**Minutes of the Traffic & Transport & Environment Committee Meeting (TTE) held on 08 September 2025 at Saddleworth Civic Hall at 6:00pm**

Present: Cllr B Beeley (Chair), Cllr K Phillips (Vice Chair), Cllr B Witt, Paul Clegg (Dobcross Village Community), Paul Sykes (SACG). Ken Bennett, Journalist. Cllr S. Al-Hamdani, Cllr H Bishop, Cllr J Garner, Mrs T Rhodes, Jeff Bayley

Apologies: Cllr E Adamson, Cllr A Marland, Cllr P Gaul, Cllr M Powell, Clerk of the Council - Karen Allot.

**Absent:** Cllr D Wall

1. **Email List**

Ensure e-mail up to date for attendees

1. **Warren Andrew (Mersey Rivers)**

15 People signed up ready for training, Warren Andrews to sort the training.

1. **Blocked Gullies**

Saddleworth North cleaned, some have been left due to issues faced. Cllr Al-Hamdani to chase up next ward to be cleared and request a list of the plan/timescales for the whole project to manage expectations.

Cllr Al-Hamdani will also ask what issues the clean-up has faced, because some gullies have been left. For example, in Dobcross, 2 gullies, 2 metres apart, one was done and one was left undone.

Cllr Bishop stated these gullies should have been cleared ward by ward, and requested timescales for the jobs.

Mrs Rhodes requested the head officer (Gordon Anderson) for the gullies project to attend the meetings, regarding the issues faced completing the gullies cleaning. Also, requested measurement of project, how many completed, left to complete, current area being worked on and what is required to complete the project.

Cllr Al-Hamdani clarified the Gully wagons cannot deal with the some gullies as they are packed and need doing manually.

Cllr Bishop asked if a request could be made for more Gully Wagons.

Cllr Beeley to email Nasir Dad, Gordon Anderson & Tracey Whitworth (Hilton).

1. **Bee Network**

Cllr Sam Al -Hamdani updated the meeting with an email sent to Cllr Sykes, which stated the bus service 356 to revert to its usual route is now planned to take place on or before w/c September 22nd 2025.

1. **Speed Watch**

Email from Cllr Marland regards requesting Zebra crossing request in Uppermill. Improvements are required for the crossings near Buckley St and install a zebra crossing near the museum.

Cllr Bishop to chase up.

1. **Traffic Issue**

A Local resident attended the meeting and also emailed raising concerns about the narrowing of Station Rd, near the doctors. Issues being big cars speeding through and people parking on the double yellow lines.

Cllr Beeley suggested priority signs to be installed; however, this was raised as an issue if joining the road from Lee Street junction. Cllr Beeley to contact Highways to help resolve the issue.

The resident also reported Boltons Yard regards the blind bend and disabled cars parking and the 20mph is not being adhered to. She requested a traffic warden to do the rounds in the area for checks due to safety issues.

Cllr Beeley to check with Highways and look at disable parking.

1. **Unadopted South Avenue, Greenfield, update**

Cllr Bishop meeting due imminently with the Headmaster at the school in September, to discuss viable solutions regards parents dropping off children and picking them up, such as a school street.

A concern was raised with resolving potholes, this may encourage other drivers to use the unadopted road more, worsening the issue.

Cllr Bishop will pursue this matter.

1. **New Concerns**

**Woolpack**

Cllr Phillps raised concerns regarding cars parking outside the old Woolpack pub, which is now a residential building, as it is too close to the roundabout

Photo evidence was requested by numerous councillors as others have not seen the issue as they have passed the area.

**Lovers Lane/ Platting Road**

Shrubbery and foliage is overgrown blocking vision from Lovers’ Lane on to Platting Road. This needs to be reported to Highways to resolve.

Cllr Beeley noted the road signs also required cleaning/washing for visibility

Jeff Garner raised an issue with the signage on Dobcross New Rd going towards Uppermill, the 30mph sign is hidden in trees and driving towards Dobcross the sign the other way is almost hidden by trees.

Cllr Beeley will contact Highways to sort.

1. **Incident Ladcastle Rd 08/09/2025**

A man had fallen today 08/09/25 from Ladcastle Road to Den Lane. Fire engines arrived but had a problem with access. No alternative route is available but Network Rail claim other routes are available whilst Oldham Council have stated there are not.

Ken (Press) read out the official statement from GMP, which stated “7*:40am - Concern for welfare report, not life threatening or suspicious circumstances”.*

1. **Environment issue - New Large Bins**

Issue raised by Paul Clegg that the new large bins smell, on a hot day. They are not being emptied regularly enough to avoid this due to the capacity and people do use them for disposal of dog waste. The example used was the bin installed near the Leisure Centre. It was suggested the bins would be better with a lid to contain the smells.

There is a demand tor emptying them regularly especially in hot weather and need to be looked at.

Questions need raising with Ian Monaghan, Environment officer at Oldham Council.

1. **Community Toilets**

Cllr Garner has ensured all the new signs for the community toilets scheme are up around the area.

1. **Terms of reference**

This has not been completed.

Cllr Beeley and Cllr Phillips to address.

1. **Invasion of none natural species - River Tames**

Email regarding training read out by Cllr Phillips. The course cost £600 per person and the trainees /volunteers should be fit and able bodied, due to the back pack being heavy to carry.

The local group should be trained up by Spring. United Utilities are to provide the funds for training, this information was provided by Warren Andrew.

Committee to monitor

1. **Solar Power Civic Hall / Energy Cost Saving**

Simple measures are in place such as only putting heating on when required, in the rooms required, with the same applying to lighting, in a bid to cut cost.

Cllr Garner to look for quotes and further advice on the different schemes and packages available for Solar Panels at the Civic Hall.

1. **Items for next agenda**
* Pheasants on Holmfirth Rd – Possible signage from Highways, to inform visitors of flying pheasant.

Cllr Beeley to email Beth Hilton (Whiteoak).

* Solar Power
* Terms of reference

Next meeting scheduled 6:00pm -15th December 2025. ***This* *may be rearranged due to this being the date for the Parish Christmas party****.* To be discussed with the Clerk of the council Karen Allott.

*(Clerk Post meeting note: Christmas Social is currently dated Monday 22nd December. Is this too late? Will add to agenda of full Council meeting for discussion and agreement).*