

# CUMBRIA TIMBER TRANSPORT GROUP

23 May 2012 – Parkhouse Building, Carlisle

## ACTION

### **1 Apologies and Introductions**

#### 1.1 In attendance:

Andrew Harper, CCC (acting Chair)  
Euan Stainthorp, CCC  
Cameron Smith, Sheffield & Co  
John Miller, John Miller Associates  
Stephen Swailes, Iggesund Paperboard  
George Bruce, George Bruce Associates  
Douglas Howieson, Forestry Commission  
Mark Hartnett, Euroforest  
Jane Karthaus, Confor  
James England, South of Scotland TTO

#### 1.2 Apologies:

Richard Scott, BSW (Chair)  
Roland Stiven, Timber Transport Forum Project Officer  
Neil Dyson, Fountain Forestry  
Mark Herbertson, Forestry Commission  
Andy Bennett, Forestry Commission

### **2 Minutes of last meeting held 7.02.12**

#### 2.1 The minutes were agreed and the following points were discussed:

- Printing done and the maps launched at the Timber Transport Conference;
- Johnby and Greystoke Consultation Route discussed whether it should be agreed. Andrew Harper to discuss directly with Cameron Smith.

**A Harper**

### **3 Agreed Route Map**

#### 3.1 The maps have now been formally launched and copies are available.

#### 3.2 They are available from the Timber Transport Forum website under Agreed Route Map and Cumbria. To access them click the following link: <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/timbertransport/timberconsultation.asp>

### **4 Operational Issues and Work Programmes**

#### 4.1 Question was raised over Mockerkinn by Nick Martin, UPM Tilhill. There was a view from the group that this route is unsuitable.

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| 4.2       | South of Cowgill, Dent – Metcalfe Brothers have raised an issue about using the excluded route and there is known to be a low bridge on route. Andrew Harper to speak to the Parish Council.                                                                     | <b>A Harper</b>            |
| 4.3       | Access to BSW Carlisle was discussed and the Carlisle Northern Development Route is to be used in the future to avoid issues in Rockcliffe. Site access will be improved to allow this to happen.                                                                |                            |
| 4.4       | Parkhead near Caldbeck. A site meeting was held between the FC and CCC. A dispute has arisen over the cause of the damage to the road and it was agreed to hold a separate meeting to discuss.                                                                   | <b>A Harper</b>            |
| 4.5       | Andrew Harper stressed that use of ARMs does not mean that CCC has relinquished its powers under the Highways Act. It is up to everyone involved in timber harvesting in Cumbria to communicate and plan with the Council work so that the network is sustained. | <b>ALL</b>                 |
| 4.6       | The group felt it would be useful to have Highways Engineers at meetings so that people can meet and get familiar with the staff as well as learning what the group is about.                                                                                    |                            |
| 4.7       | Hudsons Allotment. Neil Dyson raised the issue over the difficulties in getting timber out of this site and it is understood that there is a 3T weight limit imposed by Network Rail. Andrew offered to ask his colleagues to advise on this with Neil.          | <b>A Harper</b>            |
| <b>5.</b> | <b><u>North Yorkshire Agreed Routes Maps Consultation</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                            |
| 5.1       | Boundary issues between the NY and Cumbria maps were highlighted and discussed. Proposed a July launch and the colours of the Agreed Route Maps were commented on. Any feedback on the maps can be given to James Gilroy.                                        | <b>All</b>                 |
| 5.2       | Jane Karthaus offered to raise the issue of the different colour schemes with the North Yorkshire group.                                                                                                                                                         | <b>J Karthaus</b>          |
| <b>6.</b> | <b><u>Timber Transport Management Plan</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                            |
| 6.1       | At the recent Timber Transport Conference, Argyll and Bute Council presented their idea of using Timber Transport Management plans to provide formal clarification of the protocols for hauling timber across weak roads.                                        | <b>A Harper /J England</b> |
| 6.2       | These were thought to have real value in key areas to identify the correct protocols and Garsdale is to be used as a pilot.                                                                                                                                      |                            |
| <b>7.</b> | <b><u>Update from the Timber Transport Forum</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                            |
| 7.1       | <b>Convoy Leaflet</b><br>A postcard and posters encouraging timber hauliers not to form convoys on the public road is available for distribution at weighbridges.                                                                                                |                            |
| 7.2       | The 4 <sup>th</sup> edition of the <b>Road Haulage of Round Timber Code of Practice</b> is available on the TTF website as a pdf or in hard copy from TTF.                                                                                                       |                            |

### **7.3 TTF Submission to the Forest Regulation Task Force**

The Government provided a response to the Forest Regulation Task Force and following a letter to the minister the reference to extraordinary traffic has now been corrected.

### **7.4 ARMS map online**

Roland Stiven and James England have been tasked with developing a project proposal for a new online hosting for the ARMS maps covering GB and enabling various developments to such a map– This would link to Local authority hosted ARMS maps where appropriate. Your views will be sought.

### **7.5 TTF expects to have a stand at the APF Forestry Exhibition September 13-15<sup>th</sup> Ragley Estate, Alcester, Warwickshire and possibly also at Truckfest Scotland at Ingliston in early August. Anyone who would be willing to contribute to manning these stands is most welcome.**

### **7.6 James England and Roland attended a seminar on the construction of low volume roads as part of the RODEX project and there is a host of useful information on repair of roads and it would be useful to all involved in road construction and there is E- learning packages that are worth looking at. Further detailed can be found here: <http://www.roadex.org/>**

## **8. AOB**

### **8.1 Cameron updated the group on how the North East England Group is progressing with the ARM maps. It was hoped that a draft would be available in August.**

### **8.2 James England commented on the need to raise awareness with selling agents who are marketing forests. There have been recent cases where the sale particulars do not provide details of the Agreed Route Maps when there are issues such as severely restricted routes. As part of his role James is contacting them to make Agents aware that this information is important to have at the time of sale.**

## **9. Date and Time of next meeting**

### **9.1 It was confirmed that a quarterly update meeting would be held.**

### **9.2 The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am at The Parkhouse Building, Carlisle.**