

APSE Scotland Roads & Street Lighting advisory group

26th October 2018

Minutes from this meeting

1. Introduction and welcome

The group's Chair Cllr Frank Anderson welcomed all to the latest meeting of the roads and street lighting advisory group. Frank thanked Tayside Contracts for continuing to host the groups meetings within their Inveralmond depot.

2. Attendance and apologies

See attached.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th August 2018

The minutes were deemed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

5. Transport (Scotland) Bill 2018

George Henry, Head of Road Policy at Transport Scotland provided an informative presentation on the Transport (Scotland) Bill 2018. This multi topic Bill was introduced to Parliament on the 8th of June. Provisions within the Bill are wide ranging to ensure Transport functions run while reducing carbon emissions. On the 29th of June, Scottish Government called for evidence, 90 responses received by the closing date of the 28th September. The areas covered include:-

- Buses
- Low Emission Zones
- Smart Ticketing
- Parking
- Road Works
- Regional Transport Partnerships
- Canals

George confirmed that the stakeholder engagement was important to ensure as many views as possible are collected to help inform the Bill and that the wide-ranging questions would mean that views could be used within other areas.

George then went on to talk in more detail about the "Improving Parking in Scotland" Consultation, this paper was launched on 31st March and closed to the general public on 30th June. The closing date for local authorities and Regional Transport Partnerships was extended until the 31st August.

The consultation covered the following issues:-

- Making the laws on parking clearer
- Determining what parking restrictions and exemptions should apply
- Considering the best approach in managing parking
- Exploring how we manage the placement of vehicles while encouraging town centre regeneration and accessibility.

The key statistics from the responses received (661 responses this included 17 local authorities) included:-

- Almost 80% said parking is a problem
- Over 80% said new law should apply to all vehicles
- Over 83% said we should have consistent enforcement
- Over 80% agreed new parking legislation is required
- Over 60% didn't support local authorities exempting streets from new legislation
- Over 60% witnessed misuse of DPPP
- Over 50% said on-street DPPP is not enforced

The Bill also introduces a national ban on parking on pavements and double parking. With Scottish Government committed to improving parking in Scotland to ensure Scotland's roads are accessible for all. The provisions are there to help improve safety and accessibility but particularly for the most vulnerable road users.

George then went on to talk about local authority assessment of roads and exemptions/exceptions. Local authorities have to assess their roads using the parking standards document to determine where exemptions should be implemented. The assessment should:-

- Complement existing parking policies and local transport strategies
- Could be a desktop exercise using technology or inventory databases followed by site visits
- Targeted site visits where footway and double parking exists
- Use current complaints to address problematic areas first

Local authorities will be able to promote exceptions within streets that meet the criteria set out in the parking standards document. The Bill provides for some vehicles to be excepted from the ban this includes those dealing with emergencies, road works and deliveries. Vehicles delivering, loading or unloading goods should be parked for no longer than 20 minutes and during their course of business.

George concluded the presentation with an update on the Parking Standards and highlighting that Transport Scotland wish to work with local authorities to make things more flexible.

6. Glasgow Roads Investment Programme

Glasgow's Road Investment Programme presentation was delivered by Calum Stuart and Stuart McKay. This presentation highlighted the most important document for them was the Annual Status and options Report, this is used and issued to elected members and Committees.

They also use a number of risk management strategies which feed into National Programmes. As part of this they provided a number of graphical examples of information which is used and contained within the reports. They highlighted that as the Investment programme has flexibility

occurrences which cannot be predicted (e.g. the Beast from the East) means that they can change the programme to meet the new and pressing needs.

Calum and Stuart also highlighted to the group that Glasgow use neighbourhood dashboards which technicians and engineers etc are helping to feed into. It's important that those with the local knowledge are involved in the process.

7. Roads & Street Lighting Clinic

This part of the meeting provided attendees with the opportunity to ask their colleagues about any issues or queries which they had from within their own authorities. Topics for discussion included:-

- Gully cleaning and the processes/ procedures behind this
- Cold tar on roadworks sites
- Outcomes from PN reports.

It was agreed that at the next meeting of the group Colin McInnes would provide information on the Performance Networks reports as an agenda item.

8. APSE update

Louise Melville provided the group with an update on all of the recent work of the Association both in Scotland and UK wide. This included information on recent briefings and publications including information on the recently launched "Hollowed Out: The impact of financial localisation on neighbourhood services" and "The New Municipalism: Taking pack entrepreneurship". Louise also provided the group with information on the various areas of advocacy APSE were involved in, including Party Political Conferences. With the latest (SNP conference) which was to be held in Glasgow at the start of this month (October). APSE hosted a fringe which was very well attended on Commercialisation, with the Leader of Falkirk Council (Cllr Cecil Meiklejohn) and the Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation (Ivan McKee MSP) speaking. Finally, Louise provided information on the other services provided by APSE which included an update on the Performance Networks seminar this year taking place once again in Blackpool.

9. AOCB

There was no other competent business.

10. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the group will be held on Friday 25th January at Tayside Contracts training room in their Inveralmond depot in Perth.

11. Lunch

Attendee List

Name	Council
Louise Melville	APSE
Kevin Massie	Aberdeen City Council
Colin McInnes	APSE Solutions
Sean Gilchrist	City of Edinburgh Council
David Richardson	City of Edinburgh Council
David Dickson	City of Edinburgh Council
Ewan MacNaughton	Dundee City Council
Steven Wilson	Dundee City Council
Eleni Gigourtaki	East Lothian Council
Ryan Robertson	East Lothian Council
Jane Corrie	East Renfrewshire Council
Gary Neill	Falkirk Council
Bill Liddle	Fife Council
Calum Stewart	Glasgow City Council
Stuart Mckay	Glasgow City Council
Cllr John Anderson	South Lanarkshire Council
Nicci Wallace	Stirling Council
George Henry	Transport Scotland
Cllr Frank Anderson	West Lothian Council
Kenneth Brown	West Lothian Council
Graeme Malcolm	West Lothian Council
Rob Jackson	Yotta Ltd

Apologies

Elizabeth Maciver	Highland Council
Stewart Walker	North Ayrshire Council
Grant Montgomery	Scotland Excel
Elena Martin	Scotland Excel
Lisa Chiles	Dundee City Council
Brenda McDonald	Inverclyde Council