



M4 J34 to A48 – Transport Improvements

26 September 2019

11am

Alps Depot

Attendees: Emma Reed – VOG
 Kyle Phillips – VOG
 Councillor Peter King – VOG
 Councillor Michael Morgan – VOG
 Hilary Hanmer – Pendoylan CC
 Abigail Phillips – Peterston Super Ely CC
 Nick Craddock – Welsh St Donats CC
 Will Howells – St Georges with St Brides CC
 Ian Perry – St Nicholas with Bonvilston CC (arrived 11:25am)

	Minute	Action
1.	<p>Welcome / Introductions and apologies</p> <p>ER opened the meeting, introductions were made and all advised a written update on the Project had been made available to the meeting via a handout (attached).</p>	
2.	<p>J34 Park and Ride update</p> <p>Handout update provided to all in attendance with regards to this item. Parkway Station update including possible preferred location for new station. TFW have been commissioned and Council will have the GRIP 2 report shortly.</p> <p>ER has split this Project into two– one for the station and one on the road transport improvements. The Review group will meet first for the station hopefully before Christmas 2019.</p> <p>It was noted that Welsh Government (WG) are funding the studies. As the Project moves forward funding will need to come from various sources.</p> <p>An update was provided to IP who arrived at 11:25am. Issues were raised by IP which were outside the scope of this meeting. PK advised the meeting was to provide an update to the Community Council's as to where we currently are but an offer made for him to stay back and have his different questions answered.</p>	

	<p><u>Strategic highway possible improvements – as result of the consultation.</u></p> <p>ER advised that as a result of the consultation a commission was looking at on highway improvements as well as new road infrastructure to meet as high a road standard as is possible. There will therefore likely be 3 road infrastructure options to be technically considered by the Review Group when they meet early new year to discuss. It is likely that following the Review group and any Cabinet/Scrutiny Report that a further Consultation for 12 weeks will occur in the new year.</p> <p>It was noted that additional work has been done under this Stage 2 + which would normally be done at Stage 3. This was with Cabinet approval and with funding from WG. In addition work relating to a Landscape Visual Aspect Assessment and Drone survey / 3D survey were due to be undertaken.</p> <p>Land searches have been done. Thanks were given to the community for their assistance.</p> <p>A request was made by the Community Councils to ensure that the Traffic modelling results are clear and understandable in order that useful and constructive comments can be made on them. In particular the modelling needs to be in plain terms so that people can understand it. At the last consultation events the Group felt that the Officers were not speaking in an accessible way. The information needs to be correct and more transparent or otherwise it is meaningless.</p>	<p>ER</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>J34 to Sycamore Cross transport improvements update</p> <p>Reference was made to the update handout circulated.</p> <p>There was discussion about the community councils trying to find out from WG as part of Stage 2 how this road was chosen without other strategic options on the table and who made this decision. Discussion also regarding the M4 pinch point studies currently underway.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Next steps</p> <p>Train GRIP Review Group to meet hopefully before Christmas.</p> <p>There was a request made that NRW are on the Review Group as an environmental representative external of the Council. The Community Councils were advised that NRW are integral to the hydrological work including modelling that is currently being undertaken. ER however advised that she will consider this request further.</p>	<p>ER</p> <p>ER</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>AOB from Community Councils</p> <p>One community council representative advised the meeting that Some houses are at significant risk (of being demolished) and questioned whether there was anything these property owners can so as they are in complete limbo? ER referred to the advice given previously in writing and committed to reviewing this advice.</p>	<p>ER</p>