

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Kinross-shire Area Committee

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ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

Report by Head of Environmental & Consumer Services

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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 in the new calendar year.

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 other 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 2 August when the current project priorities were discussed and reviewed.

5. ROAD SAFETY SCHEME PROGRESS AND DELIVERY

Reduced speed limits

- 5.1 Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) have been processed for the various temporary 20mph speed limits in order to allow them to become permanent. The signage is already in place and the 40mph buffers will be replaced with 20mph countdown signs. A new 20mph speed limit is planned for Cuthill Towers. The Traffic Regulation Orders for the previously agreed new 30mph and 40mph speed limits are currently being processed by the Council's Legal Team. The terminal and repeater signs will be installed as soon as the TROs are in place. Once these projects are completed, a further set of reduced speed limits will be selected and progressed.

School Keep Clear markings

- 5.2 Work is ongoing on the preparation of the Traffic Regulation Order for the School Keep Clear markings on Station Road outside Kinross Primary School as part of the ongoing Council-wide TRO programme for School Keep Clear parking restrictions. Installation is scheduled for Autumn 2023.

Waiting restrictions

- 5.3 Work is also ongoing on the preparation of the Traffic Regulation Orders for the various waiting restrictions on the TRO programme identified as community priorities. Installation was previously scheduled for Autumn 2023, but this has been delayed due to other priorities of work. Sites include Kinross Primary School, Buchan Avenue in Kinnesswood and Muirs in Kinross. Once completed, a further set of waiting restrictions will be selected and progressed.

Minor traffic engineering projects

- 5.4 New Give Way road markings and a regulatory sign have been designed and ordered, along with an advanced direction sign, for the Burns Begg Road junction with High Street, Kinross. Installation is planned in September. The adhesion between the thermoplastic road marking material and the stone setts in the carriageway surface is likely to be poor, so this is only viewed as a temporary measure until alternative materials or surface treatments can be investigated.
- 5.5 Traffic surveys in Kinross town centre, originally planned for Spring 2023, have been rescheduled for this Autumn. They will record traffic volumes, vehicle speeds and vehicle categories. The surveys will also identify any changes in travel patterns since the previous surveys undertaken in 2019. This information will help determine whether additional traffic calming measures, such as a priority system at the south of the town centre, are required. If traffic flows have increased, particularly regarding commercial vehicles, an Origin & Destination (OD) survey will be undertaken.
- 5.6 Bollards are to be installed this autumn between Lathro Lane and Dalwhamie Street to prevent drivers travelling across the grass area between the two cul-de-sacs.
- 5.7 An upgrade of the existing warning signs is planned for New Gullet Bridge and Old Gullet Bridge south of Scotlandwell. New haulage route signs have been designed along the B9097 to direct heavy traffic between the M90 motorway and the Westfield site. All three signing projects are scheduled for this Autumn.

A977 Mitigation Measures

- 5.8 At the last Kinross-shire Local Committee meeting, it was agreed to reprogramme the three remaining major road schemes in the A977 Mitigation Measures project. Work would proceed on the School Road/Station Road traffic signals project at Crook of Devon but signalising the Drum crossroads will now take priority over the A977/B9097 junction realignment project.
- 5.9 Work has resumed at School Road/Station Road. In agreement with the local elected members and Fossoway Community Council, the project has been extended to provide a footway link to the bus stop between the village hall and the B9097 junction. The signalisation of the Drum crossroads was scheduled to follow on from the School Road/Station Road project, subject to budget. However, the additional time to complete the extra work at Crook of Devon means that the Drum project has had to be reprogrammed. The Traffic & Network Team is liaising with Tayside Contracts about a revised programme and it is estimated that it will now be mid-October 2023. As soon as a start date is confirmed, the local elected members and Community Council will be advised.

- 5.10 Once the School Road/Station Road signalisation project and the Drum signalisation projects are complete the Council Traffic and Network team will assess the position and consider whether the remaining agreed project (B9097 realignment) is necessary. If the two projects above are successful, and the B9097 realignment is deemed unnecessary then the remaining budget could be utilised for other measures along the A977.

6. PROGRAMME SUMMARY

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress on the following road safety measures:
- (i) 20mph speed limits being installed at Crook of Devon, Cuthill Towers, Drum, Glenfarg, Keltlybridge, Kinross, Maryburgh, Milnathort and Scotlandwell.
 - (ii) 30mph speed limits being installed at Auchmuirbridge, Carnbo, Easter Balgedie, Gallowhill Road, Glenfarg and Wester Balgedie.
 - (iii) 40mph speed limits being installed at Drum, Maryburgh and from Scotlandwell to Auchmuirbridge.
 - (iv) School Keep Clear markings being installed at Station Road for Kinross Primary School.
 - (v) Waiting restrictions being installed within the car park at Kinross Primary School, Buchan Avenue in Kinnesswood and at Muirs/The Sycamores to discourage unauthorised parking and prevent obstruction.
 - (vi) Give Way markings and road sign being installed on Burns Begg Street at High Street junction.
 - (ix) Traffic surveys being undertaken in Kinross town centre.
 - (x) Bollards being installed at Lathro Lane, warning signs at New Gullet Bridge and Old Gullet Bridge, and direction signs for Westfield.
 - (xi) Provision of traffic signals at School Road, Crook of Devon is underway.
 - (xii) Detailed design work underway for traffic signals at Drum crossroads
 - (xiii) Junction realignment at A977/B9097 junction in Drum on hold pending the completion of the projects (xi) and (xii) above.

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 in the new calendar year.

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