

LONDON ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Full Council held after the AGM on Friday 17th July 2020 by Zoom

In attendance

Guest: Edward Seaman (Stennik)

President: Professor Nicola Christie

Vice Presidents:

Barbara Cronin, Chris King, Liz Knight, Eamon Doran, Wendy Brice Thompson

Authority Representatives:

LB Bexley	Cllr V Clark, Cllr N Betts, Sally Barrett
LB Brent	Debbie Huckle
LB Bromley	Cllr K Terry
LB Croydon	Michelle Gayle
RB Greenwich	Mark Bunting
LB Hackney	Max Moorcock
LB Haringey	Cllr L Cawley-Harrison
LB Harrow	Cllr J Miles, Cllr A Patel
LB Hillingdon	Cllr T Barnes
LB Hounslow	Cllr M Collins, Fatima Ahmed
LB Islington	Ben Changa
RB Kingston/LB Sutton	Patrick Long
LB Lewisham	Cllr John Paschoud, Cllr T Anwar, Liz Brooker MBE
LB Merton	Cllr D Holden
LB Newham	Assia Karim
LB Redbridge	Danni Sewell
LB Richmond	Cllr R Ehmann
LB Southwark	Cllr R Livingstone,
LB Tower Hamlets	Cllr K Perry
LB Waltham Forest	Gemma Hearsum
City of London Corporation	Alderman Alison Gowman, Samantha Tharme
City of Westminster	Carla Leowe

Non-Local Authority Representatives

Emily Cherry (Co-opted), Shameen Highfield JP (co-opted), Neil Worth (GEM Motoring Assist), David G Davies (PACTS), Peter Fletcher (TfL), Nick Lloyd (RoSPA), Chelsea Harrison (LFB), James Parker (Executive Officer).

2967 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Vice-Presidents: Christine Fitzgerald.

Members: Cllr L Rutter (LB Barnet); Steve Hands (LB Camden); Halema Uddin (LB Haringey); Elaine Keeler (LB Havering); Lisa Mayo (LB Hillingdon); Cllr R Champion (LB Islington); Cllr Cyron (RBK&C); Joe Lindsay (LB Lambeth); Charmaine Jacques (LB Merton); Sam Merison (LB Richmond and Wandsworth); Karen Cole (MCIA); Ian Evans (CAPT).

2968 **MINUTES OF THE LAST QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON 15/1/20**

a) Accuracy: The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising: 2961) BikeSafe vouchers – Peter Fletcher confirmed that seven boroughs had applied through the portal to receive refunds for unused vouchers and a new scheme provider has been appointed and TfL will advise boroughs how to purchase vouchers for future use in due course. Liz Brooker said she felt TfL's communication with boroughs on this matter had been poor and asked if it was known how many unused vouchers had not been refunded through this process. Debbie Huckle said she had asked TfL if all the funds for unused vouchers could have been directed to a pan-London motorcycle safety campaign but TfL had refused this.

2969 **QUARTERLY ATTENDANCE REPORT 2019/20**

The Quarterly attendance report was produced and accepted.

2970 **PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE STATEMENT - UPDATE**

Professor Nicola Christie explained she had been working with officers on developing a vision statement which has now been published and is called a Challenge Statement. She outlined the document and said that it was particularly relevant in light of the changes in mobility due to the challenges post-lockdown, as well as the demographic changes and population growth expected in Greater London. A formal action plan is being developed and recent actions included writing to Chief Executives in boroughs asking that the RSO staff should return from Covid-related duties back to their substantive posts in order to assist in transport related work now that the roads are becoming busier and the infrastructure is adapted to accommodate a growth in walking and cycling. The absence of funding to allow the resumption of Bikeability training was the topic of a letter to TfL as well as the Department for Transport and Public Health England. A survey of cycle training activity was also ongoing, with a special focus on initiatives that assist those living in areas of deprivation. The document also recognises the potential growth in electric scooters and their impact on road safety.

Councillor Collins welcomed the Challenge Statement and referred to the work Professor Christie is undertaking on near misses and looked forward to its progress. He also drew attention to the problem of guide dog users in negotiating the many newly adapted thoroughfares. Professor Christie said she would reference this issue in the Action Plan and seek advice.

David G Davies noted the increase in home working and how a drop in traffic would hopefully result in fewer collisions. Cllr Livingstone said that although overall traffic levels in Southwark are reduced some roads are now busier than before. Peter Fletcher stated that there has been a decrease in collisions over the period of the pandemic but that there has been an increase in severity.

Peter Fletcher explained that TfL will be monitoring the temporary infrastructure changes through equality impact assessments and collision data.

The impact of electric scooters was discussed and while it is currently the law that only loan scheme e-scooters may be used on the highway, TfL was urged to collect data on collisions and near misses.

The present absence of TfL funding for Bikeability training in London was confirmed by Peter Fletcher, who explained that there is currently no funding available for any behaviour change work. Professor Christie said she believed it to be irresponsible for there to be no practical training available when a ten-fold increase in cycling is predicted as we emerge from the lockdown. Emily Cherry said the Bikeability Trust has a range of resources available and she would email the Executor Officer with details to be passed on.

Professor Christie will provide quarterly updates on the progress of her President's Challenge.

2971 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mark Bunting informed the meeting that the Government are acknowledging that something needs to be done about the stagnation in reductions in KSI road casualties since 2010.

In the foreword of the current review document they refer to the safe systems approach and the 'traditional' education, engineering and enforcement approach, both of which focus on all facets of road user behavioural change. However, they are only consulting on the enforcement element of road user behavioural change. This inequality may be something for the LRSC to pick up regionally, as most seem to agree that a combined approach is more effective.

2972 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 7th October at 1.30pm.

There was no other business and the Chair closed the meeting at 10.50am