

Minute of Meeting Petitions Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 29 January 2018	10:00	Corporate Meeting Room 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present

Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor, Councillor Michelle Campbell, Councillor Neill Graham, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Jim Sharkey, Councillor Andy Steel

Chair

Councillor Adam-McGregor, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

D McNab Transportation Manager (Environment and Communities); and P Shiach Committee Services Officer (Finance & Resources).

Apologies

Councillors Bill Brown and Scott Kerr.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hughes declared a non-financial interest in item 1 of the agenda as she had an involvement with the petitioner and indicated that it was her intention to leave the meeting and not to take part in the discussion thereon.

1 Petition: Traffic Calming, Newmains Road, Renfrew

Under reference to item 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 8 November 2017, there was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the petition on traffic concerns on Newmains Road, Paisley, submitted by Mrs Lang. The Petitioner had previously advised that she would not be in attendance at the meeting.

The petition had been considered at the meeting of the former Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board held on 28 November 2016 when it had been agreed that consideration of the petition be continued pending further discussions with Police Scotland. The petition was then considered at meetings of this Board held on 7 June, 30 August and 8 November 2017 when it was agreed that the matter be continued further to allow driver feedback signs (DFS) to be installed on Newmains Road, Renfrew for a second time for a period of two weeks as two years had elapsed since the signs had previously been installed. The Head of Amenity Services had previously advised that he was aware of speeding complaints on Newmains Road, Renfrew. Speed measurements had been carried out previously on this length of road and average speeds were recorded up to 27mph. An accident analysis had been carried out which showed no evidence of any injury accidents in the latest three-year period. There had not been an injury accident on Newmains Road since 2012.

The Head of Amenity Services had previously advised that the results from the Driver Feedback Signs (DFS) that had been out in January 2016 showed an 85% speed at 32mph, and had indicated that there was unlikely to be a speeding issue.

Following the meeting of this Board held on 7 June 2017 Police Scotland had advised the Transportation Manager that traffic police had been out on Newmains Road from 8 August until 31 August 2017 and no speeding issue had been identified.

At the meeting of this Board held on 8 November 2017 the Head of Amenity Services had advised that following the traffic police observations, Police Scotland had indicated that they had not identified any speeding issues on Newmains Road. However, they also indicated that because no suitable place could be identified for their equipment, observations had been carried out by officers standing at the roadside in high visibility jackets. They would have been very visible to drivers and it is possible that this would have affected driver behaviour at that time.

The Transportation Manager advised that Driver Feedback Signs had been installed for a second time in December 2017 had shown an 85% speed at 32mph. These results did not identify a speeding issue and therefore there were no plans for any traffic calming measures.

DECIDED: That no further action be taken with regard to the petition.

Recording of Dissent

Councillor Sharkey requested that his dissent be recorded in terms of Standing Order 24.