

## **Folkestone and Hythe Joint Transportation Board**

Held at:	Remote Meeting, Via Zoom.
Date	Monday, 21 November 2022
Present	Councillors Mrs Ann Berry, Miss Susan Carey, Ray Field (Chairman), Peter Gane, David Godfrey, Tony Hills (Vice-Chair), Frank Hobbs, Dylan Jeffrey, Rory Love and John Wing.
Apologies for Absence	Councillor Terence Mullard.
Officers Present:	James Bowen (Highway Manager - Folkestone and Hythe, KCC), James Clapson (Case Officer - Corporate Services, FHDC) and Paul Thompson (Highway Engineer, FHDC)

### **1. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2. Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor Carey  
Seconded by Councillor Love, and

#### **Resolved:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2022 were approved.

### **3. Highway Works Programme 2022/23**

Report JTB/22/03 updated members on the identified schemes approved for construction. The Chairman went through the report page by page and asked Members for their comments. During consideration of the item the following points were noted:

- In addition to the department telephone number listed in the report, Mr Bowen would provide Members with a list of email addresses for the

Kent County Council (KCC) highways contact officers. These email addresses could be included in the report going forward, however the report was publicly available, and the email addresses may not be the best first point of contact for members of the public.

- Consideration could be given to inviting bus and rail representatives to Board meetings.

### **Appendix A – Road, Footway and Cycleway Renewal and Preservation Scheme**

- It would be good to see the Highway Works Programme for 2023/24.
- Residents in Newington believed they had been scheduled for road surface improvements before the Covid pandemic struck, however works were never carried out. The potholes along Newington Road, between the Village Hall and Peene, were severe. Mr Bowen offered to investigate.
- The main road into Postling, Hythe was in a poor state and needed to be included on the works programme.

### **Appendix B – Drainage Repairs & Improvements**

- At Harden Road, Lydd, in addition to the drainage repairs, there were proposals for up to 1500 lorry movements on the road, in connection with the Dungeness Aid Station. This should be considered by the Board as the vibrations from vehicles using the road had caused problems for nearby buildings. The road was not fit for purpose.

### **Appendix D – Transportation and Safety Schemes**

- The installation of a Zebra Crossing in Risborough Lane, Folkestone was very welcomed. Thanks were offered to those involved in the project.
- Swingfield Parish Council had prepared and agreed a Highway Improvement Plan that sought to reduce the speed limit on the A260 from 40mph to 30mph.
- Thanks were offered to those involved in enabling cyclists to use the sea defence rather than having to cycle on the A259.
- Lydd Road junction at Hammond's corner was very dangerous and in desperate need of the roundabout. It was hoped that funding for its construction may become available if the proposals for the power station went ahead.
- While work on the carriageway was underway at Shorncliffe Road and Castle Hill Avenue, it could be an opportunity to address the drainage problems in the area. Councillor Jeffrey would email Mr Bowen with the details to forward on to the relevant KCC officer.
- The junction between Cherry Gardens and Links Way, Folkestone was dangerous as cars ignored the chevrons on the road, and the central reservation needed to be made wider. Mr Bowen offered to have a look at the junction.

### **Appendix E – Developer Funded Works**

- During the recent works in Cheriton High Street, the manual traffic lights had not worked in conjunction with the traffic lights on the bridge. This had been resolved but it had caused significant disruption at the time.
- Folkestone and Hythe District Council should not have allowed the McDonalds restaurant in Cheriton to open without providing funding for a pedestrian controlled crossing at the Cheriton interchange. Funding for the crossing would now have to be sought from the developer of a nearby housing development.

### **Appendix F - Bridge Works**

- Woolpack bridge had been closed for around three years, this was too long.

### **2022-23 Winter Service Policy**

- Thanks were offered to the highways team who responded whenever there was an emergency.
- KCC was in the process of refilling Parish and Town Council owned salt bins, KCC was looking at the possibility of charging Parish and Town Councils for this work in future.