

Joint Transport Working Group, Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council, Silsden Town Council, Craven Ward Councillors and Stakeholders.

Notes of the meeting held Thursday 19 March at 11.00a.m at the Temple Row Centre, Keighley.

Present: Councillor Andrew Mallinson, Bradford Ward Councillor (Chairman)
Councillors Mike Elsmore and Andrew Phillips, Silsden Town Council
Drew Hayley, Northern Rail
Matthew Collinson, Bradford Council, Traffic and Highways North
Mrs C. Brown, Clerk, Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council

1. Councillor Mallinson welcomed members of the group.

2. Apologies:

Councillor Mullen (Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council), Bruce Andrews (Bradford Council, Traffic and Highways North), Steve Grisag (Bradford Council, Transport Planning), Rachel Edmunds (Keighley Assistant Area Co-Ordinator)

3. Funding Update:

Councillor Mallinson circulated a funding update report detailing the £51,000 of works already planned and the secured funding of £31,000. The remaining £20,000 may be available from the Transport Planning budget in 2009/10.

4. Project Delivery Update

Matthew Collinson reported that proposed pedestrian improvements at the junction of Steeton Grove and Station Road have been fully designed, contractors orders placed and the work would commence on these shortly.

The funding for the erection of the bollards to prevent vehicles from using the footpath is in place and their installation is imminent.

The resiting of the Armco barrier and footpath construction will go ahead as soon as the remaining £20,000 funding is confirmed.

The sub-group considering the one way traffic system will arrange a meeting in the near future. The Highways Major Works department will be contacted to look at a design for the one-way system. Some funding may need to be sought to enable Richard Day or Richard Gelders team to carry out the design work.

5. DfT Bid

Drew Hayley has experience of submitting successful bids to the DfT for funding. He will forward a model bid to Councillor Mallinson for information. Any bid will need match funding of up to 50% of the project costs. Suggestions of avenues for funding were suggested that included Yorkshire Forward, West Yorkshire Transport Group, DEFRA, Disabled access funding from the government and the South Pennines LEADER.

It was also noted that statistics show that there is a higher percentage of elderly residents in the area compared with the national average.

It was suggested that Dave Melling could be approached to co-ordinate a funding bid.

6. Any Other Business

- Metro and the bus companies should be encouraged to make more efforts to co-ordinate both bus and train timetables
- Councillor Mallinson reported that a meeting had been arranged with Councillor Kris Hopkins, Leader, Bradford Council, to make him aware of the issues at the station.
- Concerns were expressed about security at station. There have been instances of vandalism and a serious attack on an individual. It was emphasised that all incidents of anti-social behaviour should be reported to the British Transport Police as the level of security is responsive to the number of incidents reported. A request for the installation of CCTV could be put forward and although the systems are costly it was felt that it could be a deterrent and the relative isolation of the site could be an argument in favour of the installation. The cost will be in the region of £20,000 and this could be a joint funding initiative between Metro, Northern Rail and the parish and town councils. It was suggested that when the sub-group meets safety issues could be considered.

7. Next Meeting TBC

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