

**Perth And Kinross Council**

**Kinross-shire Area Committee**

**15 February 2024**

**ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**

**Report by Head of Environmental & Consumer Services**

(Report No. 24/57)

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of the Committee of progress on the delivery of road safety projects within the Kinross-shire area.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee:
- (i) Agree to the progress being made on the delivery of road safety schemes in Kinross-shire; and
  - (ii) Note that a further update will be brought to the Committee at a future meeting.

**3. STRUCTURE OF REPORT**

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:
- Section 4: Background
  - Section 5: Road Safety Scheme Progress and Delivery
  - Section 6: Programme Summary
  - Section 7: Conclusion
  - Appendices

**4. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES**

- 4.1 Perth and Kinross Council's road safety projects assessment criteria provides a procedure for prioritising traffic management and road safety projects. Therefore, all potential schemes are assessed and, if considered appropriate, ranked against other projects to ensure those schemes that deliver the greatest benefit to local communities are delivered first. With each financial year, projects are assigned to the relevant programme of works and budget, then installed as resources permit.
- 4.2 Therefore, whilst one area may have a number of road safety priorities, these need to be assessed and considered alongside priorities identified in all areas.
- 4.3 The list of proposed projects is based on a technical assessment of the road usage and road environment. The assessment criteria does not take into

account community concerns about perceived road safety, although these are often raised and articulated by local elected members. In order to ensure that this dialogue occurs in a structured and efficient manner, the Traffic & Network Team meets with the Ward Councillors every three months to review the list and identify community priorities. Therefore, in some circumstances some of the preferred schemes that may have a lower ranking can be progressed first to address community concerns if there is elected member support.

- 4.4 The Traffic and Network team last met with the Kinross-shire Councillors on 31 October 2023 when the current project priorities were discussed and reviewed. At the time of writing, the next meeting is scheduled for 8 February 2024.

## **5. ROAD SAFETY SCHEME PROGRESS AND DELIVERY**

### **Reduced speed limits**

- 5.1 Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) are being processed for the new 30mph speed limits at Drum and Auchmuirbridge and the new 40mph speed limit between Scotlandwell and Auchmuirbridge. The TROs and the regulatory signs should all be in place before the end of the financial year. A short 40mph buffer will be retained at the east of Drum, and new 40mph buffers installed at the west of Crook of Devon and the east of Blairingone in 2024/25, at locations previously agreed with the Local Elected Members, as part of the ongoing TRO programme.

### **School Keep Clear markings**

- 5.2 The Road Safety Team has met with the Head Teacher of Kinross Primary School to agree the extent of the School Keep Clear markings on Station Road and the waiting restrictions within the school campus. Work is ongoing on the preparation of the Traffic Regulation Orders for these restrictions.

### **Waiting restrictions**

- 5.3 Unfortunately, there has been no progress on the Traffic Regulation Orders for the waiting restrictions at Buchan Avenue in Kinnesswood and the Muirs in Kinross due to other priorities of work. Work is due to resume in the new financial year. Once completed, a further set of waiting restrictions will be selected and progressed from the ongoing TRO programme.

### **Minor traffic engineering projects**

- 5.4 New "Give Way" road markings and a regulatory sign have been installed at the Burns Begg Road junction with High Street, Kinross.
- 5.5 A bollard is being installed between Lathro Lane and Dalwhamie Street to prevent drivers travelling across the grass area between the two culde-sacs.

- 5.6 Upgraded warning and information signs have been ordered for New Gullet Bridge and Old Gullet Bridge, south of Scotlandwell.
- 5.7 New haulage route signs have been ordered along the B9097 to direct heavy traffic between the M90 motorway and the Westfield site. These measures should all be in place before the end of the financial year.

### **A977 Mitigation Measures**

- 5.8 The traffic signals at the School Road/Station Road junction were completed last calendar year and are operational. The traffic signals at Drum crossroads have recently been installed, tested and are now operational.
- 5.9 Once the 30mph speed limit at Drum is installed (see Item 5.1 above), the Traffic & Network Team will undertake traffic surveys through Crook of Devon and Drum to assess any changes in traffic volumes and vehicle speeds. This will help determine whether the remaining major mitigation measure at the B9097 junction is necessary. If the two traffic signals projects have been successful in changing travel patterns, and the B9097 junction realignment project is deemed unnecessary, then the remaining budget could be utilised for other road safety measures along the A977.

