

**MINUTES OF THE
SELWYN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE
HELD IN MEETING ROOM 1
AT THE SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS ROLLESTON
ON THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2016
COMMENCED AT 9.30 AM**

1. COMMITTEE

Councillors N Reid (Chairperson) and B Mugford, Senior Sergeant P Stills (NZ Police), and Mr R Taylor (NZ Trucking Association).

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs N Tinning (SDC Road Safety Coordinator), Mr A Mazey (SDC Transportation Manager), Cr M Alexander, Mrs J Harkerss (Secretary) and Mr J McKim (Weedons Residents Association).

3. APOLOGIES

Mr D Boyce (NZ Trucking Association), Mr M Washington (SDC Asset Manager), Ms C Simpson (AA) and Mr M Chamberlain (Roading Engineer).

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr J McKim, Chairperson of the Weedons Residents Association spoke to the meeting about concerns for the safety of road users, in particular trucks and cyclists with regard to speed, width and deterioration of local roads in the area. The residents association has lobbied for a law change so that cyclists have to ride in single file. They would like the Council to reduce the speed limit on these local roads to 80km/h. They have also discussed their concerns with a number of trucking association members including Fonterra. Mr McKim believes that a reduction in speed on these local roads will see less wear and tear with improved safety.

Mr McKim noted that the residents association had had several communications with Council in the past with a distinct lack of response. Meanwhile contact made with the Police has resulted in pleasing responses.

Mr McKim reported that the residents association had had an informative meeting with the southern motorway contractors and NZTA, noting that they have been offered an open door approach if they have any concerns while the motorway is being constructed.

Councils Transportation Manager advised that when a speed limit is changed it has to comply with NZTA speed limit criteria and involves a reasonably timely process. He advised that the roads involved would not meet this criteria. When the motorway construction begins Council may be able to integrate a speed reduction to coincide with the construction.

The NZ Trucking Association representative suggested asking if trucks accessing Izone could use one road going south and another going north. It was agreed that this could ease the problems and was worth suggesting.

Mr McKim requested an email response with the outcome.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Road Safety Subcommittee held in the Selwyn District Council Headquarters, Rolleston on Thursday 18 August 2016

Moved – Councillor Reid /Seconded – Councillor Mugford

‘That the minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Selwyn District Road Safety Subcommittee held on Thursday 18 August 2016 be taken as read as there are no committee members from the previous meeting in attendance with voting rights.’

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 18 FEBRUARY 2016

- 7.1 Senior Sergeant Stills noted that the message he was trying to enforce was that if the sign says 40 then don't do more than 40. The signs are there for a safety reason so slow down. Signs are an indication that there is a change to what may have been there before and motorists have to change.

8. MEMBERS REPORT TO THE ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN

SDC Road Safety Co-ordinator noted that she had made a few changes to the Road Safety Action Plan reported at the previous meeting.

Alcohol

- 8.1 SDC: The drink/drive campaign is about to commence. Information has been distributed to Hotels and Clubs. A more serious message has been used this year. Crash statistics show 19% of injury crashes are caused by alcohol compared with 13% last year. There have been three fatalities compared with nine the previous year, 12 non injury compared with 177 last year. These statistics highlight that there is an issue with this data. An update to be provided for the next meeting.

- 8.2 Police: National campaign is being launched in December. Locally licensing hours are an issue.

Intersections

- 8.3 SDC: Nothing to report. Campaign not due to start until February / March next year.

- 8.4 Police: Ongoing enforcement as intersections are the biggest policing risk.

Motorcycles

- 8.5 SDC: As per report. Feedback from the annual motorcycle event, Kickstart, has been positive.
- 8.6 NZ Trucking Assn: Were in attendance with the "Share the Road with Big Trucks" promotion which was also very well received.

Distraction

- 8.7 SDC: Drive Phone Free campaign went well. A survey was taken during the campaign with a higher percentage of respondents indicating that they support cell phones being banned than was recorded when the survey was conducted previously.
- 8.8 NZ Trucking Assn: There is more distraction of late with people rubbernecking at road work sites.
- 8.9 Cr: Fog has been an issue in Malvern recently.

Driver Fatigue

- 8.10 SDC: A short campaign was held prior to Labour weekend through to Show weekend.
- 8.11 Cr: There is a high probability that there will be more fatigue due to the longer trip to / from Picton Ferry due to the closure of SH 1 as a result of the Kaikoura earthquake. SDC to liaise with NZTA Safer Journeys Co-ordinator.

Loss of Control

- 8.12 SDC: Will be piggybacking off Police / NZTA campaign during January.

Mature Drivers

- 8.13 SDC: The next mature drivers course will be held over the February / March / April period.

Young Drivers

- 8.14 SDC: A debrief to be held with those involved in the recent Mentoring Drivers course.

The Leading Learners course is still very popular, with one more course to be held in January.

- 8.15 Police: The Mentor Driving course has been very well received.

Youth Road Safety

- 8.16 SDC: Council has appointed Stephanie Hautler to the role of School Road Safety Advisor. Stephanie takes up this position shortly and will be present at the next meeting.

There are two new schools opening in the new year which will create new issues. The bulk of the roll at these schools will come from Rolleston.

Police: The majority of issues faced by the Police are from year 12 and 13 students, not the parents. The schools have requested police presence at the start of the year to develop a rapport with the pupils.

Transportation Mgr: Have had issues with MoE in regard to upgrades required at the school sites. These are being worked through.

Other Safer Journeys Activities

8.17 SDC: As per Road Safety Action Plan.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS

9.1 SDC: As tabled.

Moved R Taylor / Seconded Cr B Mugford

"That all reports be received for information"

CARRIED

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 SDC Road Safety Co-ordinator attended a Rail Safety Workshop and found it to be very interesting. A campaign will be run next year. The police reported that the majority of deaths at rail crossings in Selwyn are a result of suicide.

10.2 Cr Mugford reported that he has been receiving phone calls regarding windrows being left after grading. These are being referred to the Help Line for actioning.

A request was made for statistics on crashes in relation to our narrow roads. It was noted that this information was previously supplied by the NZTA representative. We are actively seeking their presence at our meetings.

Meeting closed 11.00am

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16 February 2017

Chairperson

Date