

Bromley Borough Road Safety Consultative Panel

Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 13th March at the Civic Centre

Present:

John Harvey	PE	Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Graham Savage	BH	Biggin Hill RA
James Rowe	BR	Beadon Road
Barry Wood	CS	Chislehurst Society
Tony Exeter	KM	Keston Mark & Bromley Common Village RA
Miriam Harris	KR	Knoll RA
John Watkins	OSPC	Old St. Pauls Cray RA
Peter Daintree	PA	Park Avenue RA
Jane Morley	PF	Penge Forum
Ron March	SU	Sundridge RA
Mike East	WW	West Wickham RA
Val Currie	LBB	Road Safety Officer
Laura Squires	LBB	Traffic & Road Safety Manager
Catherine Linney	MET	Met. Police

1 Apologies:

Zoe Telford **NB**, John Eveson **CRA20ten**, Victoria Miller **SR**, Derek Cookson **SU**, Kerry Judd **DR**.

2 Minutes of Last meeting

Minutes signed, as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

4 Police officer's report

Penge Community impact day was successful resulting in a number of Fixed penalty notices for no insurance, no MOT, no seatbelt and excess speed. One arrest was made and one vehicle seized.

Roadwatch continues and Officers are making use of the large vehicle activated speed signs.

Along with other ad hoc locations, speed has been enforced in Worsley Bridge Road, Leasons Hill and Park Ave, Bromley.

A serious collision occurred on 12th Nov 2017 in Jewels Hill, Biggin Hill, when a cyclist hit a bus whilst trying to negotiate a tight bend.

A fatal collision occurred on 10th Nov 2017 when a car pulled out of Uplands, Beckenham, into the path of a motorcyclist in Village Way.

I have been liaising with TfL regarding safety in Tweedy Road re the Bromley North, Tweedy Road/Mitchell Way scheme.

5 Road Safety Officer's Report

Community Action Day at St Paul's Cray primary School

RSO's joined this event and checked children's car seats. 4 seats were not fitted correctly and one parent wasn't wearing his seatbelt.

Police Stops

Kent House Road and Leasons Hill Wed. 23rd November '17

AM RSO's met the Traffic Team in Kent House Road Beckenham. The officers had issued two tickets for speeding prior to our team arriving, however there were no more stops after the RSO's arrived.

A local resident who had requested enforcement on Kent House Road thanked the RSO's and the police for their time.

PM the team transferred to Leasons Hill in Orpington, stopping traffic in both directions.

The results for Leasons Hill were:

UP HILL

16 vehicles were stopped

12 for speeding – 8 tickets given

4 for no seatbelt

1 no MOT and bald tyre

DOWN HILL

9 vehicles stopped all for speeding – 5 tickets given

1 tested positive for cannabis

New Road Safety Poster locations:

Witham Road (20mph)

Thicket Road

Rushmore Hill

Oakley Road

Glassmill Lane

Farnborough Hill

Marlings Park Avenue

Beck Lane

Green Lane

Heathfield Lane

D by C events:

Coopers Feb'18 CANCELLED due to snow

Hayes June'18

Darwin June'18

Langley Boys July'18

Static Camera's, present locations and PCN's issued:

2.01.18 – 9.02.18 School PCNs issued	Count
BALGOWAN ROAD, BECKENHAM (Balgowan School)	38
BEAVERWOOD ROAD, CHISLEHURST (Chislehurst Girls School)	55
FELMINGHAM ROAD, PENGE (The pioneer School)	21
KENT HOUSE ROAD, BECKENHAM (Alexandra Infant School)	8
TOWNCOURT LANE, PETTS WOOD (Crofton Junior School)	53
Grand Total	175

These cameras can be relocated to any school in the borough upon request.

JTA competitions

“Give It Some Welly”, the idea was to design a pair of welly's that help you to be seen in the darker conditions traveling to and from school after the clocks have gone back. This was for both key stages in the schools we just asked for a little more detail from Key stage 2, and asked about the different materials that show up best in the dark gloomy weather. Both Key Stages were asked to come up with their most colourful and brightest creations using a template of a welly.

The winners were as follows:

Key Stage 1

- St Pauls Cray – Highly Commended
- Perry Hall - Winner

Keys Stage 2

- Red Hill - Highly Commended
- Unicorn - Winner

The winners received a bowling voucher for the Pavilion and all four received £50 grant for their school to spend on travel related activities.

The JTA's latest competition was called “Teddy Travels”, again for both Key Stages. The aim of this competition was for the children to write a poem about how Teddy travels to and from school, with a Road Safety theme.

The winners were as follows:

Key Stage 1

- Unicorn School, who will receive a £50 grant for the school and a voucher for the Build a Bear shop.

Keys Stage 2

- St Paul's School, who will receive a £50 grant for the school and a Glades voucher.

The top 3 entries of each key stage will receive a JTA Teddy Bear.

In February the JTA's held their Mid-Year Meeting at Bromley Central Library, where the JTA teams presented to the other teams all the activities that they had carried out including their initiatives to get people out of their cars and

making journeys to school on foot, by bike, scooter or public transport. The children really are making a difference, regarding 'Mode Shift'.

RS and Traffic Team successes

Between 2001 and 2015 the number of people killed or seriously injured on Bromley's roads fell from 197 to 77.

Despite being the largest London Borough geographically, with the greatest length of highway and joint highest car ownership levels, Bromley has the lowest KSI stats per square mile and per KM of public road of any 'comparable' London Borough (Croydon, Enfield, Havering, Hillingdon, Barnet).

Bromley has a team of 6 highly experienced and knowledgeable Road Safety Officers with unparalleled local knowledge, each assigned to particular schools.

