

Full Council Meeting Monday 10 February 2020: Agenda Item 15
Braunton Air Quality Management Area

Technical Working Group (TWG)

Wednesday 11th December 2019

1230-1330, Council Chamber, Braunton Parish Council

Present Andy Cole (AC) - Environmental Health and Housing Services, North Devon Council (NDC)

Andrew Austen (AA) - Planning and Development Services, NDC

Steve Short (SS) – Highways - Devon County Council (DCC)

Tracey Lovell (TL) – Braunton Parish Council

Jane Fewings (JF) – Braunton Parish Council

1 Apologies

James Anstee (JA) – Highways - Devon County Council (DCC)

2 Progress with actions from meeting held with the Caen Primary School on 18 June 2018.

2.1 North Devon Council (NDC)

AC explained that clarity regarding the air quality recorded data at sites 12 and 13 in Braunton during 2016 and 2017 had been provided in the latest NDC Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) 2019. NDC issued its ASR in July, Defra completed its appraisal in December. NDC are currently liaising with Defra to clarify some comments it had made and will publish the Report on its website in the New Year.

Action *AC to advise when the NDC Air Quality ASR 2019 is publicly available on the District's website.*

Organisation *NDC*

Timeframe *Anticipated January / February 2020.*

2.2 Devon County Council (DCC)

SS confirmed that following a health and safety assessment the Zebra Crossing on Chaloners Road had been identified as needing to be upgraded to a Signal Light Crossing. DCC have made budgetary provisions to upgrade the Zebra Crossing in the financial year 2021/22. SS explained that the assessment had identified the Zebra

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Crossing as high risk in terms of safety allowing DCC to allocate the necessary funding required to upgrade the crossing sooner than anticipated.

SS confirmed that DCC have funding in place to delivering the Microprocessor Optimized Vehicle Actuation (MOVA) as a medium term aim. If the County are to deliver this measure sooner it would require other financial contributions. AC explained that there could be the potential to contribute towards MOVA via the Defra Air Quality Grant. The grant will open September / October 2020 and AC would research submitting a bid towards implementing MOVA. AA advised that there could potentially be S.106 funding from a large planning application currently being considered in Willingcott. TL further advised that it might be possible for BPC to also financially contribute towards the scheme.

Action DCC to upgrade the Zebra Crossing on Chaloners Road to a Signal Light Crossing.

Organisation DCC

Timeframe Financial Year 2021/22.

Action SS to confirm the level of funding that DCC has allocated towards implementing MOVA.

Organisation DCC

Timeframe February 2020

Action AC to research submitting a bid to the Defra Air Quality Grant for a contribution towards MOVA.

Organisation NDC

Timeframe In time for grant application to be submitted September / October 2020.

Action AA to further explore the possibility of a S. 106 contribution towards MOVA from a large scale development in Willingcott.

Organisation NDC

Timeframe February 2020.

Action TL to explore the possibility of a financial contribution from BPC towards the implementation of MOVA.

Organisation BPC

Timeframe February 2020.

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2.3 Braunton Parish Council

TL explained that BPC would want to make the public aware of the plans to implement the actions detailed in the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP). It was suggested that perhaps the three authorities (DCC, NDC and BPC) could hold an information event in the New Year. This would provide a positive opportunity for the three authorities to inform the public of DCC's commitment to deliver measures 1 and 4 in the AQAP, including upgrading the Zebra Crossing on Chaloners Road to a Signal Light Crossing and to implement MOVA.

This could also provide an opportunity to consult and gather evidence of public support for further proposed walking / cycling improvements in the Village.

DCC and NDC agreed in principle to support an awareness event to share details of their plans to implement actions in the AQAP. AC advised that NDC's support would be dependent on clarity being provided on what was being consulted upon. He expressed concern regarding any consultation event on measures which have now been agreed between DCC and BPC as being appropriate to implement – as this could risk undoing work which has already been agreed in the AQAP

TL advised that realistically the earliest the event could be organised would be late Spring 2020 and this would depend on the availability of the Parish Hall.

Action To hold a public information / awareness event in Braunton.

Organisation DCC / NDC / BPC

Timeframe Spring / Summer 2020.

Action TL to liaise with DCC and NDC regarding the detail of such an exercise, and arrange a potentially suitable date and venue.

Organisation BPC

Timeframe January 2020

Next Meeting Date – 1230 – 1430 – Wednesday 12 February 2020