

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COWAL TRANSPORT FORUM HELD BY MICROSOFT TEAMS  
ON TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2023**

**Present:** Councillor Daniel Hampsey (Chair)  
Councillor Audrey Forrest  
Councillor Ross Moreland  
Councillor William Sinclair  
Melissa Stewart, Governance Officer



make a judgement on their travel arrangements. She also enquired about the £20 book of tickets and where those could be purchased from. In response Captain McLundie

Alan also hopes to meet with Calmac to discuss ticketing and concessions.

This follows a trial in the Scottish Borders council area which was run with input from experts from Edinburgh Napier University, who carried out an independent evaluation from 125 survey sites over 97 settlements.

They found vehicle speeds have reduced in almost all settlements, in some instances by 6mph, with an average reduction closer to 3mph.

To support the national decision making process an assessment of the road network

people, consider existing and potential levels of vulnerable road users)

Will the road environment, surrounding environment, community and quality of life impact (e.g. severance, noise, or air quality) be improved by implementing 20mph speed limits.

### **Assessment**

The steps we will take to conduct the assessment will include:

The forum noted the update.

## **7. POLICE SCOTLAND**

Sgt Eddie McGunnigal updated the forum on the Speed Watch campaign and invited community councils to meet with him individually or together to discuss this. He also spoke regarding another initiative which involved 30mph signs for wheelie bins and informed the Forum that officers were conducting speed checks in the area, focusing on where there were complaints.

The Forum discussed speed limits at Sandbank and why the 40 mph zone could not extend fully into Sandbank but instead increased and reduced after the garage.

### **Outcome**

Sgt McGunnigal agreed to raise concerns about speeding after 6pm on the A815 into Sandbank with the Traffic Department.

## **8. TRANSPORT SCOTLAND**

A written update was received on behalf of Transport Scotland which was read by the Chair.

### **Outcome**

The Forum noted that there are no major works planned on the A83.

## **9. TIMBER TRANSPORT GROUP**

Iain Catterwell advised that there was no update at this time but that he was happy to respond to any questions.

Councillor Sinclair asked if there was progress on a voluntary 20mph zone at Sandbank by drivers. In response, Iain advised that it was a matter for hauliers but that their view was they were legally driving to conditions.

Kirstie Reid, Strachur Community Council, raised an issue with a pinch point that made it difficult for 2 large vehicles to pass on the road together. Iain invited Kirstie to get in touch with him to discuss this as it might be possible to fund from Timber Transport Funding for road improvements.

## **10. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Chair thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting and the Group noted that the Committee Manager would circulate a calendar invite for a meeting, possibly week beginning 8 May 2023 but that it may be the following week to avoid a clash with the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group.