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<u>MINUTES OF THE ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING – A- AGENDA</u> <u>HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON</u> <u>WEDNESDAY, 18th DECEMBER 2024 AT 9.30AM</u>	
PRESENT	Constable S Crowcroft (SC) H Hubbell (HH) (online) M Pirozzolo (MP) J Lagadu (JL) K Proctor (KP) P Pearce (Procureur du Bien Public) (PP) B Manning (BM)
IN ATTENDANCE	Andrew Sugden (Chief Executive Officer) (AJS) S Alves (Head of Infrastructure) (SA) A Sty (Infrastructure Manager) (AS) A Roberts (Parish Secretary) (AR) T Russell (Refuse & Street Cleansing Manager) (TR) A Sartin (Streets Inspector Infrastructure) (ASA) K Millett (Minutes) (KM)
APOLOGIES	J Baker (Procureur du Bien Public) (JB), The Very Rev'd M Keirle (MK)
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	None
OPEN MEETING	Having been previously circulated, the 'A' Agenda Minutes of the meeting held on 20 th November 2024 were approved.
MATTERS ARISING	None
122/2024 PROPOSED NEW BUS STOP BETWEEN OAKLANDS LANE AND PILLAR GARDENS	Government Infrastructure & Environment are requesting a new bus stop to be formed on Route 24 - Town Link Service. There is a distance of 1.2km between the existing stops at Oaklands Lane and Pillar Gardens. (SA) confirmed the position being proposed is the best option from the Parish's perspective. The Committee expressed concerns as to the proposed street furniture, how muddy the field entrance would become, as well as bank erosion; they asked if the fields owner's permission had been sought. (SA) advised consultation has taken place, and there is owner's permission. There will be no street furniture due to the rural location and the stop is located at the widest point of the road, therefore tractors will not erode the bank. The Committee unanimously approved the bus stop.
123/2024 APPROVE THE GIFT OF LAND IN GARDEN LANE AT THE NEW COMPLETED DEVELOPMENT	The Parish has been offered the gift of a piece of land in Garden Lane as part of the Planning Obligation Agreement. The land forms the south-west corner of the development known as "The Spire" detailed in planning application (P/2021/1700). The Parish will incur no costs for the land transfer and if agreed the matter will be presented to a Parish Assembly. The Committee asked if drain hole covers within the area of gifted land will become the Parish's responsibility and is it possible the lamppost can be moved back towards the buildings. They were advised that the drain covers are the responsibility of the utility companies, and relocation of the lamp post can be a condition of accepting the land.

	<p>The Committee unanimously approved the gift, on the condition the lamppost is moved.</p>
<p>124/2024 PARADE WEST TREE ROOTS PROPOSAL</p>	<p>The Parish proposes to fix the root problem by hand-digging the asphalt areas on the footway, lifted by the tree roots to establish the extent of the root structure and then to trim the roots back. Following this process the asphalt will be reinstated. This will be localised repair and therefore the footway will be patchy in terms of asphalt.</p> <p>At the point of the large beech tree, once the uplift and root trimming has taken place the footway will be reinstated and with a SUDS material known as FlexiPath, this offers flexibility for future root growth.</p> <p>The Committee asked if the use of hogging would be a cheaper option, or could the roots be left with signage in place? There were concerns as to the how easy the Parish could clean the product, as well as the products lifespan.</p> <p>Officers advised that the use of hoggin would increase maintenance and be more difficult to clean. Signage is only a temporary safety measure and is not a long-term option. The first stage of the process will resolve the main liability and unevenness of the surface, the second stage of installing a planter will only be required if a level surface can't be achieved. The Committee were advised that the proposed material is new to Jersey and therefore a two-year trial period will highlight any issues.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously approved the works to be undertaken and felt it would be a good opportunity to raise awareness of the issue and to advise the public of the upcoming works.</p>
<p>125/2024 SCAFFOLDING EMBARGO POLICY CHANGES</p>	<p>The Committee were asked to approve proposed changes to St Helier's Scaffolding Embargo Policy, which restricts scaffolding and major roadworks during the summer months. The current policy includes two embargo periods: 1st May to 1st October and 1st July to 1st September, with additional restrictions during the Christmas period.</p> <p>The proposed changes will simplify the policy by reducing the embargo to a single period, spanning 1st June to 1st September and by removing 40 streets from the list. The revised policy restrictions will focus on central shopping areas. Policy changes will be implemented in April 2025, following consultation with stakeholders and industry representatives, the policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.</p> <p>The Committee asked Officers to consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it is possible to have a time limit for removing scaffolding after works are completed. • If it is possible for scaffolding to have a ticket to advise the public as to the reason it is in place, how long it is expected to remain, as well as the name of the responsible person. • How the embargo will affect Parish finances; and • If a condition should be placed on companies to clean up thoroughly after scaffolding is removed. <p>Parish Officers felt a time limit isn't required, as by relaxing the embargo it will enable scaffolding to be taken down in a reduced timeframe. The requirement for tickets can be included in the consultation. The Parish Municipal Services Department are aware of scaffolding being removed and ensure the road/street is cleaned as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously agreed for the policy to go out to public consultation, and then be brought back to the Committee for final approval.</p>

<p>126/2024 OLD STREET PROPOSED CYCLE COVER</p>	<p>The Committee were shown three options for cycle storage. They were reminded that permission had previously been obtained for a mural to be painted on the side of the building, immediately above the proposed cycle facility. Due to the length of time that has elapsed the Parish will revisit permission with the owner.</p> <p>There was discussion as to the cycle storage designs and the Committee were advised that all models have a life expectancy of 20 years. The proposed mural wall is jointly owned by the Parish, and the Parish will make the wall good before artwork is undertaken.</p> <p>As the Government are looking at covered bike parking, (AS) is to approach them to request assistance with the cost.</p> <p>The Committee voted, three votes in favour of option 1, two votes for option 2 and three votes for option 3, and there was one abstention.</p>
<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p>	
<p>127/2024 P/2024/1302 JERSEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 91 HALKETT PLACE, ST HELIER, JE2 4WH</p>	<p>Convert existing window on the West elevation into an emergency escape door with associated ramp and railings.</p> <p>The Committee approved the draft comments detailed in the planning report 18th December 2024 (refer documentation attached).</p>
<p>128/2024 P/2024/1318 FIT FOOTWEAR 16-18 SEALE STREET, ST HELIER, JE2 3QG</p>	<p>Change of use from Retail Unit (Class A) to Sport & Fitness (Class H).</p> <p>The Committee approved the draft comments detailed in the planning report 18th December 2024 (refer documentation attached).</p>
<p>129/2024 AGREED DECISIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee approved a new bus stop in Oaklands Lane. • The Committee agreed to a gift of land in Garden Lane • The Committee approved works to tree roots in the Parade. Social media to be used to raise awareness. • The Committee agreed changes to the scaffolding policy, prior to it going out to public consultation. (MP) to be point of contact for media. • The Committee approved cycle parking in Old Street. (AS) to approach Government for assistance with the cost.
<p>130/2024 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</p>	<p>BM will bring an item on cycles and scooters to the meeting on 15/01/2025.</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>Wednesday 15th January 2025.</p>