has the same view – the loss of garages (16) has big issues for businesses in the area. 15 parking spaces are provided with the development. SA asked BLF to let him have his proposed amendment if he wishes to oppose

<p>37/20 – 43, BELMONT ROAD, ST HELIER, JE2 4SA</p>	<p>P/2020/0424 43, Belmont Road, St Helier, JE2 4SA <i>Demolish existing shop and construct 1 no. 1 bed residential unit with associated parking and amenity space.</i></p> <p>SC has been asked by members of the Belmont Road Residents' Association to comment on this development – two storeys constructed of shipping containers. The Roads Committee addresses items relating to traffic and roads. It was proposed that SA includes another comments: "It should be noted that the Parish has received a number of public complaints about the scale of this development". The additional wording was approved by the Committee.</p>
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS 38/20 – JUNCTION OF CROYDON ROAD & CLEVELAND ROAD</p>	<p>BM said that for the past two weeks a car has been parked on this junction where the pavement comes out a bit further. Although there is just enough room to pass, people with pushchairs are struggling and having to walk in the road. BM asked if it would be possible to place another bollard on the corner block to stop the parking. SA team will investigate as soon as they can.</p>
<p>39/20 ZEBRA CROSSING BY OLD ODEON BUILDING</p>	<p>MK said vehicles continue to park on this zebra crossing, which removes the view of pedestrians and will result in an accident sooner or later. SA to pass this matter to Growth Housing and environment and Parking Control.</p>
<p>40/20 CYCLE PARKING AT CASTLE QUAY</p>	<p>JB asked if it was possible to have more cycle parking at Castle Quay - there is room for another 30 spaces. He also requested Committee's permission to proceed with identifying sites for additional parking across the Parish.</p>
<p>AGREED DECISIONS 41/20</p>	<p>The Branchage and its format, subject to the checking of legal advice given. SA to decide on what to release to media after this meeting – to include presentation from Cycle 4 Jersey and the Shadow Conseil Municipal working on Parish proposals.</p>
<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p>	<p>The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd July 2020 at 9.30am (venue still to be decided).</p>