

UK Roads Board minutes of meeting 5 October 2018

Minutes of 60th meeting of the UK Roads Board meeting held on 5 October 2018 at Transport Scotland, 55 Buchanan Street, Glasgow

Present:

James Bailey
Amanda Richards (by phone)

Donald Morrison

Simon Richardson
Gary Kemp (by phone)
Chris Cranston

Douglas Hill
David Kinsey

Ramesh Sinhal
Justin Ward

Representing:

Chair, Staffordshire & ADEPT
Surrey County Council, representing the
Road Condition Management Group (RCMG)
Transport Scotland, representing the Asset
Management Board
Infrastructure Northern Ireland
Department for Transport
Devon County Council, representing the
National Winter Service Research Group
Angus Council, representing SCOTS
Derby City Council, representing the
Footways & Cycleways Group (FCMG)
Highways England
CIHT (Secretariat)

1. Introduction, welcome and apologies

James Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Donald Morrison for hosting. Apologies were recorded for Jason Jenkins, Martin McMahon and Rob Gillespie.

2. Transport Select Committee (TSC) inquiry on local roads funding and governance

Amanda Richards provided an overview of the submission that the Road Condition Management Group (RCMG) had put to the TSC. Following a discussion, James Bailey concluded by thanking Amanda for taking a lead on this and welcomed the objective and evidence based nature of the report given. The actions were as follows:

Action: Justin Ward to check with Garry Sterritt on the latest on the UKRLG State of Nation work and if there is an opportunity to feed this into the TSC inquiry

Action: Justin Ward to let CIHT know that the UKRB offers their assistance with the Lugg Review

3. Note of last meeting

The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

There was a useful discussion on how UKRLG approaches research with the following points of action:

Action: James Bailey/Justin Ward/Donald Morrison/Ramesh Sinhal to work on a paper for UKRLG on research to ensure:

- **There is an established timetable for the UKRLG research process – call for bids, evaluation, commissioning and procurement; and that this:**
 - **Considers the Highways England Research programme and the Scottish Roads Research programme so as to look to ensure collaborative research and avoid duplication and leverage efficiencies**

Action: UKRB noted that the amendments to the Code of Practice Well Managed Highway Infrastructure would need to include the update on the issue of tree inspections

Action: Infrastructure Northern Ireland to carry over the action from the last meeting to resolve at the UKRLG meeting on 14 November [original action: Action: John Irvine to produce a paper for discussion and agreement on the Highway Risk and Liability Guidance document to exempt NI from the requirement for the IHE road inspections scheme accreditation]

4. UKRLG minutes

These were noted.

5. Code of Practice

The Board noted the Atkins and Department for Transport jointly delivered two recent interactive workshops on Well-managed Highway Infrastructure – a Code of Practice. If you were unable to attend, we are offering a free online webinar on 23 October between 14.00 and 15.00: <https://join-emea.broadcast.skype.com/atkinsglobal.com/ae56339f3cd54c0d935076f77df9c865/en-US/>

The Board noted that the next pages in Transportation Professional will give an overview of the recent UKRLG workshops and that a CIHT podcast will be released on how authorities are implementing the new Code.

Action: UKRB members to let their respective networks know about the above materials (webinar, article, podcast) produced to support the implementation of Well Managed Highway Infrastructure

The Board discussed what additional work they could undertake to support the implementation of the Code and agreed the following:

Action: Justin Ward to work with James Bailey and Donald Morrison on their authorities (Staffordshire and Transport Scotland) approaches to implementing ISO 55000

6. Business plan

The Board reviewed the business plan and agreed the following:

Action: Sub group Board Chairs to draft one or two sentences on how their Board is contributing to the Implementation of Well Managed Highway Infrastructure

7. Sub-group updates

- **Road Condition Management Group**

Amanda Richards provided an overview of the report. The following actions were agreed:

Action: Justin Ward to put a call out for the position of Chair of the Visual Survey Group onto the UKRLG website – working with Amanda Richards.

Action: Subject to Gary Kemp confirming with Steve Berry from DfT, the following actions were agreed:

- **Action:** UKRB supported the proposal for RCMG develop a new process for accreditation of new UKPMS systems
- **Action:** UKRB approved the proposal for RCMG to explore opportunities to generate income to fund updates/improvements to surveys and documentation
- ***National Winter Service Research Group***

Chris Cranston provided an overview of the report. The following action was agreed:

Action: Draft sections of NWSRG Treatment Methods, Salt Storage and Spreader Management guidance are about to be submitted for UK Roads Board Approval and then approved by UKRLG

- ***Footways & Cycleways Research Group***

David Kinsey provided an overview of the report. The following actions were agreed:

Action: Donald Morrison to speak with David Kinsey about the UKRLG research on cycleway risk assessment and links to competency training on the Code of Practice

Action: Douglas Hill to try to secure a representative from SCOTS onto the FCMG

Action: Richard Morgan/Jason Jenkins to try to secure a representative from Wales (either Welsh Government or CSS Wales) onto the FCMG

- ***Asset Management***

Donald Morrison provided an update on the Asset Management Board. The UKRB noted that it needs to retain ownership of 'road assets', as the other Boards do for their assets, and that the new Asset Management Board focuses on 'asset management' per se.

8. Communication

Action: Future piece in Transportation Professional for UKRLG pages to include coverage of the International Winter Summit – run through the NWSRG

The Board recorded their thanks to Anthony Radford-Foley for his contribution to the UK Roads Board.

9. Any other business

Action: Amanda Richards to discuss with Ramesh Sinhal about future plans for the Harris 2 road scanner

Ash die back – Chris Cranston highlighted this as an issue for Devon.