



**Make Your Way Key Links - Leadhills and Wanlockhead**

**24.08.21, 10:30am**

**Google meet:**

**Attendees:**

- Amanda Davis (AD), Leadhills Development Officer
- Robert McCafferty (RM), Wanlockhead Visions CIC, Wanlockhead and Leadhills Railway
- Sarah O’Sullivan (SOS), Project Officer - Active Travel, Community Action Lanarkshire
- John Ralph (JR), Leadhills Community Company

**Apologies:**

- Rab Campbell (RC), Leadhills Community Company and Hopetoun Arms Hotel
- Emma Connolly (EC), Leadhills Toddler Group
- Anne French (AF), Leadhills Primary School
- Stuart Lang (SL), Leadhills Golf Club
- Colin Pettigrew (CP), Leadhills General Store
- Vicky Reed (VR), Leadhills Parent Teacher Council, Wanlockhead Community Centre
- Lincoln Richford (LR), Wanlockhead Community Council
- Androulla Richford (AR), Wanlockhead Community Council (Secretary)
- Colin Pettigrew (CP), Leadhills General Store

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Welcome and any updates</b>	
<p>JR noted that quad and trial bikes remain an issue in terms of access in the area, despite new gates installed by Hopetoun Estates. Much discussion was had by all around the issue in the wider issue. AD will send the Community Police contact, who have quad bikes to help tackle the issue, to SO.</p> <p>RM confirmed that as a quad bike user himself for work purposes, he has noticed anti-social use of quads with 4/5 vans bringing 7/8 trial bikes to the village on Sundays. It was recognised by the group that the issue was one that concerned villagers, landowners and this project, and one that would require tackling by all</p> <p>SO suggested that irresponsible use of bikes could be targeted through behaviour change plans and advised that she would seek advice from Sustrans.</p>	<p>AD</p> <p>SO</p>
<b>Background info and progress to date</b>	
<p>SO apologised for the delay in information sharing since the last meeting in February when the intended timeline had been to submit the Stage 2 Concept Design report to Sustrans in May, with a funding decision to progress with Stage 3 and 4 Detailed and Technical Design in July.</p> <p>SO confirmed that Sustrans were overwhelmed with Spaces for Everyone applications due to increased funding (COVID) which had a knock-on effect on other projects.</p> <p>SO noted that due to increased competitive nature of Places for Everyone fund, Sustrans have advised that we submit an extended Stage 2 Concept Design report in November, which will include more detailed concept designs for village centre improvements.</p> <p>SO updated the group on the site visit to Leadhills, Wanlockhead and Douglas on 21 July, with Sustrans, RDT / CAL and SLC Roads, where on site discussions took place on appropriate</p>	



<p>interventions. Discussions of appropriate interventions are presently being discussed with all parties, bearing in mind that speeds should ideally be reduced to 20mph where cyclists and pedestrians are sharing road space.</p>	
<p><b>Leadhills Village Centre proposals</b></p>	
<p>SO confirmed that Sustrans have stated a preference to include Ramsay Road and the Main Street as a looped start / end of the route, to connect as many people as possible to the route. This will potentially be mostly signage installed on Ramsay Road and an extension of the yellow line along the Main Road, in a different colour and with 30mph marked on the road.</p> <p>There may be opportunity to create shared space footways where there is enough space, for example using stone setts which are flush to the road. Sustrans have also requested that refuge points are considered where possible.</p> <p>A speed and volume traffic survey is due to take place on Ramsay Road as part of the analysis.</p> <p>Any interventions will be made with the Scheduled Monument and conservation status of the area.</p> <p>All agreed that speed and traffic volume are a concern on Ramsay Road with delivery vans often speeding down the roads. The group raised concerns around discouraging traffic from using additional minor roads connecting to Ramsay Road. They stated a preference for reducing speeds to 10mph.</p> <p>JR raised the point that parking in the square was often congested and AD agreed that a number of residents utilise the square parking for residential use, moving vehicles when an event is on at the Hall.</p> <p>AD noted that a child's foot had recently been run over outside the Hall and that flower tubs currently exist outside the hall to discourage vehicles from parking too close to the building.</p> <p>AD and JR noted appetite for allowing for additional pedestrian space in front of the Hall and Community Hub.</p> <p><b>Does the SG have feedback on the median line painted on road to reduce traffic speeds to 20mph around the school, and would there be support to extend this line in a different colour?</b></p> <p>The group expressed a desire for speeds to be reduced to 10mph throughout the village. There is a feeling in the village that the median line is not easily understood and causes some confusion. It was suggested that better known signals such as flashing lights would convey a clearer message to motorists. However, it was generally agreed that a brightly coloured extension of the median line would be appropriate as part of a wider traffic calming scheme.</p>	
<p><b>Wanlockhead Village Centre proposals</b></p>	
<p>SO confirmed that limited interventions will take place on Goldscaur Road before joining the old Wanlockhead Road. Speeds are limited here due to the nature of the road and will be confirmed by Speed and Volume Surveys.</p> <p>Interventions will mostly be signage based and subject to agreement with D&amp;G Council.</p>	



<b>Upcoming exhibition of proposals</b>	
<p>SO confirmed that a 4 week exhibition of Concept Designs is being planned for late Sept / Oct. An outdoor location is preferred to make it open and accessible to all, with an opportunity to provide comment via paper and electronic feedback forms. Community drop-ins would complement the exhibitions where residents could speak directly with the project contractors about plans.</p> <p><b>Leadhills:</b> Leadhills Primary School railings and / or somewhere close to the shop was identified as the best place for an exhibition, with the Hall as best place for a drop-in.</p> <p><b>Wanlockhead:</b> The Village Garden railings were proposed as the best place for an exhibition, being very central in the village, with the Community Centre as best place for a drop-in.</p> <p>SO to progress permissions and bookings.</p> <p>An appeal for volunteers to distribute surveys through letterboxes will be made at the next meeting.</p>	SO
<b>Proposed new timetable - subject to change</b>	
<p><b>Ongoing – November 2021:</b> Stage 2 Concept Designs, including village centre analysis, exhibition of proposals and landowner agreements in principle</p> <p><b>November 2021:</b> Stage 2 Report submission and Sustrans Stages 3 and 4 funding decision</p> <p><b>November 2021 – February 2022:</b> Stages 3 and 4 Detailed Design. Village centre improvements (inc. Douglas) and off road Leadhills – Wanlockhead route sent to tender</p> <p><b>February 2022:</b> 30% match funding submitted to REF (village centre improvements) and Clyde Windfarm (off road route)</p> <p><b>April - ? 2022:</b> Stage 5 Construction of village centre traffic calming interventions by SLC</p> <p><b>May - ? 2022:</b> Stage 5 Construction of off road Leadhills – Wanlockhead route by CAL</p> <p><b>April 2023 – March 2024:</b> Stage 5 Construction of off-road Douglas – NCN route by CAL (Combined Community Panel and REF application)</p>	
<b>Next meeting</b>	
<p>Tuesday 21 September, time TBC to allow family orientated groups and individuals to attend.</p> <p>Promotion of the exhibition and behaviour change initiatives to be discussed.</p>	
<b>Any other business?</b>	
<p>JR and SO to discuss use of Make Your Way map in Community Company project</p>	



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