

CUMBRIA TIMBER TRANSPORT GROUP

7 February 2012 – Parkhouse Building, Carlisle

1 Apologies and Introductions

1.1 In attendance:

Richard Scott, BSW (Chair)
Euan Stainthorpe, CCC
Cameron Smith, Sheffield & Co
George Bruce, George Bruce Associates
Roland Stiven, Timber Transport Forum Project Officer
Matthew Wilson, Egger
John Miller, John Miller Associates
Andy Bennett, Forestry Commission
James England, South of Scotland TTO
Mark Hartnett - Euroforest
Andrew Harper, CCC

1.2 Apologies:

Mark Herbertson, Forestry Commission
Stephen Smith – S&D Smith
Stephen Swailes, Iggesund Paperboard

2 Agreed Route Maps - Consultation

2.1 Quotes have been received for the printing of the ARMS as follows (costs are estimate only):

A4 Booklet - £290 for 150 copies (£47 per additional 50 if printed at same time)
A2 Poster – 139 for 50 copies (£1 per additional 10 if printed at same time)

2.2 It was agreed that 200 booklets and 100 posters should be ordered. Richard will speak to Stephen Swailes regarding funding prior to ordering and advise Andrew asap to ensure printing can be done in time for the conference.

2.3 The Timber Transport Conference on 15th March will be a good opportunity to launch and distribute the maps. Council Members will be advised of the maps through an advisory report to Local Committees.

2.3 Cameron queried why the road between Johnby and Greystoke is a consultation route. Andrew will check and speak to Richard to reach agreement on what it should be before printing.

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3 Operational Issues and Work Programmes

3.1 Nothing raised

4 Protocol for roadside repairs

4.1 A draft protocol for agreeing roadside verge repairs has been written by Andrew. This is in response to a query raised at the last meeting over liability for repairs.

4.2 The protocol has been circulated to Highways Managers for comment. Opinion seems to be divided and Andrew will continue to discuss this with Council Colleagues to see if it is something which can be adopted.

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4.3 Once a decision has been made by Highways Managers the group will be advised and the protocol shared with the group if appropriate.

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5 North Yorkshire Agreed Routes Maps Consultation

5.1 Boundary issues between the NY and Cumbria maps were highlighted and discussed. It was agreed that NY will be alerted to issues through a consultation response but that there was no need to change or delay our maps.

5.2 NY have chosen to use a different colouring system for their maps and this could potentially lead to confusion. Should be raised as an issue through a consultation response.

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5.3 NY use a FAQ section on their website which provides some helpful information to the reader. Andrew will circulate this to the group and ask for opinions on whether we should do something similar.

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5.4 NY provide information on indicative daily loads on their maps. This was discussed and it was agreed that including this information in Cumbria's maps would be of limited benefit so should not be pursued.

6. Timber Transport Conference – 15th March 2012

6.1 The Timber Transport Conference will be held at Rheged, Penrith on 15th March 2012.

6.2 Andrew will send Roland the contact details of CCC press officers to get some local coverage.

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6.3 Roland suggested that Area Highways Managers would benefit from attending the conference. Andrew will circulate joining details and encourage them to sign up.

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7. Update from the Timber Transport Forum

7.1 Roland provided a verbal and written update which will be circulated with these notes.

8. Promoting the Timber Transport Group

- 8.1 Previously we had discussed the possibility of a site visit for Highways Managers and Engineers, however it was agreed that attendance at the conference would be most useful.
- 8.2 Copies of the agreed routes maps and posters will be available at the conference.

9. AOB

- 9.1 Nothing raised

10. Date and Time of next meeting

- 10.1 It was agreed that quarterly update meeting should be held.
- 10.2 The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd May at 9.30am at The Parkhouse Building, Carlisle.