Road Safety Education reaches approximately 30,000 pupils a year from pre-school to 18. In addition to all other age groups.

RSOs deliver Road Safety Education in a variety of formats on subjects as broad as;

- Speeding
- Drink and drug driving
- Mobile phones, distractions and passenger responsibility
- Vulnerable road users
- Vehicle offences and 'nuisance' cycling.
- Legalities of driving including learning to drive and maintenance
- Mopeds and motorbikes
- Pedestrian training and independent travel for SEN pupils
- Older driver sessions
- Police stops
- Monitoring and installation of road safety signs
- Collision and casualty data
- Consistent monitoring and evaluation on all work including follow up surveys

Car use on the school run in Bromley has fallen from 35% to 23% (2010-2015).

92 schools have current School Travel Plans, giving them a direct and immediate platform to raise ANY road safety concerns with the Council via their dedicated School Travel Advisor.

Over 2000 adults and children receive free cycle training each year.

In recent years the Borough's Road Safety team have won numerous plaudits from bodies such as; Transport for London, The Green Awards, London Sustainable Transport Awards, National Transport Awards, London Road Safety Council and Modeshift.

All of the Borough's Road Safety projects are devised and delivered by members of the team, utilising their knowledge and experience to provide schemes that would simply not be possible if provided by a third party such as Scootsure and Smart Movers.

- Scootsure is a 'push' scooter training programme bespoke to Bromley aimed at KS1, which discourages car use on the school run and gives young pupils a solid grounding in road knowledge and pedestrian safety.
- Smart Movers in an incentive based scheme that increases the number of primary pupils using other than private car to get to school.

Of course, added to this are the traffic engineering schemes implemented by our Traffic Team. As you know Bromley identifies locations on the highway network where there are collision clusters. Spend is then prioritised on the basis of where the funds will maximise the reduction of injury accidents, particularly serious and fatal accidents. The current method of selecting sites involves finding clusters of similar accidents of any severity (sites with five or more accidents within a circle of 50m diameter, over 36 months), ranking these clusters by severity, and then choosing potentially treatable sites. In recent years, after successful interventions, the number of serious accidents at any one location has decreased markedly

6 Traffic Engineers Report

The Traffic Team are to implement the following schemes imminently:

- Croydon Road junction with Anerley Road improvements – this is a slight widening of the carriageway outside Aldi supermarket to improve congestion.
- Penge High Street junction with Green Lane – signals will be started after Easter.

Schemes to be progressed later in the year include:

- Wendover Road junction with the A21 – junction widening.
- Hayes Street – slight widening and parking scheme.
- Kingsway, Coney Hall – slight widening and parking scheme.
- Village Way, Beckenham – the proposed new pedestrian refuge is currently subject to a stage 2 road safety audit.
- Bourne Way junction with Hayes Station Approach – improved crossing facility and inset parking bays.
- Bromley South to Shortlands cycle route.
- Red Lodge Road junction with Station Road, West Wickham – junction improvements.
- Warren Road junction with Court Road – safety scheme (potential roundabout).
- Crofton Road cycle route – Ormonde Avenue to Orpington Station currently preparing detailed design in response to consultation.
- Heathfield Road – minor traffic calming scheme to be started in the summer.

In addition, the Quietway Routes have been consulted on and alterations to the designs are being considered. These routes are Bromley to Lower Sydenham and Clockhouse to Greenwich.

We are also looking into potential road safety improvements on Bromley Road at the junction with Scotts Lane and Southend Road at the junction with Foxgrove Road, as part of the Quietways Scheme.

7 Chairman's report

The Chairman congratulated the Road Safety Team for their impressive efforts and continued positive results and commented that the report presented by the Road Safety Officer on the achievements of the department clearly negated any criticism made Bromley's work on road safety. The panel fully applauded the work done by the department..

Good progress had been made in preparing traffic safety measures for the arrival of La Fontaine School at the previous Widmore Centre building in Nightingale Lane. Measures included:

Increasing the on site parking area to make more room for parents to safely drop off their children on site.

A stretch of two up pavement parking in the narrow section of Nightingale Lane.

A proposal for the widening of the gateway at the Liddon Road entrance to permit two way working if this proves to be necessary.

New 20mph signage on the approaches to the three schools in Nightingale Lane and Tylney Road and more prominent school signage in Bishops Avenue.

There was also consideration by the Borough of possibly adding a mini roundabout at the Homesdale Liddon Road junction and introducing a zebra crossing on Homesdale Road in that area.

8 Matters Raised by members

WW Red Lodge Road Scheme –action possible towards the end of the year.

PA Vehicles cutting corners where kerbs are low, e.g. on Court Road. Could they be raised to dissuade offenders?

Representative informed by Chairman that FixmyStreet is the best way to tackle this, let Bromley Council know via this facility and give details of locations of regular offending.

April would see changes to car tax, targeting vehicles most likely to emit dangerous pollutants (diesels in particular).

Government consultation was taking place on increasing penalties for cyclists who cause death by dangerous cycling.

BR Letchworth Drive at Hayes Lane was quite difficult for the elderly to cross safely. Is there any scope for improving road safety here? LBB Traffic Engineer to make enquiries.

PF Had asked for suggestions on local road safety issues via the Penge Forum website, which had in turn been posted on the Penge Forum website. The result had been a list of concerns overwhelmingly from pedestrians, mainly, but not exclusively, focused on the junction of Parish Lane with Lennard Road. List given to members.

SR Parking on one side of Orchard Road was leaving little room for buses to pass.

BH Some bus drivers were being dazzled at night by the new illuminated Zebra Crossing poles

9 Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder

The meeting was closed at 9pm

Date of the next meeting TBC