### **Vehicle-activated signs (VAS)**

- 5.10 New speed-activated, driver-feedback signs have been installed at Cleish east and west, Gairneybank north, Gairneybridge north and south, Tillyochie east and west, Wester Balgedie north and south, and Springfield Road east and west in Kinross as part of the ongoing VAS programme.

### **Projects in Ward 8 during 2023/24**

- 5.11 The table below shows all the completed projects in Ward 8, or those due to be installed before the end of, this financial year.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Ordered</b>	<b>Installed</b>	<b>Comments</b>
20mph speed limit	Glenfarg			Permanent 20mph speed limit
20mph speed limit	Keltybridge			Permanent 20mph speed limit
20mph speed limit	Maryburgh			Permanent 20mph speed limit
20mph speed limit	Scotlandwell			Permanent 20mph speed limit
30mph speed limit	Auchmuirbridge			Reduction from 40mph limit
30mph speed limit	Carnbo			New 30mph speed limit

30mph speed limit	Drum			New 30mph speed limit
40mph speed limit	Scotlandwell to Auchmuirbridge			New 40mph speed limit
Bollards	Lathro Lane, Kinross			Bollard to restrict vehicular between streets
Direction signs	Westfield, Kinross-shire			Haulage route signs
Regulatory signs	Burns Begg Street, Kinross			Give Way signs and junction markings
Traffic signals	Main Street/School Road junction, Crook of Devon			Completion of traffic signals project
Traffic signals	Drum crossroads			Traffic signals
Vehicle-activated sign	Cleish East			Ongoing VAS programme
Vehicle-activated sign	Cleish West			Ongoing VAS programme
Vehicle-activated sign	Gairneybank North			Ongoing VAS programme
Vehicle-activated sign	Gairneybridge North			Ongoing VAS programme
Vehicle-activated sign	Gairneybridge South			Ongoing VAS programme
Vehicle-activated sign	Springfield Road East, Kinross			Ongoing VAS programme
Vehicle-activated sign	Soringfield Road West, Kinross			Ongoing VAS programme
Vehicle-activated sign	Tillyochie East			Ongoing VAS programme
Vehicle-activated sign	Tillyochie West			Ongoing VAS programme
Vehicle-activated sign	Wester Balgedie North			Ongoing VAS programme
Vehicle-activated sign	Wester Balgedie South			Ongoing VAS programme
Warning signs	Old Gullet Bridge, Scotlandwell			Double Bend Ahead warning signs
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## 6. PROGRAMME SUMMARY

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress on the following road safety measures:
- (i) 30mph speed limits being installed at Drum and Auchmuirbridge
  - (ii) 40mph speed limits being installed at Scotlandwell/Auchmuirbridge, Crook of Devon, Drum and Blairingone
  - (iii) School Keep Clear markings being installed at Station Road for Kinross Primary School
  - (iv) Waiting restrictions being installed within the car park at Kinross Primary School to discourage unauthorised parking and prevent obstruction.
  - (v) Bollard being installed at Lathro Lane in Kinross, warning signs at New Gullet Bridge and Old Gullet Bridge south of Scotlandwell, and direction signs along the B9097 East for Westfield.
  - (vi) Traffic signals installed at School Road/Station Road in Crook of Devon and at Drumm crossroads
  - (vii) Vehicle-activated signs installed at Cleish, Gairneybank, Gairneybridge, Tillyochie, Wester Balgedie and Springfield Road in Kinross

## 7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The introduction of the various speed limits and road safety projects contained within this report will inform drivers of potential hazards on the road layout ahead and enable them to adjust their speed and position accordingly. Greater awareness of the road environment, combined with improved speed management, will reduce the risk of conflict between the various road users. A further update will be provided to the Committee at a future meeting.

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