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Report of a meeting of the Organising Committee of the Group (Meeting reference 20120502)

A meeting of the Organising Committee of ATAG was held on Wednesday 2nd May 2012, at 63 Bath Road, Atworth. The meeting was primarily concerned with the agenda and format for the Public Meeting on 18th May.

20120502/1 Present

Ruth Griffin, Alan Lee, Lynne Spencer, Kenneth Spencer.

20120502/2 Interim Activities

Kenneth showed the Public Meeting agenda that he had produced - this was agreed with minor alterations.

The format of the A5 leaflet which is to be put through doors was also approved. Ruth, Lynne and Mavis will distribute this leaflet throughout the village.

It was agreed that panel members will be supplied with the agenda and background information in advance.

20120502/3 The Panel

Kenneth confirmed the panel members to be:

Duncan Hames, MP; Jonathon Seed, Wiltshire Councillor;
Mark Griffiths, Wiltshire Councillor;
Mark Stansby, Senior Traffic Engineer, Wiltshire Council;
Alan Bagnall, Atworth Parish Councillor; Mitch Roberts, Atworth Parish Clerk.

He reported attendance at the recent Police Neighbourhood Tasking Group, when he had announced and reported the organisation of the Public Meeting, which was very well received. He had also discovered the name of the new Inspector, Lisette Harvey, for the NPT. He would attempt to get her onto our panel.

Kenneth informed the meeting that the next meeting of the Wiltshire Community Area Traffic Group is on Monday 14th May. He felt that we should have as large a presence as possible.

20120502/4 Organisation of The Public Meeting

Minutes Lynne will take minutes.

Water We will provide water for the panel.

Freezers To reduce noise levels, Ruth will enquire if some of the freezers might be turned off.

Setting Up We will arrive at 6:00pm for setting up. We agreed to have the same layout as last time with the slide projector again in use. Panel members arriving early may have coffee, but no coffees for the audience this time.

Register An attendance list will be available to sign, and an exit thankyou note.
PA System After discussion it was thought that as we would be unable to get a PA System with a roving roving microphone for questioners, and table microphones for the panel, so it was not possible to obtain a suitable PA on this occasion.

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20120502/5 The Agenda for the Public Meeting

1. Opening (Chair: Kenneth Spencer)

Kenneth will open the meeting outlining the procedure and introduce the panel members after thanking Lady Venetia for the use of the Farm Shop. In order to give everyone a chance to speak, questions and comments from the floor and the panel will be restricted to two minutes. Ruth will signal to the chair when time has expired. We intend to finish the meeting as close to 9:00pm as possible.

2. The Quarry (Chair: Kenneth Spencer)

Ruth indicated that Sir James had asked for the opportunity to make comments about the re-opening of the Park Lane Quarry. We agreed that Kenneth would invite Sir James to do that at the beginning of the meeting.

Kenneth will then state ATAG's considered view:

"Having telephoned the headquarters of Ham & Doulling I have been informed that lorries will either take the B3353 north to the A4 via Corsham, or the B3353 south and then the A365 towards Melksham and the A350.

Thus there will be no traffic impact on Atworth.

If lorries were to travel south down Neston/Atworth Lane more than 80% of them would turn east and pass through Atworth towards the A350.

ATAG is therefore content with Wiltshire Council's ruling."

Kenneth will then hand over to Alan to chair the main part of the meeting.

3. The Issues (Chair Alan Lee)

Alan will introduce each topic in turn. He will ask members of the panel for their comments, reminding each that comments will be limited to two minutes. Not all members of the panel are expected to comment on all issues. After the panel comments, Alan will invite comments from the floor, asking speakers to stand and identify themselves. Whenever necessary, Alan will remind speakers that questions and comments will be limited to two minutes.

The issues are:

- Enforcing Speed Limits by cameras, indicators, lights, road markings;
- Reducing Speed Limits on approach to the village
 - Fiveways -> Keepers Cottage 50mph; Keepers Cottage -> Farm Shop 40mph;
- Provision of Footpath to the Farm Shop;
- Reducing Speed Limits along School Travel Route, along Bath Road and Bradford Road;
- Preventing Reckless Overtaking - provide double white lines on approaches to the village, and by the Clock Tower 'bus stop.

4. Summary and Conclusion (Chair: Kenneth Spencer)

Kenneth will summarise what has been achieved, by way of support from the panel. He will remind the meeting that the spirit of ATAG is that we wish not to be told why we cannot achieve the objectives of the residents, but rather how we can achieve them.

He will then thank everyone for their time in attending, advising residents to watch for our planned events in the near future and to take an exit slip of paper.

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20120502/7 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting to be agreed.