

Woodhill Residents Group

Minutes of Meeting held at Bishopbriggs Academy Wednesday 27 January 2010

PRESENT (Alphabetical order)

David Devine (Head of Roads and Neighbourhood Services)
Councillor Gordan Low
Donald Macdonald (Chairman)
Mark MacDonald (Representing Jo Swinson MP)
Councillor Alan Moir

Jackie Mullin (Vice Chairman)
Inspector J O'Neill (Strathclyde Police)
David Russell (Technician – Traffic)
Wilma Scott (Secretary/Treasurer)
David Whitton MSP

APOLOGIES

An apology was received on behalf of Councillor Michael O'Donnell and from Mark MacDonald on behalf of Jo Swinson MP.

WELCOME

Donald opened the meeting by welcoming residents of Menteith Avenue, together with from surrounding streets. He then welcomed the invited guests and introduced both them and members of the Group's Executive Committee to the meeting.

MENTEITH AVENUE

Donald gave a brief background to the purpose of the meeting which was to discuss the traffic management issues in Menteith Avenue and the surrounding streets. In turn each guest was invited to speak and to answer questions from the floor. Although at times the discussion was somewhat heated, it was acknowledged by all present that this had been productive.

Conclusions were reached as follows.

Roads and Neighbourhood Services

It was agreed that a further survey of pedestrian movements would be carried out. This would include the increase in school pupil movements down the avenue. (It has to be emphasised that the "movements" are based only on those pedestrians wishing to **cross** the avenue. This does not include those pedestrians who wished to cross the roads entering into the avenue eg Sunart Gardens.)

It was agreed that criteria used to put Menteith Avenue in seventh place of "priorities" would be conveyed to the "local resident group" (yet to be appointed)

It was agreed that the "local resident group" would be given the locations of the six "priorities" ahead of them in order to visit them if they so wished. They would also be informed of the criteria which had been used to effect this.

It was agreed that the location at which the survey of pedestrians would be carried out would be on the advice of a "local resident group".

It was agreed that the location of the **new** vehicle activation speed sign would be taken on advice from the "local resident group". (It should be noted, however, that the installation of this sign, which included a solar panel and trickle charging, would be dependent on an adjacent lighting column.)

It was agreed that the "rumble" strips should be reinstated.

It was agreed that investigation would take place to source other possible **inexpensive** methods of slowing down vehicles.

It was agreed that a meeting would be set up with the “local resident Group” and officers of the Roads and Neighbourhood Services when details were available. This information would be passed on by the Secretary/Treasurer.

Strathclyde Police

It was agreed by the meeting that Menteith Avenue should have the reputation of one area “where not to speed”. This would be effected by increased random police enforcement. (It was intended that over a six month period there would be increased enforcement on inconsiderate and dangerous drivers ie on speeding, using mobile telephones, running red lights, etc. Publicity on this initiative would appear in the local press shortly.)

It was agreed that members of the “local resident group” would have the opportunity to accompany officers using appropriate “speed” equipment. They would have the opportunity to see for themselves the “actual” speed of motorists and not what might be the “perceived” speed of motorists.

It was agreed that residents would be directly kept up to date regarding current and future policing in the locality. (Information regarding e-mail addresses and home addresses should be passed on to Inspector O’Neill by the Secretary/Treasurer.)

It was agreed that evidence of dangerous vehicle movement on the avenue should be passed to the local police station on telephone number 0141 204 5855. The caller information required would be name, address of individual reporting, together with any other relevant information. All calls would be returned, followed up and action taken where appropriate.

GENERAL

At the conclusion of the evening the following individuals were approached and agreed to join the “local resident group”. These are Morag Murphy, Charlie Griffiths and David Watson. This information will be passed on to the officers in Roads and Neighbourhood Services.

Next Meeting

It was decided that the “local resident group” should report back to the next meeting of Woodhill Residents Group due to be held on Monday 15 February 2010 at which time a date for a further meeting would be discussed.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm.