

COLCHESTER LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	PRESENT:	
Date: 29 January 2013	Panel Members: CC Member Anne Brown (Chair), Colchester Cllr Martin Hunt (Chair), CC Member Margaret Fisher, CC Member Lyn Barton, CC Member Kevin Bentley CC Member Julie Young, Colchester Cllr William Quince, Colchester Cllr Lesley Scott-Boutell, Parish Cllr John Gili-Ross	
Venue: Grand Jury Room, Colchester Town Hall		
Public Meeting		
Apologies: CC Member Penny Channer	Other Attendees: ECC Officer Alan Lindsay Principal Area Transportation Co-ordinator, ECC Officer Rob Macdonald Highways Liaison Officer, ECC Officer Bev Sargeant Senior Customer Services Officer, ECC Cycling Officer, Rosemary Wilkins	
Item:	Action:	Action Owner:
1.	Welcome and Introductions: Chair Cllr Anne Brown opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the public meeting.	
2.	Declarations of Interest: None.	
3.	Minutes of meeting held on 19 September 2012: Panel members agreed as correct record and the following issues were raised: Elmstead Road, Wivenhoe, Footway from Colchester Road to Feedhams Close As the costs for this proposed scheme were uncertain due to the involvement of a lengthy and expensive compulsory purchase order process, panel members previously agreed to remove this from the schemes list. However, as Cllr Julie Young was unable to attend this meeting and therefore was not given the opportunity to comment it was agreed that this scheme would be reinstated on the list for further consideration.	Rob Macdonald

4.	<p>Public Question Time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Dave Harris, Councillor for Berechurch – School Road, Monkwick – Safety of School Children – Request for extension of railings • Cllr Marcus Harrington, Councillor for West Bergholt– Heathlands School, Traffic Safety Plan • Cllr Harry Stone, Councillor for West Bergholt – Heathlands School, Traffic Safety Plan <p>The above speakers all spoke for 3 minutes each on their particular proposal and put forward a very strong case for consideration of panel members.</p>	
5.	<p>Cycling Schemes: Cycling Officer, Rosemary Wilkins (RW), in attendance.</p> <p><u>Update on schemes previously agreed</u></p> <p>Marks Tey Station, Cycle Storage no longer required as already completed and funded by National Express East Anglia as part of the National Stations Improvement Programme. £15,000 returned to the pot.</p> <p>Cllr Gili-Ross asked where the proposed Bergholt Road, Braiswick to North Station cycle route would begin and end. RW advised that although not yet specific points this will be along Bergholt Road and link up to improvements already in place along this route.</p> <p>Cllr Kevin Bentley stated that rural areas require cycle paths and referred to Mersea Island upto the Berechurch area which is heavily used by both locals and tourists. Cllr Lyn Barton supported the Mersea cycle route.</p> <p>RW to obtain outline costs and come back on the Colchester cycle schemes in 6 weeks time prior to the end of this financial year.</p> <p>RW handed out to panel members a list of proposed Colchester cycling schemes. Panel members requested a location map and RW agreed to send this to them via email.</p> <p>Cllr Julie Young referred to the University car park development and said there was no progress in pursuing the North Wivenhoe to the University cycle path and requested an update. RW advised that the funds were due to be transferred to ECC on 31/01/2013 following which the final design could then be completed. RW to email this update to Cllr Lesley Scott-Boutell.</p> <p>Panel members requested officers to prioritise cycle schemes and bring back to next meeting.</p>	<p>Rosemary Wilkins</p> <p>Rosemary Wilkins</p> <p>Rosemary Wilkins</p> <p>Rob Macdonald</p>

6.	<p>Tiptree Parish Council Schemes/Household Surveys</p> <p>At previous meeting officers were requested to contact Tiptree PC regarding 2 of their schemes currently on the list to ascertain which would be their priority. Tiptree responded that following a survey of households living on the Ransom Road, Tiptree 78% of households were in favour of blocking off the junction completely and making Ransom Road a cul-de-sac with pedestrian access only onto Church Road.</p> <p>This proposal is not one of the Tiptree schemes already on the list and as such being a new request this is currently undergoing the required validation process to determine whether this would be a deliverable scheme.</p> <p>As Tiptree PC was not present at this public meeting Cllr Martin Hunt suggested that Tiptree PC be invited to attend the next meeting to prioritise their proposals for consideration. Rob Macdonald to send invite.</p>	Rob Macdonald
7.	<p>Potential Schemes for consideration of the Panel:</p> <p>Rob Macdonald advised that a remaining budget of £235,470 was left for this financial year and informed panel members that the following schemes had been cancelled:</p> <p>Tulip Walk/Forest Road, Colchester (£2,000) Scheme to provide seat at bus stop unfeasible following detailed land investigations.</p> <p>Ireton Road/Maldon Road, Colchester (£3,000) Proposed bus stop improvement unachievable at existing location following detailed site investigations and unable to be relocated due to locations of dropped kerb access to properties and proximity to next and previous bus stop.</p> <p>Elmwood Avenue, Colchester (£3,000) Minor maintenance works required to address problem on site following detailed site investigations.</p> <p>Cllr Julie Young challenged the decision to cancel the Tulip Walk scheme. It was agreed that further clarification was required and bring back to next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Lyn Barton requested further information regarding cancellation of the Elmwood Avenue scheme and to bring back to next meeting.</p>	<p>Rob Macdonald</p> <p>Rob Macdonald</p>

'Green' Improvement Schemes:

Scheme:	Estimated Cost:	Action:
Halstead Road, Stanway	£75,000	Removed from list as work being progressed as part of the development
West Bergholt – around Heathlands School – New Church Road	£34,200	Agreed
West Bergholt – around Heathlands School – School Lane	£13,200	Agreed
Fiveways Junction, Stanway	£25,000	Agreed
Wood Lane Junction with Fiddlers Hill, Fordham Heath	£50,000	Agreed
The junction of Glen Avenue and A133 Cymbeline Way Colchester	£38,000	Agreed subject to no issues surrounding the sensitive nature of the removal of the trees.
Wivenhoe High Street (Quay End)	£10,000	Agreed
Villa Road, Stanway	£5,000	Agreed
School Road, Monkwick	£20,000	Agreed

'Amber' Improvement Schemes:

Scheme:	Estimated Cost:	Action:
The Strood, connecting Mersea Island to the mainland	£3,000	Agreed
Colne Causeway/Tesco roundabout	£19,000	Agreed

Dyers Road	£6,000	£4,000 provisionally agreed previously a further £2,000 now agreed
Baronia Croft in Highwoods	£3,000	Agreed

'Green' Small Works:

Scheme:	Estimated Cost:	Action:
Tilehouse Lane from the A134 – Direction Sign	£500	Agreed
Lexden Road – School warning signs and slow markings	£700	Agreed
Chapel Road, West Bergholt – School warning signs and slow markings	£700	Agreed
Gazelle Court and Hunters Ridge junctions with Chinook – replace sign, warning sign	£1,000	Agreed

'Amber' Small Works

Scheme:	Estimated Cost:	Action:
Fingringhoe Road, Langenhoe – direction signs	£500	Agreed
Salcott – no through road signs	£500	Agreed
London Road, Stanway – speed survey	£200	Agreed

Estimated Delivery Timescales:

Alan Lindsay advised that the Scheme Programme List showed the best current estimates for delivery of all approved schemes.

6.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Cllr Gili-Ross agreed to write to the parish councillors who participated in this meeting's Question Time to advise them of the action taken in respect of their proposals.</p>	Cllr Gili-Ross
7.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>21 March 2013 – 6pm Grand Jury Room</p>	