

## Meeting to Discuss Bicycle Rack Provision in St Dogmaels

Date – 15/9/2022

Attendees – Vincent Wright (VW), Cllr Mike James (MJ), Jo Hutching (JH), Mick Kendall (MK)  
PCC Officer Marc Owen, PCC Street Care Manager

### Background

Cllr Mike James arranged the meeting following a request from St Dogmaels CC after the matter of Bike Rack provision in the village was raised and debated at the June/July meeting. The salient point was would PCC be willing to install a covered Bicycle Rack (with charging points) in the High Street carpark. Currently there is no provision on site, with the only rack being situated by the Alexandra Gardens Children's playground.

### Salient Points

- It was agreed any installation of a rack should not lead to a loss of parking bay(s). (All)
- No decision had been made by the CC with regards to funding. Should this be required it would be subject to approval by Full Council. Preferred option was for PCC to fully fund the installation (MK, JH)
- Siting had to ensure that the rack was in a visible position to promote use and ensure security of the bikes. Agreed (All)
- Example images of types of rack were provided (VW)
- Various sites around the car park discussed. PCC officer confirmed that access to electricity supply was required as even if fitted with solar panels no battery storage provision would be available to due cost of the batteries and solar had limited days when electricity would be generated. Potentially excess electricity could be fed back into the grid.
- PCC will speak to the contractor for the car charge points regarding the bike charging points for advice.
- Subject to the engineer's assessment regarding the connections etc, preferred site was on the (current) grass verge adjacent to the football pitch fence, positioned between the first two lines of bays from the toilet block and the free 1/2hour bays (See note below).
- PCC will look into Welsh Government Grant funding. Possibility the installation could be promoted as a pilot scheme?
- PCC would be looking into install by Easter 2023?

### Other Car Park Matters

- Oxfam Clothes Bank was still required. It couldn't be placed elsewhere as would block access to other uses. However, potential to turn the container 180 degrees, this would allow for access to M/T and would free up space for 1 additional parking bay to be created.
- Rear fence to ex recycling area to be removed. Fence is now redundant and would facilitate cutting of the vegetation behind and address fly tipping issues (PCC)
- Redundant recycling point signs and poles to be removed from site (PCC)
- It was noted the CC requested traffic direction markings had been installed

- The current Free ½ hour parking bays would be moved from the current position to the recently created bays in the ex recycling area. The sign poles would be removed (recognised these cause obstruction and hinder parking manoeuvres). Signs would be placed on the grass verge in the new position.

#### Alexander Gardens Bicycle Rack

- Current rack does not facilitate storage of bikes fitted with 'Disc Brakes' (VW)
- Not Considered to be PCC responsibility as not their rack (PCC Officers)

During the meeting JH raised the issue of no disabled access was available for Glanteifon Green and to/from the bus stop. It was decided to carry out a site visit, to discuss further.

#### Glanteifon Green

- JH explained the lack of disabled access onto the green and for wheelchair users of the bus stop
- PCC were under the misconception that the green was owned/leased by the CC – clarification was given by JH. On that basis PCC officer thought that a drop kerb could be installed by PCC at PCC expense
- Opinion was that it could not be placed immediately adjacent to the bus shelter due to the lack of clearance for wheelchairs. It was suggested (PCC Officer) that 3 kerbs be removed further along the restricted bus stop area as that was more suitable.
- In principle PCC would pay for the work, subject to engineers report.
- No Timescale mentioned

NB – CC may wish to consider a future budget allocation for additional disabled access to the proposed disabled picnic bench (JH – shared between CC Cllrs only).

Mick Kendall 19/9/2022