

**Minutes of meeting on 18th June 2015,
Civic Offices, Swindon**

Chair:

Ray Conneely (**RC**)

Massey Wilcox Transport Ltd

Present:

Ian Gallagher (**IG**)

Freight Transport Association

Laura Gosling (**LG**)

Wiltshire Council

Kingsley Hampton (**KH**)

Wiltshire Council

David Williams (**DW**)

Wiltshire Police

Philip Martlew (**PM**)

Swindon Borough Council

Katie Fielding (**KF**)

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils

Rob Murphy (**RM**)

Wiltshire Council

Apologies:

Barry Hood

Road Haulage Association

Rachel Sandy

Highways England

Item

Action

1. **Apologies**

As above

2. **Minutes of meeting on 12th February 2015**

The minutes of the meeting dated 12th February were agreed.

3. **Matters Arising**

The Range application is delayed following discovery of an ancient scheduled monument on the site.

Item **Action**

4. **Freight Update Wiltshire**

B4069 Draycot Cerne to Lyneham

The roadworks on the A350 have now been completed so the temporary weight restriction that was in place on the B4069 for the duration of the works is no longer in operation. Further monitoring of HGVs on the route will be undertaken later in the year.

A361 – Seend to Littleton Fork

Further monitoring will be undertaken, hopefully before the summer holidays, to assess the impact of the HGV signage that was erected last summer.

Wynsome Street, Trowbridge

Atkins has now completed their Technical Note on the findings of the freight study. It concludes that Wynsome Street is an appropriate route for freight in comparison to the A361 through Trowbridge and the use and function of the route should not be changed. However, as Wynsome Street is not strictly part of the PRN, any incorrect directional signs that have been identified will be replaced with white backed signs once the existing signs are due for renewal.

Freight Assessment and Priority Mechanism (FAPM)

Wiltshire Council are proposing a change to the FAPM process to ensure that all routes that are assessed reflect the top freight priorities of each Community Area in Wiltshire. A report outlining the changes is due to be considered by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport shortly.

Dinas Hollow, C13 ongoing. Dorset CC looking into making it the Primary route. **IG** to send options paper. **IG**

5. **Freight Update Swindon**

PM gave an update.





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- Changes to the Weight Limit at Merlin Way as a result of objections due to unintended consequences of diverted traffic.
- Plans for improved direction signing for freight
- Report on visit to Howard Tenens site in Swindon – focus on warehousing rather than transport.
- Community Speedwatch and Lorry Watch - **DW** update on revised management of CSW at Wiltshire Police.

6. SEP/Local Transport Body

Following updates at previous meetings, **RM** provided a brief summary on the devolution of major transport scheme funding, firstly through Local Transport Bodies (including the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Transport Body) and now through the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership Board (as set out in the Swindon and Wiltshire Strategic Economic Plan). **RM** then outlined three Wiltshire Council schemes which had recently been progressed through the SWLTB:

- A350 Chippenham Bypass Improvement – Bumpers Farm
- A429 Malmesbury (Dyson) Improvements
- A350 Yarnbrook/West Ashton Relief Road

PM highlighted Swindon schemes focussed on Eastern Villages development and also upgrades at M4 J15 and M4 J16.

7. Update from the Freight industry

IG provided an update –

Driver shortage – FTA in talks with DWP

Fuel Price – Pleased with 0.49% increase. FTA produced evidence to demonstrate fuel price savings could be passed on to job creation.

Devolution Bill – City & Local Government Bill

License counterparts – License checks via companies is being externalised



Item	Action
Road User Levy – KH questioned impact, IG to investigate	
8. FQP Terms of Group	
KH to advertise voting as per ToG	
9. Any other business	
RC spoke about driver shortage	
10. Date and venue of next meeting	
Date set for 10.30 a.m. Thursday 8th October 2015 at Monkton Room, Monkton Park, <u>Chippenham</u>	KH