

Meeting to discuss the traffic issues with Llangynidr Bridge.

A meeting took place on Llangynidr bridge at 2pm on Thursday 1st October. The aim was to discuss traffic problems associated with the bridge, to air possible solutions and find ways to progress viable ones.

Those present: CCllr Rosemarie Harris (Chairperson); Mrs Margaret Price (Chair of Llangynidr Community Council); Mr David Williams (Community Councillor); Mr David Filsell (Community Councillor); Mr Paul Lindoewood (Community Councillor); Mr George Moretta (Community Councillor); Mrs Jo Lancey (Powys County Council – Highways Department); PCSO Billy Dunne (Dyfed-Powys Police) and Sue Dale (Clerk).

The traffic problems associated with the bridge are:

Blind spots obscure approaching vehicles - resulting in two vehicles confronting each other near the middle of the bridge;

and large vehicles eg Lorries or caravans attempting to fit through the narrow pinch points, realising their mistake and reversing up Forge Road to turn at Blaen-y-Myarth. On the Bwlch side of the bridge, large vehicles that cannot pass through the pinch points have to reverse quite a long way around a fairly steep tight bend, up to the crossroads below Pant-y-Bailey. Satellite navigation appears to contribute to this problem, particularly for non-english speaking drivers;

Volumes of traffic associated with large events in the area, The Greenman Festival and The Circuit for Wales (not yet built). This problem affects the whole village not just the bridge, traffic sometimes blocks access to the village for considerable periods which could be dangerous in emergencies.

Possible solutions discussed were:

Change the signs – a new sign may be approved soon which shows satellite navigation crossed out. This would be the only change to the signs that may help, the existing signs are as they should be. JL to follow-up.

Pinch points at the crossroads below Pant-y-Bailey – it was anticipated that this would have the potential to back traffic up to the A40 and so was not taken any further.

Raise the road by the pinch point on the Bwlch side of the bridge. This would be to improve visibility somewhat but would not solve the blind spot created by the parapet of the bridge.

Make the bridge pedestrian. This would cause problems for farmers and local people whose businesses span the two sides of the bridge. As well as inconvenience other road users.

Build a second bridge.

Reduce the wall on the Glanusk side of the Bwlch approaches. Unlikely to be allowed by BBNPA even if Glanusk supported it.

Traffic indicators – sensors showing the presence or absence of traffic on the other side of the bridge. These traffic activated signs may not be formally approved but could be looked into. JL to follow-up.

Security checking for the Green man could be undertaken on site rather than on the public highway. This solution, although addressing only part of the problem, was seen as possibly viable. RH to follow-up.

Park and ride schemes for the Green man may be possible.

Satellite navigation map alteration – this possible solution seeks to remove Llangynidr bridge from satellite navigation maps. RH to follow-up.

**Sue Dale – Clerk to Llangynidr Community Council.
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