

Notes of Meeting at John Muir House

28th April 2017

Present: Peter Forsyth (PF) of ELC, Marshall Greenshields (MG) of ELC, Nick Morgan (NM) of GCC, Andrew Hamilton (ANH) of GCC.

Subject: Traffic Calming, Gifford

1. Following an exercise to measure the speed of cars driving in and out of Gifford during February 2017, agreed that about 75% of drivers had broken the 30mph speed limit.
2. NM said that the community were fed up with this level of speeding and that the GCC had decided to press ahead for **physical** traffic calming measures.
3. MG said that the ELC were considering a central reserve on the Edinburgh Road entering Gifford before the bridge over the Gifford water. This will prevent vehicles from cutting the corner before the bridge, slow traffic and assist pedestrians.
4. ANH wanted each of the three roads to have 2 speed tables within the 30mph limit on each of the three roads (Duns Road, Haddington Road and Edinburgh Road).
5. PF said that the ELC were sympathetic. But (a) there had been no fatalities on these roads and (b) speed tables would have to be privately funded as the ELC had no money.
6. NM and ANH understood this. (There may be some wind farm money available, subject to a proper case being made).
7. PF said if the Police and the Emergency Services (Fire and Ambulance) were happy with these speed table proposals (there is a procedure called statutory undertakings) **and** these were paid for privately, the ELC would look sympathetically at the introduction of speed tables. (PF said that including lighting etc, speed tables would cost around £20,000 each – ANH expressed surprise at the high level of these estimates).
8. PF also said that the approval process might be completed by Autumn 2017. It was agreed that these minutes would be circulated to the GCC, Gifford Families and the GCC website.

Nick Morgan, Hon Secretary, Gifford Community Council

Andrew Hamilton , Hon Treasurer, Gifford Community Council
2nd May 2017