

**Minutes of meeting on 12th June 2014,  
Wat Tyler House, Swindon**

**Chair:**

Ray Conneely (RC)

Massey Wilcox Transport Ltd

**Present:**

Mike Moore (MM)

Road Haulage Association

Ian Gallagher (IG)

Freight Transport Association

Philip Martlew (PM)

Swindon Borough Council

Bob Sanders (BS)

Swindon Borough Council

Laura Gosling (LG)

Wiltshire Council

Kingsley Hampton (KH)

Wiltshire Council

Andrew Saxton (AS)

Wiltshire Council

Suzanne Coles (SC)

Swindon Borough Council

Craig Hardy (CH)

Wiltshire Police

Rob Murphy (RM)

Wiltshire Council

Steve Burns (SB)

Hills Waste Solutions Ltd

Phil Young (PY)

Forward Swindon

**Apologies:**

Gaye Fairfield

Highways Agency

Carolyn Lightfoot

Wiltshire Council

Thomas Hutchinson

Wiltshire Council

Colin Davis

Aggregate Industries

Alan Kyne

Wiltshire Police

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**1. Apologies**

As above

**2. Minutes of meeting on 28th of February 2013**

The minutes of the meeting dated 28th February were agreed.

**3. Matters Arising**

**MM** requested an update on the various B&NES HGV proposals. **KH** indicated that B&NES have recently launched their new transport strategy '[Getting Around Bath](#)'. As part of this strategy an [online consultation](#) has been launched which Wiltshire Council intend to respond to.

**KH**

**RC** requested an update on the Lorry Watch scheme. A summary will be



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distributed with these minutes.	<b>KH</b>
<b>4. Freight Update Wiltshire</b>	
<b>Freight Studies</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• B4069 Draycot Cerne to Lyneham update</li></ul>	
<p><b>LG</b> updated the partnership on the bridge works at Dauntsey Lock which is due for completion by August 2014. A temporary weight restriction is currently in place on the B4069 to prevent diverted traffic from the A350 using this route. The temporary restriction is due to be in place throughout the A350 widening works.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A361 Seend to Littleton Fork</li></ul>	
<p><b>LG</b> provided an update on the A361 Seend signage stating that this was imminent. (signs erected w/c 7/7/14)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• B3107 Holt Freight Study</li></ul>	
<p><b>LG</b> stated that Wiltshire's term consults Atkins were about to be publish report on Holt. <b>LG</b> to update at next meeting.</p>	<b>LG</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A350</li></ul>	
<p><b>LG</b> reported that temporary diversions for the A350 widening works will be in place and include occasional road closures over an 18 month period. Routing for HGVs will be via the A46. Details are provided with these minutes.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wynsome Street</li></ul>	
<p>An update was provided on last year's FAPM priority which is Wynsome Street in Southwick. Atkins are currently undertaking scoping for the study to further understand current movements of traffic and the relationship of signage and alternative routes.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Long Street</li></ul>	
<p><b>KH</b> gave a brief update on a community driven and funded scoping study for Long Street in Devizes. Long Street did not feature as a priority in the FAPM list but the local community have decided that they will self fund investigations. Concern was noted by members of the FQP. Update will be provided at next FQP.</p>	<b>KH</b>



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**FAPM**

**LG** raised the issue of a complaint received about the FAPM mechanism and requested the FQP's decision on the relevance and possibility of amendment. The complaint featured around the following areas:

- Speed – Should use any available local metro count data. **CH** suggested that Community Speed Watch data could also be used. FQP resolved to maintain current practice but use CSW/Metro data where route characteristics, such as speed limit and road width are the same at the count site.
- Sensitive Receptors – 100m rule should be increased so that more services in rural areas are picked up in the assessment; an example of a school in a rural area was given. FQP suggested that this would benefit urban areas and should not be changed. It was also noted that safety concerns are already picked up elsewhere in the FAPM assessment.
- Narrowings – Minimum/ maximum specification should be set. FQP stated that this is dependent on topography and verge width and should not be amended.

**5. Freight Update Swindon**

- **Merlin Way 7.5 tonne weight restriction**

**BS**

**BS** gave an update on the Merlin Way (Covingham, Swindon) 7.5 tonne weight restriction and the proposal to continue the Experimental Traffic Order. There was discussion on the implications to the freight sector and business generally. It was agreed that the FQP would write a letter of support in rescinding the weight restriction to the Cabinet Member. Post meeting note – the date for receiving comments in respect of the advertisement had passed by the date of the meeting.

**6. NEC Commercial Vehicle Show**

**PY** gave an overview of Forward Swindon and detailed their attendance at the NEC Commercial Vehicle Show and Forward Swindon's involvement in promoting Swindon to the freight sector. There was discussion on the importance of the freight and distribution sector to the local economy and further promotion by Forward Swindon to the sector. Also discussion on the issue of overnight freight parking facilities in Swindon and the future of the TruckStop at Stratton.

**7. Update from the Freight industry**

- **IG** and **MM** gave an update from the industry on a number of items,



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including:

- VOSA replaced by DVSA
- Consultation on speed limits – announcement imminent
- Exeter are considering a number of LEZ
- 1<sup>st</sup> of October sees the abolition of the ‘Tax Disc’
- Biggest change is that taxation will not be transferrable
- 35 hours driver CPC needed as of September
- VOSA testing suggests 30% less 7.5t than last year
- FTA investigating system with DVSA which will allow ‘digital’ points to be placed on drivers licence.
- **MM** requested policy on Wiltshire [20mph speed limits](#)

**8. LEP/ SEP**

**RM** gave an overview of the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Transport Body (see <http://ww5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=940>) and the Swindon and Wiltshire Strategic Economic Plan which was submitted to the Government at the end of March 2014 (see <http://www.swlep.biz/news/150>).

**9. FQP Terms of Group**

The delivery and format of the FQP was raised and the election process considered. **RC** has suggested that the process needs to be more defined and has requested this be amended **KH** to action. **KH** asked if members were happy with both the format and the frequency of the meetings. Members responded that the current format and frequency should be kept and that members from industry should be sought. **IG & MM** have offered to promote from within their respective membership. FQP requested that Parish Council representative should be sought. Election process if agreed will take place at October meeting.

**KH**

**10. Any other business**

**MM** raised awareness of Hinkley Point C construction and expressed that the building works will generate a significant (25'000 people on site) level of freight traffic through the region.

**MM** stated that this would be his last FQP as he is leaving his post with the RHA. Members of the FQP would like to thank Mike for his invaluable contribution to the group since its inception. Mike's presence within the group will be greatly missed and all members of the FQP would like to extend our wishes to Mike for the future.



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13. **Current Roadwork's in Wiltshire & Swindon:**  
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwayspavements/roadworks.htm>  
See below link for roadwork's in Swindon:  
<http://www.swindon.gov.uk/ts/ts-roadshighways/Pages/ts-roadshighways-roadclosureslist.aspx>

14. **Date and venue of next meeting**

Date set for 10.30 a.m. Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Trowbridge.

